



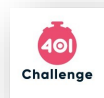
Newsletter

"The weak can never forgive, forgiveness is the attribute of the strong" - Mahatma Gandhi

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 2 Target: 2,048m

<u>Year 3</u>	524
<u>Year 4</u>	1000
<u>Year 5</u>	1156
<u>Year 6</u>	1383



Welcome Back!

We all hope you had a wonderful half term break and that the children are raring to go for another exciting and full programme of events leading up to Christmas!

Year 4 Greek Day

The Year 4 children were replaced by Ancient Greek gods, goddesses, heroes and beasts today while Year 4 immersed themselves in Greek Day! They familiarised themselves with the Greek alphabet and used it to read and write in Greek, followed by a session of food tasting, constellation study and an Ancient Greek board game. The children finished the day by learning about the Trojan War and creating a puppet show to retell the story. The children had smiles on their faces all day and they were great sports! Staff and children all agreed that they would like it to be Greek Day every day!

GLP Firework/Bonfire Challenge

You may recall the Godalming Learning Partnership ran a number of termly competitions last year with winning entries adorning the GLP website [here](#). This year the events return and first up is a firework/bonfire challenge open to ALL children in the GLP. The children have been briefed and we have attached the slides to the newsletter this week. The children have just over a week to get entries in to their class teachers!

Forgiveness

A new half term means a new value at GJS. This half term our attention turns to the value of **FORGIVENESS**. The children will learn why **FORGIVING** is so important but also how it often is so difficult to actually do. We will run assemblies, share stories, hold Circle Times and even have lessons on this value over the course of the half term. Once again, it would be great if the importance of **FORGIVENESS**, especially at break and lunch times at school for example, are further reinforced at home.

10R-Remembrance Week

Next week we welcome back Will from 'ChickenWired' who will be running wire sculpture workshops with all the children as part of our Remembrance Week and funded by our wonderful PTA. We will also be selling poppies, available from the school office, if the children would like to purchase one. We do ask for a minimum donation of 20p

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery

There are the limited spaces remaining on our next 'surgery' session now taking place on **Monday 15th November** with Corina Mayhew, sharing some helpful tips on how to help your child with maths at home. This is a great opportunity to speak to Mr Samson or Ms Mayhew on any matters you wish to raise too. To book a slot, simply contact the school office.

School Lunches

The cost of a school meal is £2.45. Weekly cost will be £12.25 and the cost for this half term will be £83.30 (Y3-£80.85). We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Parentmail regularly. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact the school office. A week's notice is required to move from hot meals to packed lunches. Children who have a packed lunch can opt to have a hot meal on a Wednesday and/or a Friday only for roast dinner and fish Friday. Many thanks.

Christmas Carol Assemblies

As you will see by the dates section of the newsletter, we hope to showcase our year group carol assemblies later this term at 9.00am each morning for our different year groups. More information will follow.

Poetry Competition

Today we were able to announce the winners of our poetry competition in our Celebration Assembly. Well done to ALL the children who took part and we will be running the competition again next year. The wonderful winners this year were:

Bella Year 6 'Trust'
Sydney Year 5 'Community'
Barney Year 6 'Tolerance'

They have now joined previous winners at 'Poet's Corner'

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder, the deadline for completion of online consent is 4pm Wed 10th November 2021.

Imago School Photographs

Login details have been sent out via Parentmail. For FREE delivery to school please order by 15th Nov.

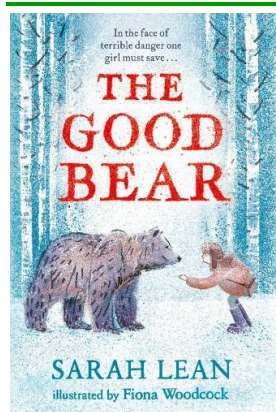
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House Points

<u>Jupiter</u>	731
Mars	725
Saturn	664
Neptune	650



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

We hope you all had a wonderful half term. Only seven weeks now until Christmas and only four weeks until our Christmas Fair. This year we'll be outside...marquees are ordered and planning is underway!! We are in need of a Santa so please get in touch with Simon if you know of anyone who would be interested in helping! Save the date....3rd December - 4.00pm to 7.00pm!! Watch this space for more information!!

Huge call to action now - if we are to continue to stage events and maintain a sense of community at school and raise the funds that help enrich our childrens education we urgently need to recruit the position of PTA Chairperson. We are running out of time for a worthwhile transition period!! Ideally we need a successor in place soon after half term (now!) so there can be a transition that includes Christmas Fair planning and key events in the Spring. If you are interested in the role, or would like more information about what's involved please e-mail simoncrparry1970@gmail.com

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Wilfred
3EC - Ella
4EM - Naomi
4GS - Matthew
5SD - Sam
5CJ - Ophelia
6JP - Alex
6RH - Daniel



Pupil
Awards



Attendance Winners: — 4EM—100%

RESILIENCE Values Champions

3CM - Daniel
3EC - Alexander
4EM - Toby
4GS - Freya
5SD - Jasmine
5CJ - Sydney
6JP - James
6RH - Emma



Sports News

Badminton Tournament

A huge congratulations to the Godalming Junior School badminton teams who finished 1st and 3rd over all at a badminton festival at Broadwater school. The events they took part in included longest rally, shuttle keepy-upies(!), serving and game play. They performed brilliantly with great teamwork, resilience and skill! Well done to Daniel, Scarlett, Hugh, Josh, Emma, Heidi, Tom, Tessa, Sienna Elise Cassidy and Tess for achieving 2 podium finishes!!!



Diary Dates

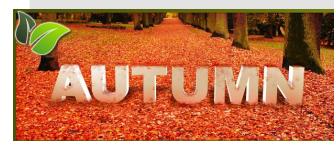
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November

8th–12th: 6RH Bikeability—please remember bikes & helmets.
8th–12th: 10R—Remembrance Week
9th: Y5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament
11th: Armistice Day
15th–19th: TT Rock Festival Week
15th: GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Maths at Home
16th: Pupil Progress Evening - 6.00-8.30pm
17th: Flu Vaccinations
17th: Y3 Egyptian Day
18th: Pupil Progress Evening - 3.30-6.00pm

December

6th: GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Reading at Home
7th: Y6 'Born Free' Evening—6JP
9th: Y6 'Born Free' Evening—6RH
6th–10th: 10R—Human Rights Week
10th: Human Rights Day
13th: RE Day
13th: Yr5 Carol Assembly @ 9.00am
14th: Yr3 Carol Assembly @ 9.00am
15th: Yr6 Carol Assembly @ 9.00am
15th: Christmas Jumper Day
15th: Christmas Lunch
16th: Yr4 Carol Assembly @ 9.00am
17th: House Mufti
17th: END OF TERM @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022