



Autumn 8
4th November 2022

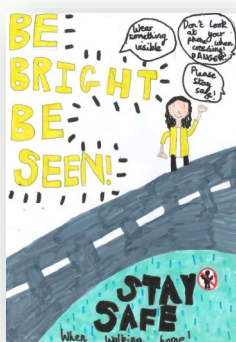


Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"We have far more in common than that which divides us" - Jo Cox

Latest News



Be Bright. Be seen!

During our recent Healthy Week, children were asked to design a poster that could be put around the school and outside the school reminding the children, especially during the darker winter months, to stay safe when travelling to and from school. As I am sure you are aware, due to the town location of GJS, most of our children walk or scooter to school. It is important all children are aware of what they are wearing, aware of their surroundings and not distracted by others or phone content, especially the older children. Well done to all the children who entered and to the winning entry from Jazzy in Year 6 who captured the intention of the poster really well. The winning entry is also attached to the newsletter should you want a copy to put up around where you live. Penny Rivers, a Waverley Councilor and former Mayor of Godalming, also posted the poster on her social media platform. Well done Jazzy!

Young Minds Fundraising

Following on from our annual #HelloYellow fundraiser for Young Minds when GJS raised over £400, we receive regular newsletters on support for parents. We have inserted a link to this area of the Young Minds website into our own and this can be found [here](#) if you would like further support in the Wellbeing section of the website.

House Points

Mars	1080
Neptune	1073
Saturn	978
Jupiter	873



Next House
Event

Spring— Football

Sign up sheets will be available later this term.

Remembrance Week 7th—11th November

As part of our 10Richment week for Remembrance Day this year, the children are going to be learning about what life was like in Godalming during the First and Second World War. If your family has any records from this time (such as photos or diaries) we would love to see them. You can email a photo of what you have to your class teacher, or bring a copy into school to share with your class during Remembrance week. **Poppies are also available from the school office and we are suggesting a minimum donation of 20p a poppy.**

Year 6 Born Free Visit

On Wednesday, Laura and Eve from Born Free came to visit the Year 6s. They introduced the children to the story of Pole Pole, a young elephant who was taken from her family in Nairobi and sent to London Zoo as a gift. The children listened intently, created speeches representing their 'stakeholder' and presented to the rest of the year group. Now, inspired by the visitor, the children will write discussion texts about Pole Pole and present further information about animals in need to their parents on **Monday 21st November at 9am.**

School Value in Focus: TOLERANCE

This term the children will be studying the value of **TOLERANCE** 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 examples in the world where this is particularly challenging right now. If you would like any ideas on activities to do at home linked to this value, then please visit our value section on the website [here](#) for more information.

Assemblies

We were immensely grateful to Rob Fox, aka Jack Rossiter, for offering to come in and host an assembly this week. If there are any other parents who have an area of interest or skill that they would like to share with the school, please contact your child's class teacher.

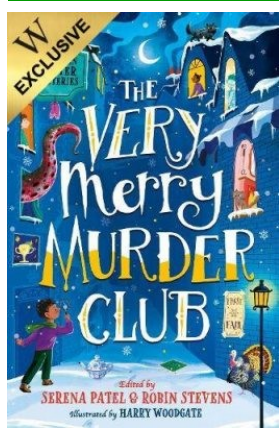
Godalming Children's Choir

Is your child interested in singing? If so, the Godalming Children's Choir is a new opportunity for those keen vocalists to meet weekly. This new choir starts on Tuesday 1st November at Godalming United Church from 5.00-6.00pm. Please email gcc@godalmingchoral.org.uk to request a registration form.

Coats

As the weather become less mild, less predictable and less conducive to playing outside, we would urge parents to ensure all children have coats each day. We always try to give the children the opportunity to go outside at break and lunch to enjoy time with their friends, get fresh air and natural light as much as we can, even if the weather is not great. Children without coats may not be allowed out during these times.

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

We hope you all had a wonderful half term. Only seven weeks now until Christmas and only five weeks until our Christmas Fair. This year we'll be outside...marquees are ordered and planning is underway!! Save the date....Friday 9th December - 4.30pm to 7.30pm!! Watch this space for more information regarding donations and mufti days!!

We are still looking for a year 5 (5SD) class rep. If anyone would be keen to help out and coordinate one of the classes and helpers it would be hugely appreciated. Having reps across the entire school does give the sense of community and makes a huge difference when we do events like the school fairs. Please let me (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or the school office know if you are interested.

Dates for the Calendar: Fri 8th December—Xmas Fair Wed 8th February—School Spring Disco
Fri 24th March—Parents School Quiz

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Zak
3EC— Henry A
4LT— Ollie R
4GS— Lexi
5SD— Scarlett
5NM— Oliver
6EM— Christie
6RH— Rosie M



Attendance Winners: 5NM—99.1 %



Anti Bullying Stars Half Term Champions:

CONFIDENCE Values Champions

3CM— Lewis
3EC— Samuel Y
4LT— Oscar
4GS— Kayla
5SD— Kaelyn
5NM— Matthew
6EM— Toby
6RH— Barnaby



Sports News

Y5&6 Badminton Tournament

This week 12 children from Year 5 and Year 6 represented the school at a multi-schools badminton festival which was held at Broadwater School. The children performed with skill and great enthusiasm and each of them received a certificate for their effort and success on court. Well done!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2022

November

5th: Parent Tour (September 2023 intake) @ 10.00am
7th—11th: 10R—Remembrance Week
7th & 14th: Y6 Bikeability Course L2
7th: Parent Tour @ 10.30am
8th: 6RH Science Workshop at Charterhouse School
8th: Parent Tour @ 9.00am
9th: Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
9th: 5NM Science Workshop at Rodborough School
14th—18th: Anti Bullying Week
15th: 6RH Science Workshop at Charterhouse School
15th: Parents Evening (5.30—8.10pm)
16th: 5SD Science Workshop at Rodborough School
17th: Parents Evening (3.30—6.10pm)
18th: Y4 Greek Day
21st—25th: TT Rock Fest Week
30th: Flu vaccinations
30th—2nd Dec: Y4 Bikeability Course L1
December
8th: PTA Christmas Fair



Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~

~~Monday 31st October 2022~~

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 26th May 2023