

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 2
14th January 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

[Year 3](#)

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COVID Update

From Monday 17th January, the self-isolation period is reducing. Following a negative lateral flow test on both day 5 and day 6, and children do not have a high temperature, they will be able to return to school. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LF tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Further information can be found [here](#).

ParentView

GJS is due to be inspected imminently and one of the sources of evidence they use to determine judgements are the outcomes of ParentView. Therefore we ask you visit ParentView and log your views of the school [here](#).

10R—Hero Week—17th—21st January

Our first 10richment Week of 2022 sees the return of our extremely popular Hero Week. This year we have decided to adopt the theme of LGBTQ+ and year groups will be choosing 'heroic' individuals to learn about during this week. This follows previous themes of 'Super Women' Hero Week and 'Heroic People of Colour' from previous years!

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 3

We still would like the children to log their miles this half term in support of Ben and his 401 USA Challenge. We now look ahead to each year group 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!) We will continue to update the children during our weekly assemblies and 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](#).

School Value

This term we will be focusing on the value of FRIENDSHIP. The children will be learning about what FRIENDSHIP means to them, what makes a good FRIEND, discuss occasions when FRIENDSHIPS have been tested and ways they can be better FRIENDS. This also coincides with the launch of the GJS Anti Bullying Stars Break-time Champion Award, which will be given out to a chosen class each Friday during Celebration Assembly to the class who have embraced the school's playground rules and UNICEF Rights of a Child most during break-times and lunchtimes. Staff on duty and the AB Stars themselves will be extra vigilant to seek out who is the most inclusive, respectful and kind class at break-times each week. This will also be shared in our weekly newsletters!

Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform, previously managed by our brilliant PTA, is now available at school. We hold stocks of all school logo items: cardigans, jumpers, PE T-Shirts, sweatshirts and a limited number of green joggers. Should you require any logo clothing please let the office know and we can send items home with your child. This will be operating on a donation basis.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are seeking applications for parents/carers to stand for election as a Parent Governor of Godalming Junior School. There is one Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body and applications will be welcomed from parents/carers of pupils registered at the school. Parent Governors serve for a term of four years, irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school. A letter dated Friday 7 January 2022 has been sent to parents/carers with more information and includes the nomination and personal statement form which should be completed and returned to the Clerk to the Governors by 12 noon on Tuesday 25th January 2022 via the School Office/clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Healthy Packed Lunches

We encourage healthy eating in school and expect children to come to school each day with healthy snacks and packed lunches. As we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL it is essential that your child does not bring in any foods containing nuts or traces of nuts, including biscuits and chocolate.

House Points

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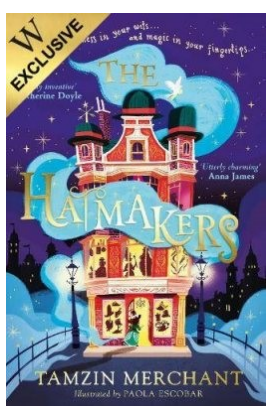
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Mars 1405

Saturn 1243



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Happy New Year everyone. After a hugely successful Christmas Fair it is with regret that our School Disco event planned for 10th February has been postponed as a consequence of the high number of Covid cases in the community. We hope to re-arrange for another time. Our quiz night event remains very much part of our plans, it's a fantastic evening so please save the date - 25th March and look out for more information in the coming weeks.

Finally, we have some very good news - Y3 Parent Phil Curtis has nobly volunteered to be the new Chair of the PTA. Thank you Phil and welcome onboard!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Ethan
3EC - Cassie
4EM - Amberley
4GS - Jessica
5SD - Finley
5CJ - Laurette
6JP - Bonnie
6RH - Tessa



Attendance Winners: 6RH - 99.7%

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions: 3EC

FORGIVENESS Values Champions

3CM - Ethan
3EC - Molly
4EM - Peter
4GS - Eric
5SD - Merryn
5CJ - Ella-Rose
6JP - Harrison
6RH - Grace



Sports News

Indoor Sportshall Athletics Tournament

Congratulations to our Sports Hall Athletics team. They came 1st in the girls' competition and 2nd overall at the Tournament at Rodborough School. They took part in 8 events including relay races, obstacle courses, throwing and jumping. Each performance was brilliant! Well done to Charlotte, Tessa, Abby, Mary, Merryn, Heidi, Tess, Jasmine, Sophie, Ella-Rose, Grace, Olafur, Felix, Joshua, Thomas, Max, Hugh and Otto.

Inter-House Football Tournament Returns

Sign ups sheets are now available on the sports board next to the hall for those who wish to take part in the Inter-House Football Tournament on 28th January.

Diary Dates

Spring 2022

January

17th–21st: 10R—HERO WEEK
17th: [Martin Luther King Jr Day \(USA\)](#)
17th: Y5 UKSA Parent Information Talk (Zoom) @ 5.00pm
26th: Sports Festival at Broadwater School
28th: Inter House Football Tournament

February

1st: UNICEF RRS Silver Award Accreditation Day
3rd: Y6 SATS Parent Information Talk (Zoom)
7th–11th: Y6 Mock SATS Week
7th: E-Safety Parent Headspace Surgery (Zoom) @ 9.15am
8th: E-Safety Assembly
11th: House Mufti
14th–18th: **HALF TERM**
21st: **INSET DAY**
21st–25th: 10R—ARTS WEEK

March

28th–4th: 10R—BOOK WEEK—VILLAINS
3rd: [World Book Day—'Villainous Mufti'](#)
7th–11th: TT Rock Festival Week
14th–18th: 10R—SCIENCE WEEK
21st–25th: 10R—EARTH WEEK
22nd: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
24th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
25th: PTA Quiz Night
26th: [Earth hour](#)



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022