

## 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

Summer 10  
8th July 2022



Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter



## Latest News

### GJS 401 Challenge Stage 4 Target: 3,147m

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### Eco Competition—Award Ceremony

Since January this year, the Eco-Warriors have been working tirelessly to come up with ways to save energy in our school. They entered a competition run by a Surrey based STEM charity called SATRO. At the start of the year, a fancy smart meter was installed at our school and the Eco-Warriors were ‘coached’ in how to read the data and monitor the usage. After class discussions, many assembly notices and gentle reminders to teachers, we started to see our numbers dropping! On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Mrs Sawyer, Miss Coleman and some of the Eco-Warriors attended an awards ceremony at Surrey University. And they managed to scoop not one - but **TWO** of the prestigious awards! Including the one that every school wanted: The school that saved the most carbon emissions. The aim was to cut our emissions by 10%. However, Godalming Junior School smashed this target and saved a whopping 34.29%! In total, the 11 schools saved an enormous 10.5 tonnes of carbon emissions over a 4-month period. Next year, the Eco-Warriors hope to refine their strategies further and send home some advice on how you too can lower your energy emissions (and hopefully costs!)



### ‘What a play, what a celebration’ Y6 Production of ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’

Y6 performed wonderfully for their end of year production of Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. Both nights were truly amazing. It was lovely to see the confidence from the children up on stage acting, singing and dancing. The children performed the show in the beautiful Reception garden at Charterhouse School which added to the atmosphere and intrigue! If there was a theatre Oscars Night, then there would be no doubt, Year 6 would have walked away with Best Show, Best Actor/Actress, Best Supporting Actors, Best Singing,,.... the lot!

### Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 4

We have only 2 weeks left to record the final miles of each child before the end of the year long challenge supporting Ben Smith. On **Monday 18th July** during our assembly, we will find out if each class has met the 3,147 mile target for the 4th and final stage of the challenge! Remember, distances travelled in kayaks, dinghys and SUP’s count for year 6 next week!

### Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday morning, the children were visited by Laura and Holly from Godalming Library. They introduced the new Summer Reading Challenge, linked with the Science Museum. This launches on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at Godalming Library and all primary-aged children are welcome to take part. There are additional activities being hosted over the summer holidays at the Godalming Library. Details have been attached to the end of this newsletter.

### Family Learning—Online Parenting Support Courses

Please find attached details of FREE online courses for parents and carers who are looking for some parenting ideas and strategies to support their children. They are supported by the Primary Mental Health Service Team at South West Surrey.

### Y3 Butser Farm

Yesterday, Year 3 travelled back to the Stone Age with a trip to Butser Farm. We learnt lots to add to our understanding of this time period and we also had a go at making clay pots and rope as well as trying our hand at wattling. The children had a super time but were also wonderful ambassadors for the school.

### Food and Drink Containers

Can we remind all parents/carers NOT to send children into school with any glass food containers or water bottles. Thank you.

### Lost Property

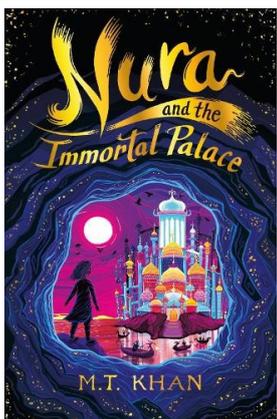
Thank you to all parents who have supported and reinforced the school message to children to better look after their belongings and to ensure all items, particularly school logo’s uniform, are named. We have already seen a reduction in the amount of lost property and items found making their way to their rightful owner because more items are named!

### House Points

Mars	1120
Jupiter	1080
Saturn	1039
Neptune	872



### Waterstones Book of the Month



## PTA News

### Summer Fair – Friday 8th July 6.00–8.30pm

We are all looking forward to a glorious evening later for our summer fair. This is a quick note from the PTA to assure everyone that has not pre ordered tokens that there will be plenty available to purchase on the night if needed. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

### PTA Role

The PTA are looking for a co-treasurer for the new school year. So if you would like to get involved and can help out please reach out to Phil (Chairman) or Paula (Treasurer) or any of the other PTA volunteers.

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Grace & Saanvi  
 3EC— Mia  
 4EM— Etienne  
 4GS— Jess  
 5SD— Billy & Charles  
 5CJ— Huxley  
 6JP— Mary  
 6RH— Arlo & Sam



Pupil  
Awards



Attendance  
Matters  
...every school day counts!

Attendance Winners: 5CJ—98.8%

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions:  
6JP & 6RH

### INDEPENDENCE Values Champions

3CM—Grace  
 3EC—Amara  
 4EM—Emi  
 4GS—Edward  
 5SD—Jack  
 5CJ—Charlie  
 6JP—Florence B  
 6RH—Thomas



## Sports News

### District Sports

Well done all to all the children who took part in District Sports on Tuesday. It was a great occasion. It is clear that we have some young Dina Asher-Smiths and Mo Farahs at the school. Each child performed brilliantly and it was lovely to see the rest of Team GJS cheering each of them on. Thank you to parents who came to cheer on the team too. Well done to Kai (Y4) and Mary (Y6) who won individual awards for GJS for their sporting achievement.

## Diary Dates

### Summer 2022

#### July

8th: PTA Summer Fair 6–8.30pm  
 11th–15th: Y6 UKSA Residential Trip  
 22nd: IH Talent Show  
 22nd: **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