

Love

Article 31:
'Every child
has a right to
be happy'

Live

Article 19:
'Every child
has a right to
feel safe'

Learn

Article 28:
'Every child
has a right to
an education'

Spring 9
11th March 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

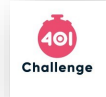
GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)



'Blue and Yellow' Mufti Day

After meeting with the School Council last week and following our whole school assembly touching on the conflict in Eastern Europe, we will be holding a 'blue and yellow' mufti next Friday in aid of the British Red Cross DEC Ukraine Appeal. The children will be asked to come to school wearing blue or/and yellow items to represent the hardships families are experiencing in the Ukraine. We ask that donations are made via our Just Giving site [here](#) or by clicking on the British Red Cross image to the left please give whatever you can. We are also aware there are children running fund raising events for displaced families outside school and it has been great to hear of children talking about the abuse of rights in the area of conflict, sharing their knowledge of rights at home and showing empathy. This is truly a strength of the school and it is important we continue to learn about injustice, promote the 'Rights of the Child' and show an appetite to make a positive contribution to society!

TT Rock Festival

GJS has been rocking times tables this week during our termly TT Rockstars Festival! Even the teachers got involved during a very exciting assembly tournament! While the other members of staff put up a valiant effort, Miss Holcombe retained her title of Ultimate TT Rockstar Teacher. But more importantly, the children have once again impressed us with their mathematical efforts, with an enormous number of times tables questions being answered over the week. The lower school and upper school winners and individual medalists will be announced on Monday...oh, the suspense!

Year 6 WW2 Roadshow

Year 6 had a visit from the WW2 Roadshow today. The children enjoyed being dressed up as people from different aspects of WW2. This helped them to immerse themselves into the different roles during the day. This included being an evacuee, putting out incendiary bombs and fires, using stretchers and sitting in an air raid shelter.

Surrey Fire and Rescue

On Thursday, Year 5 were visited by Surrey Fire and Rescue Service to learn all about fire safety in the home. We learnt what the main causes of house fires were, what to do if you discover a fire at home or if the smoke alarm goes off and what to do if your clothes catch fire. The children were also set a challenge to check that they had working smoke alarms at home and to continue to test them once a week to keep everyone safe! It was great to see the children so engaged!

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 3

Keep logging the miles as NEXT WEEK we will be sharing where each year group has got to in Stage 3 of the challenge. The number of miles will also be logged in the newsletter. Remember, each year group is trying to achieve the mammoth total of 2,540 miles in Stage 3 (that is about 40 miles a child...at about 8 miles a week!) It is never too late to log the miles and be active! Remember 'Happy Legs, Happy Head'. As we have our hall display of the 401 Challenge now, we would like photos of the children engaging in their physical activities! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery—Reading

Thank you to everyone who attended the reading 'surgery' session on Monday run by Miss Martin, our English Lead. The slides are available [here](#), where you can also find the handouts from previous 'surgery' sessions. Our next session is on Monday 25th April @ 9.15am and will focus on informing parents of our anti bullying strategy at GJS, gaining a greater understanding of the intricacies of bullying, what it is, what it is not and how our work can be supported at home. If interested, simply contact the school office. Surgery sessions begin at 9.15am and last for about an hour.

House Points

[Saturn](#)

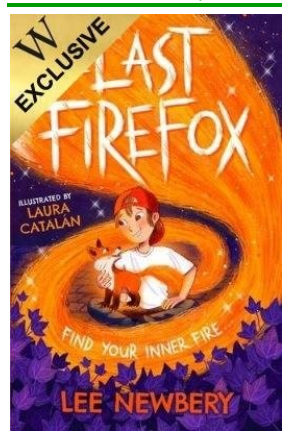
[Neptune](#)

[Mars](#)

[Jupiter](#)



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

We are delighted to confirm that the famous GJS quiz night will return on the 25th March. Our last quiz night was in 2019 and feedback so far tells us that there is going to be a high demand for tickets!! So, get your team together quickly, or simply confirm you would like to attend and we can help create a team on the night. We have a paying bar organised and food planned for each table. We are genuinely excited to see our quiz night back in the big time! See attached flyer for ticket info. Look forward to seeing you there!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM -
3EC -
4EM -
4GS -
5SD -
5CJ -
6JP -
6RH -



Attendance Winners:

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions:

FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3CM - Wilf
3EC - Eli
4EM - Charlie
4GS - Toby W
5SD - Lorca
5CJ - Harry
6JP - Joe
6RH - Sienna



Sports News

Inter-house Netball Tournament

Congratulations to **Mars** and **Neptune** for winning the Inter-house Netball Tournament on Thursday. **Mars** won the lower-school championship while **Neptune** were victorious in the Upper School.

Year 4 Football Tournament

The Year 4 football team played extremely well at their football tournament this week. They managed to finish third in their group. Each game they created wonderful chances and played brilliantly as a team. Well done Ted, Toby, Eddie, James, Peter, Oliver, Kai, Finlay and Poyraz!

Diary Dates

Spring 2022

March

14th–18th: 10R–SCIENCE WEEK
17th: Y4 Swimming each week until 31st March
17th: Y3&4 Girls Football Tournament at Tillingbourne
18th: Red Cross MUFTI Fundraising for Ukraine
21st–25th: 10R–EARTH WEEK
21st–22nd: Y3 & 4 Hedgehog Rescue Visit in school
22nd: Parent-Teacher Meetings (6.00-8.30pm)
24th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (3.30-6.00pm)
25th: PTA Quiz Night–7.30 to 10.00pm
26th: Earth hour

April

1st: END OF TERM (House Mufti)
19th: **INSET 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