



Newsletter

'Nothing can dim the light that shines from within' - Maya Angelou

Latest News



Values—Spring Term 1 CONFIDENCE— Lonestar!

This week we were staggered by the bravery and confidence shown by Leonie Chalmers as the lone performer as she sung Tomorrow from the musical Annie! After half-term we have our final Confidence assembly with GJS musicians showcasing their talents!

Values—Spring Term 2 FRIENDSHIP

Next half-term we turn our attention to FRIENDSHIP, how we can be a good or better friend, what friendship means to us and what a friend is not. Once again, we would appreciate this value being reinforced at home in an effort to encourage ALL of the GJS community to be a good friend!

Year 6 Orienteering

Year 6 enjoyed, for some, their first taste of orienteering on Tuesday at the Chippie Park. Phil Conway from Guildford Orienteers came to Godalming Junior to set up an orienteering course complete with control points and electronic dibbers. The children had to read the map and visit each control point in the correct order in the quickest time. Well done to 6RH, who had the quickest average time, and in particular Ben and James, who were the quickest team. Guildford Orienteers run a weekly club on Tuesdays for 8-14 year olds and further details can be found at www.guildfordorienteers.co.uk



Guildford Flames—Drugs Freeze

The Guildford Flames Ice Hockey Team came to talk to the Year 6 children on Tuesday as part of the school's Healthy Week. They talked to the children about their experience of playing competitive ice hockey and some of the children literally stepped into their shoes and tried on items of their hockey kit. As part of their "Drugs Freeze" campaign they also talked to the children about drugs, both legal and illegal, and their impact on living a healthy life.



World Book Day—Friday 2nd March 2018

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2nd March, one day after the 'official' day as we will be holding parents evening on this day. The theme this year will be to come dressed as a character from a story from the last 20 years (World Book Day was launched in 1998 at the Globe Theatre and this year marks the 20th anniversary). We also ask that the children bring in £1 to dress up to fund further high quality books for the school. The children will receive their book token and they will be taking part in a number of fun activities over the course of the week

Half-term Activities—Family Xplorer

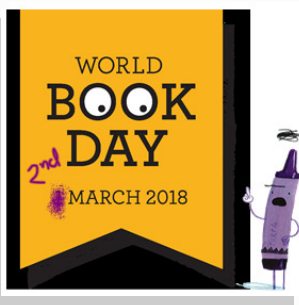
Waverley Borough Council are holding Xplorer events at local parks over half-term. They are a chance to get outside and have fun as a family and involve exploring, finding markers and completing a series of challenges. Best of all it's free! Xplorer take place at Broadwater Park on Monday 12th February and Farnham Park on Thursday, 15th February 10:30-12:30.

Roots for the Future

Roots for the Future are a social enterprise groups who will be holding a community tree planting event on Saturday 17th February, 1:30-3:30pm at Canon Bowrings Recreation Ground ("Chippy Park") in Farncombe. All are welcome and further information is attached with this newsletter.

Happy Half Term

From everyone at GJS, we would like to wish you all a happy and restful half term. See you back on Monday 19th February!

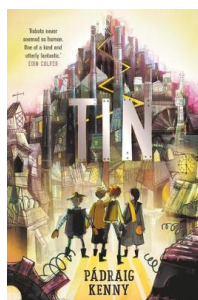


House Points

Saturn	515
Jupiter	276
Neptune	264
Mars	185



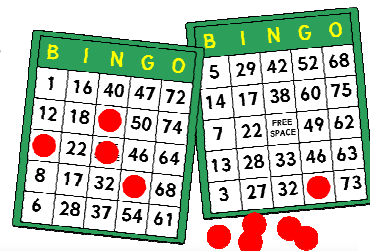
Waterstones Book of the Month



Tin
By
Padraig Kenny

PTA News

Last night saw the first Godalming Junior Bingo night and what a great success it was! Thank-you to the 70 plus families that came and enjoyed this new event. You can't beat a bit of bingo, a bar, hot pizza and ice-creams on a Thursday night! This was a new event for the PTA but one we hope will become a fixture in the PTA social calendar. The total raised will be revealed after half-term with all the money going towards providing enrichment experiences for all the children at our school. Have a fabulous half-term and we look forward to seeing you all at our next event—the famous Godalming Junior School Quiz with our very own Mr Samson as quiz master!



School Achievement



Attendance Winners: 5RP—99.4%

Overall School Attendance: 96.2%

Well done to all our CONFIDENCE Values Champions! They have ALL grown in confidence over the course of the year and are all worthy recipients of their awards, well done!

CONFIDENCE—Values Champions:

3NJ — Leonie Chalmers
3AJ — Daisy Mason
4SD — Martha Leaman
4EM — Lilly Beardall
5RP — Ben Goodwin
5AC — Amelie Barabich
6RH — Carla Moses
6JP — Poppy Juniper



Sports News

Inter House Football—Godalming Premier League 2018—Week

What a week we had before we enter the winter break. We had last minute saves, wonderful goals and silky skills. Neptune United were comfortable 2-0 winners over Saturn Rangers, who were off target today. Saturn Albion could not break down a resolute Borussia Jupiter side with an inspired Thomas Rodger in between the sticks as he saved a certain last second effort from Alfie Filby to keep his clean-sheet in tact! There was also nothing separating the Wandering Neptunes from AC Mars as this finished 0-0. In the final game, just when it looked as though Inter Jupiter would win, up popped Jacob Leggett with a 'worldy' to level things up with his 'postage stamp' top corner effort to end the game 1-1!

Players of the Match:

Mars—Jacob Leggett, Saturn—Ben Lee, Neptune—Jasper Mason and Jupiter—Thomas Rodger.

Diary Dates

Spring 2018

February

12th—16th **HALF TERM**
23rd: Y6 WW2 Roadshow
26th—2nd: Book Week
26th: Year 5 Space Dome
27th: Parents Evening—Late (5.30—8.00pm)

March

1st: Parents Evening—Early (3.30—6.00pm)
2nd: GJS Book Day
5th: Cricket Coaching Starts—Year 3, 6JP
8th: Year 3 Butser Farm
8th: Year 6 SATS Parents Meeting
10th: Godalming Schools Swimming Gala

Please be aware that penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised leave of absence for five days or more. Penalty Notices are issued per parent per child and the amount due is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.



Inset Days 2017/18

16th April 2018
23rd July 2018