

Love

Article 31:
Every child
has a right
to relax and
play



Live

Article 19:
Every child has
the right to be
protected from
abuse,
violence and
neglect

Learn

Article 28:
Every child
has a right
to an
education

Spring 10
17th March 2023



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter



This year we are supporting

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?" - Dr Martin Luther King Jr

Latest News

Science Week

What a week we've had! Thanks to popular demand, we continued with last year's theme of 'Calamitous Chemistry' and after a rather exciting assembly with elephant toothpaste that kickstarted the week, each year group has conducted a number of enquiries all involving chemistry and chemical reactions! We've had rubber eggs, rainbow water, PH cabbage, skittles and sweets forming mesmerizing rainbows and much, much more! As if that wasn't enough, we were extremely lucky to have two excellent visitors. Mrs Mutzenich visited Year 6 to talk about the brain and how it knows we're hungry and thanks to our very generous PTA, we had a show from Richard Pinner who runs Magic vs Science! During the show, children got to see lots of biology, physics and chemistry experiments as well as a few magic tricks! The whole hall was filled with excited cheers and laughter. Thank you so much to both Richard and Mrs Mutzenich, your contributions really made the week! It's safe to say that we've had another successful Science Week at GJS and we can't wait to see what next year has in store for us!

Year 5 River Walk

On Tuesday, Year 5 went on a walking trip to investigate and learn first-hand about the River Wey. We observed and discussed natural and human geographical features connected to the river. The children also had the opportunity to sketch some of the landscape as part of their learning about Turner in Art this term. The weather just about held and we had a very enjoyable and "hands-on" morning.



School Value in Focus: COMMUNITY

This term the children are studying the value of **COMMUNITY** as part of our assembly programme, circle time themes and PSHE curriculum. As usual, we would always appreciate parents discussing this value further at home to reinforce our work and maybe consider the different **COMMUNITIES** they are part, including our **GLOBAL COMMUNITY**. Discussions could also be had around **THEIR** contributing to improving their local community. We have already enjoyed finding out and celebrating the efforts made recently by some families in fund raising for other **COMMUNITIES** around the world who are not as fortunate as us or who have experienced a recent trauma, and it would be great to hear more about the efforts at home to push this value further.

Free Online Parenting Courses

Surrey CC, together with the Children & Family Health Surrey NHS would like to share details of the following [free guides](#) which include a variety of guides to help support your relationships with your child including mental health and wellbeing concerns. Surrey families can get free access to the online guides by using the code ACORN.

Changes to After School Clubs

There will be some cancelled after-school clubs over the next two weeks. Please see the list of changes below:

Thursday 23rd March—Choir, Netball, Y5 Tutoring

Monday 27th March—WOWSA!

Wednesday 29th March—Eco Crafts, Eco Warriors, Y5 Tutoring

Thursday 30th March—Choir, Netball, Y5 Tutoring

Fit Fridays

Following the release of the Youth Sports Trust's Annual Impact Report 2022, we would like to encourage all members of our community to consider ways of living healthier lives and raising the levels of physical activity. 6RH this week created posters suggesting '5 Fit Friday Feats' which you may see around school. These range from walking to and from school more often (if possible), introducing a morning or evening exercise routine and even helping with housework! This is not restricted to Fridays of course but more of a simple reminder to make small but sustainable changes to raise the children's levels of physical activity. It was revealed in the impact report, found [here](#), that 1 in 4 children in Year 6 are 'unhealthy' and whilst we feel at GJS we 'buck this trend', it serves as a reminder to ourselves that there maybe more we can do. Mr Samson will continue to run Circuit Training on Friday lunchtimes for the upper school after Easter, Bill Bingham will continue to work with groups on these days too and anything you are able to do throughout the week to help promote a healthier lifestyle would be great! There are also links on our [website](#) to the Change 4 Life site with a range of further healthy ideas!

House Points

Jupiter 1873

Mars 1659

Neptune 1578

Saturn 1572



GJS Staff 'Reads of the Year'



**Our Designated
Safeguard Lead is:**
Mr Samson—HT

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

PTA News

Quiz Night – Friday 24th March from 7.30pm.

There is still time to get your teams together for the annual GJS quiz night taking place on **Friday 24th March**. So get your team together or simply confirm you would like to attend and we can help create a team on the night.

We have a paying bar and food planned for each table. See attached flyer for ticket info. Look forward to seeing you there!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Niko
3EC— Leo
4JL— Wilf
4GS— Steren
5SD— Amberley
5NM— Ophelia
6EM— Finn
6RH— Harry



Attendance Winners: 5SD— 98.5%



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5NM

HONESTY Values Champions

3CM— Arthur
3EC— Leo
4JL— Amelie
4GS— Steren
5SD— Florence
5NM— Oliver
6EM— Lorelei
6RH— Sophie



Sports News

School Swimming Gala

Last Saturday, our Year 4 / 5 / 6 swimming team participated in a local Swimming Gala held at Charterhouse School. The team performed brilliantly; they swam in and won many individual and relay races. More importantly, their attitude was first-class regardless of whether they came first, second, third or fourth. We beat two of the other schools and won trophies for being the Runner-Up and also for being the Most Improved Team. Well done to all of you!



Surrey Primary Schools Cross Country Event

Last Saturday Amber in Y6 took part in the Surrey Primary Schools Cross Country event in Reigate and finished an amazing 11th place in a large field of competitors! Many congratulations Amber!



Diary Dates

Spring 2023

March

20th–24th:

21st:

23rd:

31st:

10R Earth Week

Parents Evening 5.30–8.00pm

Parents Evening 3.30–6.00pm

END OF TERM @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~

~~Monday 31st October 2022~~

~~Friday 10th February 2023~~

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 26th May 2023