

Love

Article 31:
'Every child
has a right to
be happy'

Live

Article 19:
'Every child
has a right to
feel safe'

Learn

Article 28:
'Every child
has a right to
an education'

Spring 3
21st January 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

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COVID Update

Despite the change in COVID measures which were announced this week, we will continue to follow the procedures we currently have in place until half term.

ParentView

GJS is due to be inspected imminently and one of the sources of evidence they use to determine judgements are the outcomes of ParentView. Therefore we ask you visit ParentView and log your views of the school [here](#).

10R—Hero Week—17th—21st January

The children have had a great week as part of our very first LGBTQ+ themed Hero Week! The children have learnt about people from the LGBTQ+ community, how we at GJS can be even more inclusive and generally increase awareness of this often marginalized group in society. It was also great, thanks to year 3 parent Mrs Hull for the children to find out the wonderful work going on at Broadwater School and what they do to support students as part of the school's 'Positive Space' group.

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 3

We still would like the children to log their miles this half term in support of Ben and his 401 USA Challenge. We now look ahead to each year group trying to achieve the mammoth total of 2,540 miles in Stage 3 (that is about 40 miles a child...at about 8 miles a week!) We will continue to update the children during our weekly assemblies and it is never too late to log the miles and be active! Remember 'Happy Legs, Happy Head'. As we have our hall display of the 401 Challenge now, we would like photos of the children engaging in their physical activities! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery

Due to the current COVID conditions we are facing in school, we are pausing our surgery session until after term. New dates for our planned E Safety and reading sessions will be announced via the newsletter.

School Value

This term we continue to focus on the value of FRIENDSHIP. The children are learning about what FRIENDSHIP means to them, what makes a good FRIEND, discuss occasions when FRIENDSHIPS have been tested and ways they can be better FRIENDS. This also coincides with the launch of the GJS Anti Bullying Stars Break-time Champion Award, which will be given out to a chosen class each Friday during Celebration Assembly to the class who have embraced the school's playground rules and UNICEF Rights of a Child most during break-times and lunchtimes. Staff on duty and the AB Stars themselves will be extra vigilant to seek out who is the most inclusive, respectful and kind class at break-times each week. This will also be shared in our weekly newsletters!

Data Collection Sheets

We are still awaiting the return of a number of data collection sheets. Would you kindly check your child's school bag for any documents that may need returning. With thanks.

Parent Governor Vacancy—Deadline Tuesday 25th Jan— noon

We are seeking applications for parents/carers to stand for election as a Parent Governor of Godalming Junior School for this rewarding role. There is **one** Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body and applications will be welcomed from parents/carers of pupils registered at the school. Parent Governors serve for a term of four years, irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school. A letter dated Friday 7 January 2022 has been sent to parents/carers with more information and includes the nomination and personal statement form which should be completed and returned to the Clerk to the Governors by **12 noon on Tuesday 25th January 2022** via the School Office/clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk

House Points

Mars 1042

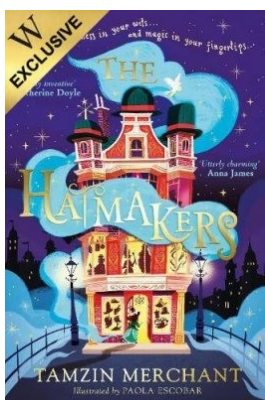
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Saturn 760



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

We regret that our School Disco event planned for 10th February has been however we hope to re-arrange for another time.

Our quiz night event remains very much part of our plans, it's a fantastic evening so please save the date - **Friday 25th March** and look out for more information in the coming weeks.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Nico
3EC - Kayla
4EM - Niamh
4GS - Eddie
5SD - Mya
5CJ - Ella-Rose
6JP - Tabitha
6RH - Jennifer



Attendance Winners: - 4EM 97.3 %

Anti Bullying Stars Break time Champions: 6JP

FORGIVENESS Values Champions

3CM - Ethan
3EC - Molly
4EM - Peter
4GS - Eric
5SD - Merryn
5CJ - Ella-Rose
6JP - Harrison
6RH - Grace



Sports News

Inter-House Football Tournament Returns

There is still plenty of opportunity to join the Inter-House Football Tournament on 28th January. Sign up sheets can be found on the sports board next to the hall for those who wish to take part.

Diary Dates

Spring 2022

January

26th: Sports Festival at Broadwater School
28th: Inter House Football Tournament

February

1st: UNICEF RRS Silver Award Accreditation Day
3rd: Y5 Football Tournament at Tillingbourne School
3rd: Y6 SATS Parent Information Talk (Zoom)
7th–11th: Y6 Mock SATS Week
7th: E-Safety Parent Headspace Surgery (Zoom) @ 9.15am (Postponed)
8th: E-Safety Assembly
11th: House Mufti
14th–18th: HALF TERM
21st: **INSET DAY**
21st–25th: 10R–ARTS WEEK

March

28th–4th: 10R–BOOK WEEK–VILLAINS
3rd: World Book Day–'Villainous Mufti'
7th–11th: TT Rock Festival Week
14th–18th: 10R–SCIENCE WEEK
21st–25th: 10R–EARTH WEEK
22nd: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
24th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
25th: PTA Quiz Night
26th: Earth hour

April

1st: END OF TERM



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~
~~Monday 1st November 2021~~
Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022