



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

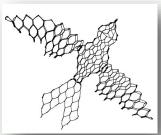
We are proudly Supporting



BritishRedCross

'If we really want to love, we must learn how to forgive' - Mother Teresa

Latest News



House Points	
<u>Neptune</u>	<u>1630</u>
Jupiter	1480
Mars	1319
Saturn	1243





Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are: Mr MacIver- Deputy HT Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo Mrs Munz—Bursar Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's e<u>veryone's</u> business'

10richment Week (4) - Remembrance Week

The children have had a wonderful week learning about all things 'Remembrance'. Children have studied about 'heroic animals' in conflict, 'forgotten warriors' the role of 'women' during wartime and the 'local' impact of conflict in Godalming. We also welcomed back Will from ChickenWired who ran wire sculpture workshops across the school this week. The theme this year was aligned to the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings that will be recognised later this academic year.

Value-Autumn 2-FORGIVENESS

Continuing our focus on school values, this half term, in the lead up to Christmas, we continue focusing our attention on the value of *Forgiveness*. We are focussing on this value in our weekly whole school assemblies, our weekly 'circle times' and discussing it within the PSHE curriculum across the school. We will continue to encourage children to show their understanding of this value and offer strategies to help them be more understanding at times when showing *forgiveness* is more challenging, such as break and lunchtimes. Once again, the more our work can be reinforced at home, the better. Please find time for further 'home talks' about our values and share your experiences and perspectives, the importance of *forgiveness* and how difficult it can be at times.

10R Poetry Week-Poetry Competition

We announced the winners of our poetry competition today and we were proud to show off our NEW and FINAL values poems that will adorn our 'Poets Corner' from Monday in between the front and back playground. The winning entry for CONFIDENCE was **Jonah** in 3AR and the winning RESPECT entry was by **Amelie** in 5SD! Both are brilliant poems and we hope you enjoy them whenever you are passing Poets Corner at GJS!

Parent/Teacher Meetings

We are all looking forward to seeing parents next week as we reach the first milestone of the year. This is a great opportunity to find out how children have settled in and how they are progressing academically, socially and emotionally. PLEASE ensure you are prompt for your meetings and inform the school office if you cannot attend for any reason. The class teacher will always be happy to rearrange a visit another time or a virtual meeting. Please also find time to come early or stay after your meeting slot to look through books and see the classrooms. To see your appointment date and time please check Arbor under Guardian Consultations.

Prospective Parents

This week saw over 100 parents visit the school as the process for Year 2 parents applying for junior school places is underway.

Clubs Next Week

Please note that the following clubs will not be taking place after school next week:

Tuesday 14th—Sprites Drama

Wednesday 15th-Sprites Drama

Thursday 16th—Netball and Choir

Parenting Courses

Please follow this <u>link</u> for information on Parenting courses offered by Surrey County Council.



PTA News

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching: Friday 8th December 4,30pm to 7,30pm! Make sure the date is in your diary.

Mufti days for fair donations are as follows: Friday 17th November—Bottle Tombola Friday 24th November—Jolly Jam Jars Friday 2nd December—Xmas Hamper Donations (more details will follow on this)

As always we will need help setting up and running the stalls so please do get in contact with your Class Rep or a member of the PTA to get involved.



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week: 3AR — Arthur 3EC — Dotty 4JA — Oliver 4RH — Albert 5SD — Wilf 5NM — Eli 6EM — Eddie 6TA — Indigo



Attendance Winners: 3AR - 98% **ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE**

RESILIENCE Values Champions

3AR — Dylan D 3EC — Lily-Rose 4JA — Leighton 4RH — Reuben 5SD — Archie

5NM — Alfie 6EM — Neera 6TA — Naomi



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 6TA

Sports News

Sports Hall Athletics @ Woolmer Hill
On Wednesday children from the upper school represented GJS at Woolmer Hill taking part in the annual Sports
Hall Athletics event competing against 8 other schools. All children performed superbly! Whether this was competing in relay races, chest push events or standing long jump. Once again, the children were a credit to their school and were proud to represent the school coming 4th overall. Well done athletes!

<u>Cross Country Run @ Glebelands School</u>
This afternoon, those who signed up for the Glebelands Cross Country event will have received further information on times etc and a permission form to return ready for the event next **Saturday 18th November**.

The year 3/4 event is approximately 1km with the Year 5/6 event approximately 1.5km. Children will need to wear their PE kits but it is suggested that, at this time of the year, they wear an underlay under their t-shirt and footwear that will be appropriate for uneven and possibly 'boggy' conditions.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2023

November 13th:

14th:

Y4 Greek Day

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse Y5 Swimming

14th:

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22nd: Y6 Born Free Event

28th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse Y5 Swimming

28th: 28th-1st: Y4 Bikeability

December

4th-8th: 10R-Human Rights Week 5th: Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

5th: Y5 Swimming Y5 Viking Workshop PTA Christmas Fair 6th: 8th: Y3 Carol Morning 11th: 12th: Y4 Carol Morning Y5 Swimming 12th: 13th: Y5 Carol Morning Y6 Carol Morning 14th: 15th: Term ends @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2023/24 Friday 1st September 2023 Monday 30th October 2023 Friday 9th February 2024 Monday 15th April 2024 Friday 24th May 2024