



Newsletter

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have" - Maya Angelou

Latest News

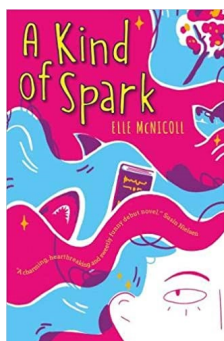


PARENT SURVEY

House Points Grand Total

Neptune	23,156
Jupiter	22,232
Mars	22,131
Saturn	21,716

Waterstones Book of the Month



'What a Year' (again)

As we finally reach the finish line of another eventful year I would like to pass on my huge thanks to the whole school community for the role they have played in trying to keep school open and the children safe at GJS. Once again, we have experienced closures, online learning, reopening, safety measures, spikes, jabs, tests, isolations and many more phrases that have become a staple in our vocabulary now.

Though the challenges have been immense, by far the most challenging year for me as Headteacher, I do reflect back on the year with a sense of pride again to lead a group of staff so committed to do the best thing for the school as a whole. I often encourage staff to 'consider the we and not just the me' and it is thanks to their skill, dedication and flexibility to achieve the 'greater good' which has enabled us to get to the end of the year relatively 'in tact'.

Every decision made has had the whole school's interest at the heart and never has the easy route been taken. There has been difficult ongoing balancing acts to ensure the long term health, safety and wellbeing of both staff and children is not compromised by external expectations and comparisons with other schools. I have stated on many occasions that though we are a proud founder member of the Godalming Learning Partnership, we are all our own schools, with our own challenges, with varying levels of space and staff capacity. Therefore, it is inevitable that there will be slightly different responses schools have to certain situations.

The governing body have also been as supportive as ever and have given more than their usual amount of time to back the staff and try to maintain the high standards we have.

Thank you to the parents too who once again, in addition to their own work commitments, had to quickly adjust, as we all had to do, when schools closed on January 5th and had to facilitate online learning. You also worked wonders in getting the children 'school ready' again when there were very high levels of anxiety and worry around.

I would like to wish **EVERYONE** a restful and safe summer break and for those leaving the GJS family, good luck in their next adventure.

Thank you all, once again.

Mr Samson

Mrs Crook

I am sure you will join me in congratulating both Mr and Mrs Crook who will be expecting baby number 2 later this year. We wish 'the Crooks' the best of luck and Mrs Crook will be leaving to go on maternity leave after October half term. We will notify the parents in due course of the school's plan to cover 5CJ from this date.

Inter House Talent Show

What a wonderful way to finish the year being outside in the glorious morning sunshine experiencing the wonderful talent at GJS! We had comedy acts, pianists, dancers and singers! ALL acts performed superbly in front of the whole school and it was an extremely tough decision for the judges! Well done to all the acts and for **Millie** in 3CM who was the overall winner for **Saturn** singing her version of Wonderful Life by Smallfoot!

Parent Survey

The school governors are immensely proud of our school community and the positive way you have all responded to the challenges over the last year. As another school year draws to a close, we would like to gather your views about GJS and we would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete the short survey.

Thank you

Michael Guest, Chair of Governors

Curriculum Evenings

We have begun penciling in dates for next year and with the various 'Comeback' strategies, initially shared in last week's 'Year in Review', being rolled out, we strongly advise you put the curriculum evenings in the diary as this will be an essential time to find out what the timetable and curriculum looks like in your child's year group.

PTA News

More news to come

School Achievement

Congratulations to all our CREATIVITY Champions for showing such imagination and originality in their work! They are yet ANOTHER group of fantastic GJS ambassadors! Well done!



CREATIVITY –Values Champions

3CM – Beth
3SD – Sia
4EM – Otis
4GS – Billy
5CJ – Meggy
5EC – Marija
6JP – Ella
6RH – Luca



Sports News



Diary Dates

Autumn Term 2021

September

1st: GLP Inset Day
2nd: Start of Term
8th: House Elections
8th: Year 3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
Year 4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
Year 5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
Year 6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
9th: PTA Year 3 BBQ (tbc)

17th:

October

4th: HT Surgery–'Resilience' @ 9.00am
4th–8th: 10R–Poetry Week
11th: 10R–Healthy Week
15th: #HelloYellow Mufti Day–Young Minds
20th: PTA Disco (tbc)
22nd: GLP Inset Day
25th–29th: Half Term

November

1st: HT Surgery–Maths @ 9.00am
1st–5th: Y6 Bikeability
8th–12th: 10R–Remembrance Week
16th: Parent/Teacher Meetings (Late) tbc
18th: Parent/Teacher Meetings (Early) tbc



Inset Days 2021/22

Next: Wednesday 1st September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022