



Autumn 8  
21st October 2021



Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

*"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls*

## Latest News

### GJS 401 Challenge

<u>Year 3</u>	424
<u>Year 4</u>	1000
<u>Year 5</u>	1156
<u>Year 6</u>	1383



### Well Done!

Well done to everyone who has helped navigate GJS through our first half term of this new year. Though we have made every attempt to return to a degree of normality, we are fully aware that COVID is still very present locally and nationally and therefore we are still cautious in all that we do. We do hope you are all able to unwind, relax and care for your mental and physical health during half term and we look forward to go again from 2nd November!

### Young Minds Fundraising

Thank you to everyone for donating to this worthwhile cause to help raise vital funds to continue their work providing young people with tools to look after their mental health and can create a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health. We raised an amazing £492.20p. For more information about their work please link [here](#).

### Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

Well done to everyone who continues to log their miles in the year group MS Forms. Please find time to continue to do this over half term, if you can. It may be you are starting to get into a routine logging your miles weekly or monthly, this is fine! Today we also found out who were the first recipients of Mr Samson's miles, Year 3! Each month he will be 'donating' his miles to different year groups! Though we started the challenge a little later than most, our first milestone at the end of stage 1 of Ben's journey is the 1,000 mile mark for each year group, still some way to go for Year 3! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

### Resilience Values Champions

Well done to all the RESILIENCE Values Champions for being the walking embodiment of this value this term. It is always such a difficult task choosing just one recipient as EVERYONE has returned to school this term so well. Our resilience champions are listed below.

### 10R-Remembrance Week

With 2 10R weeks down, our attention now turns to Remembrance week in November. We are excited to welcome back Will from 'ChickenWired' who will be running sculpture workshops with all the children (supposed to happen 2 years ago but due to the COVID pandemic this had to be cancelled twice). Our theme this year will focus on the Home Front and all the wonderful people and roles people carried out HERE whilst loved ones were away fighting!

### GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery

There are still a few spaces remaining on our next 'surgery' session on **Monday 8th November** with Corina Mayhew sharing some helpful tips on how to help your child with maths at home. This is a great opportunity to speak to either Mr Samson, Mrs Sutton or Ms Mayhew on any matters you wish to raise too. To book a slot, simply contact the school office.

### School Direct Teacher Training-with the GLP and Winchester University

Applications are now being taken for our 4th cohort of trainee teachers who wish to study in one of the GLP schools as well as attend Winchester University from September 2022. The course continues to go from strength to strength and offers a unique training programme. More information is being sent out with the newsletter this week and if you would like to find out more, or know someone who might, then contact Mr Samson via the school office for a chat about the course.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

These face to face meetings will be held on Tuesday 16th & Thurs 18th Nov. Please book an appointment via Parentmail or call the school office.

### FREE Family Learning Courses

Please find below links to a variety of free workshops coming up next term from Surrey CC. Spaces are limited so we urge families to sign up early if you are interested. Further information can be found [here](#) on their website.

- Help your child manage anxiety 3 week course Thursday 7.30-9pm
- Yoga for anxiety 3 week course Tues 2nd-15th Nov 10.00-11.30am
- Family yoga (with child 5-10yrs) 3 week course Wed 3rd-17th Nov 4.30-5.30pm
- Health and wellness 3 week course Thur 4th-18th Nov 10.00-11.30am

### Queen Jubilee Holiday

Just a reminder that school is closed tomorrow as it is our 'Jubilee Day' holiday.

### Inset Day

And...we return to school on **TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER** as Monday 1st is an GLP Talk for Writing INSET Day.

### And Finally...

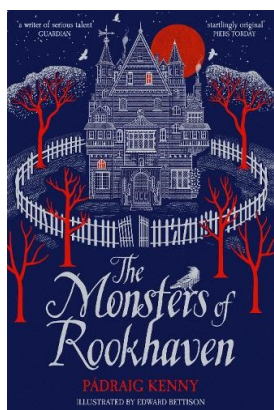
I am sure you will all join us at GJS as we wish Mrs Crook all the best as she leaves us to go on maternity leave. Mrs Johnson will become the full time teacher in 5CJ from next half term.

### Total House Points

<u>Neptune</u>	4607
Saturn	4327
Jupiter	4285
Mars	4120

Neptune Mufti  
Friday 5th November

### Waterstones Book of the Month



## PTA News

Huge thanks to everyone for supporting the Autumn Disco - with almost 200 tickets sold it was our highest attendance ever. Top DJ and lots of fun for the children! Massive thanks also to all the volunteers that helped or organise in advance and on the night! Next up our Christmas fair on 3rd December - look out for further details!

Fast becoming a pressing matter, we still need to recruit the position of Chairperson for the PTA as our current chair Simon Parry has tendered his resignation, given it is his last year as a GJS parent. Naturally Simon will continue in the role until a successor / successors are in place (it could be a shared role). Ideally we need a successor in place soon after half term so there can be a transition that includes Christmas Fair planning and key events in the Spring. If you are interested in the role, or would like more information about what's involved please e-mail [simoncrparry1970@gmail.com](mailto:simoncrparry1970@gmail.com)

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Daniel  
3EC - Oscar  
4EM - Kaelyn  
4GS - Marlowe  
5SD - Cleo  
5CJ - Olafur  
6JP - Charlotte  
6RH - Grace



Pupil  
Awards



Attendance Winners: — 4EM—100%

### RESILIENCE Values Champions

3CM - Daniel  
3EC - Alexander  
4EM - Toby  
4GS - Freya  
5SD - Jasmine  
5CJ - Sydney  
6JP - James  
6RH - Emma



## Sports News

### Glebelands Cross Country Run

Sadly the Cross County Event being held at Glebelands School in Cranleigh on **Saturday 13th November 2021** has been postponed until the new year. Once the new date has been confirmed, we will let you know.

### Football Tournament @ Tillingbourne

Congratulations to the Y5/6 football team who played in the Waverley Schools Football Tournament this week. They played really well and their hard work paid off when they managed to beat the eventual group winners with a superb goal from Josh D. James made fabulous saves throughout with Hugh, Jacob and Sam making important tackles in defence. The mid-field dynamo consisted of Max, Taylor, Josh and Tom with Murdo and James (Yr5) causing havoc upfront. Well done Team GJS!

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2021

#### October:

22nd:  
25th–29th:  
31st:

#### November

1st:  
2nd–5th:  
8th–12th:  
3rd:  
3rd:  
5th:  
8th–12th:  
8th:  
9th:  
11th:  
15th–19th:  
16th:  
17th:  
18th:

#### December

6th:  
7th:  
9th:  
6th–10th:  
10th:

Queen Jubilee Bank Holiday—School Closed  
**HALF TERM**  
Secondary School Application Deadline

#### INSET DAY

6JP Bikeability—please remember bikes & helmets.  
6RH Bikeability—please remember bikes & helmets.  
Y3 Haslemere Museum Trip  
Y5 & 6 Badminton Festival at Broadwater School  
Y4 Greek Day  
**10R—Remembrance Week**  
GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Maths at Home  
Y5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament  
Armistice Day  
TT Rock Festival Week  
Pupil Progress Evening - 6.00-8.30pm  
Flu Vaccinations  
Pupil Progress Evening - 3.30-6.00pm

GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Reading at Home  
Y6 'Born Free' Evening—6JP  
Y6 'Born Free' Evening—6RH  
**10R—Human Rights Week**  
Human Rights Day



#### Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

**Monday 1st November 2021**

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022