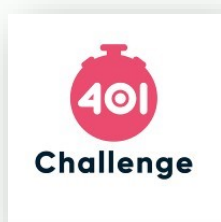




# Newsletter

*"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls*

## Latest News



### Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

Your child should have brought home this week a passport and badge as part of GJS's support of Ben Smith and his epic US challenge. From Monday the children will begin logging their miles by hopefully engaging in as many different physical activities as possible until May 2022, when Ben will attempt to run a marathon in every US state AND cycle to each one! Each year groups Microsoft Form can be found:

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

Ben will travel approximately 14,000 miles and raise money and awareness for mental health charities. At GJS we will attempt to match his miles with each YEAR GROUP trying to achieve 14,000 in the time leading up to May 2022. Children can log their miles using the online form and each week in Celebration Assembly, we will be finding out how far each year group has reached! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

### GJS 'Head Space' Surgery Sessions

There is still time to book a place on our new drop in morning surgery sessions attended by Mr Samson and Mrs Sutton, our Home School Link Worker. The purpose of the sessions will be to answer any questions you may have over a cup of tea or coffee in our DT Kitchen area. We will also run special information slots on different matters throughout the year. The first session will see Jackie Farrow, our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, offer some tips on helping your child be more resilient in school and at home. The sessions will run for an hour from 9.00am on the first Monday of every month. The first session will be on **Monday 4th October** and if you are interested in attending then please contact the school office as spaces will be limited due to our COVID hygiene measures.

### School Value

Continuing with our focus on core values, we will be concentrating on the value of **RESILIENCE** this term. The children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need **RESILIENCE** in order to be successful, particularly when beginning a new school year! There will also be follow up sessions in class. We also ask that they are referred to and reinforced at home as well as school. If there is anyone you feel we should be learning about who was or is a role-model for resilience then please let your class teacher know!

### 10Richment

One of the unique features of the GJS curriculum is our 10Richment programme. Over the course of the year, we run 10 theme weeks which link to either a local, national or global event or day. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose children to matters that fall outside the formal curriculum and invite guests to the school, be immersed into projects and generally be creative. We will be keeping you updated when these weeks come around through the weekly newsletter, with hyperlinks to relevant websites. First up, to coincide with National Poetry Day on the 7th October, is our Poetry Week, commencing on the 4th October. The children will be exposed to wonderful classic and contemporary poetry and will also be encouraged to take part in our Inter House Poetry Competition. More information will follow..

### Talking Teens Parenting Course

This four week evening course, beginning on **Tuesday 21st Sept**, will be online via Zoom. It is aimed at parents of children in Y5 and above, who may benefit from support in connecting with their pre-teens. Please see attached flyer for registration details.

### Netball Club

This club will now begin on **Thursday 30th Sept**. Please remember to bring in your PE kit and ensure your consent forms have been returned.

### Food Bank Donations

Once again we are welcoming donations to the GJS Food Bank, a 2017 School Council commitment. Our 'bin' will be at the Hallam Road gate on Mondays throughout September. We are keen to receive dry good, toiletries and cleaning products and would be very grateful if you could make a donation for vulnerable families in our community.

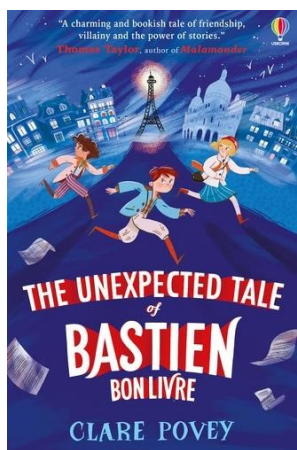
### Catering Team Vacancy

Do you have a passion for catering and would like to work with a great team at GJS? For further details please click [here](#).

### House Points

Neptune	1144
Saturn	1138
Mars	1050
Jupiter	995

### Waterstones Book of the Month



## PTA News

### Y3 Class Reps

Quick reminder that we are still looking to fill the x 2 class rep roles for year 3- please let me know if you are interested ([simoncrparry1970@gmail.com](mailto:simoncrparry1970@gmail.com)).

### Y3 Welcome BBQ

The Year 3 welcome evening - Bar and BBQ food is **TONIGHT** - 5.00pm to 7.00pm - we're looking forward to seeing you there! As this is a cash only event we would appreciate smaller notes and change where possible. These events have been hugely enjoyable in the past, a great way to socialise at the start of school - we are excited to be hosting our first school event in a long time!

### Other key dates for the calendar:

30<sup>th</sup> September - 8.00pm PTA AGM - venue to be confirmed.

20<sup>th</sup> October - school disco - details and timings to be confirmed.

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Ollie  
3EC - Harley  
4EM - Jemima  
4GS - Isla  
5SD - Thomas  
5CJ - Sydney  
6JP - Noah  
6RH - Sienna



Pupil  
Awards



Attendance  
Matters  
...every school day counts!

Attendance Winners: 5CJ –100%

## Sports News

### Inter House Cross Country—29th September

There is still time to sign up for the first inter house event of the year by accessing the online form below:

[IH Cross Country Online Form](#)

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2021

#### September:

17th: PTA Year 3 BBQ Evening—5.00—7.00pm

30th: PTA AGM 8pm (venue TBC)

#### October:

4th: GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Resilience in Children

4th—8th: 10R—Poetry Week

7th: National Poetry Day

10th: World Mental Health Day

11th—15th: 10R—Healthy Week

15th: #HelloYellow Mufti Day for Young Minds

20th: PTA Disco—TBC

22nd: **INSET DAY**

25th—29th: **HALF TERM**

31st: Secondary School Application Deadline

#### November

1st: GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Maths at Home

1st—5th: Y6 Bikeability

8th—12th: 10R—Remembrance Week

11th: Armistice Day

15th—19th: TT Rock Festival Week

16th: Pupil Progress Evening - Late

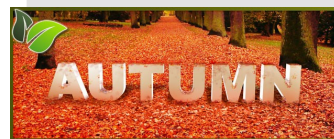
17th: Flu Vaccinations

18th: Pupil Progress Evening - Early

#### December

6th: GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Reading at Home

6th—10th: 10R—Human Rights Week



### Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

**Friday 22nd October 2021**

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022