



Newsletter

"Success is going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm" - Winston Churchill

Latest News



Year 4—Sayers Croft

What an amazing time had by EVERYONE who went Sayers Croft this week. Blessed with lovely weather in a beautiful setting, GJS were, once again, fantastic ambassadors and role models for the school. Showing excellent **PERSEVERANCE, FRIENDSHIP, RESILIENCE** and **TRUST** to name just a few of the school values that were on show and being lived by the children this week as part of the supporting **COMMUNITY** at GJS. We all hope this experience will provide the springboard into the final weeks of term before they enter the upper school in September. If this week was anything to go by, they should ALL face this challenge head on and full of **CONFIDENCE!** Thank you to our wonderful GJS staff team for leading the trip and keeping the children safe, led by Mrs Johnson!

First Aid Training

Over the past two weeks, all Year 6 children have received training in CPR, what to do in a case of anaphylaxis and how to use a defibrillator. We were very proud of the maturity that our Year 6 pupils showed in each session and they asked valuable questions. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding such an important skill!

Year 6 Workshops

Year 6 had a tremendous time this week at the SATRO workshop where they learnt all about how they can be more energy efficient at home. They learnt about different things such as turning lights off, setting washing machines to a lower power and using solar panels. After their discussion, the children got the opportunity to explore and make different electrical circuits which entailed lighting up bulbs, spinning fans and using a buzzer. In addition, we've also had our Empathy Plus Migration workshop, kindly taught by the **Red Cross** Charity. It gave children a real idea of what others go through in their day-to-day lives and how they might feel in these terrible situations. The children reflected on how they could treat and support others. We're really proud as they came up with some thoughtful and well thought out responses. Thank you SATRO and **Red Cross** for your fantastic workshops

Attendance

You may be aware that school attendance is a hot topic nationally as schools, particularly secondary schools, struggle to get their attendance figures returning to 'pre COVID' levels. As a result, the DfE and the local authority are putting new systems, processes and deterrents in place in the hope that children's attendance improves and there is a reduction in their 'broken weeks' when odd days are taken. GJS has enjoyed fantastic attendance figures for a number of years and we really appreciate the support from parents in fully investing in the education of their children so that attendance figures are higher than local, similar and national averages. You will be receiving a letter shortly outlining the DfE's position and the issuing of penalty notices from September 2024. All schools are being advised to inform parents of the DfE position during the last few weeks of term to avoid any ambiguity during the next academic year.

KOOSA Breakfast Club

We are pleased to announce that KOOSA Kids will be providing a breakfast club for GJS children from September. This will be open from 7.45am and will be run by GJS staff. A breakfast of cereal, toast and fresh fruit will be provided daily.

Value in Focus: PERSEVERANCE

At a time of year when we start to look ahead, consider next steps in our journey and consider the thought of moving schools, **PERSEVERANCE** is the perfect value to be 'in focus' for the final few weeks of term. At this stage of the year, we expect ALL children to embrace and uphold this value and begin to look ahead to beginning a new year and ensuring ALL are equipped to deal with the greater expectations on them, whether that is here or whether that is moving on to their new school. Staff will be looking out to see examples of the children 'living' this value, showing initiative and confidently facing challenges they encounter during our busiest term of the year. We are asking EVERYONE for the final push, final steps in improving areas of their work and also holding 'home talks' about the value of **PERSEVERANCE**. Children are also invited to research people from history who showed a 'never say die' attitude, pushed boundaries, changed minds and stood up for what they believed in. Mr Samson would welcome 'Perseverance Projects' either handed to him directly or sent via head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk to share in assemblies this term, put on the school website or even display around the school!

Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University, an **OUTSTANDING** teacher training provider?

The Godalming Learning Partnership is a group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.

The one year school-led GET Teaching school based PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more, speak to Mr Samson who has led the programme since its inception or alternatively you can e-mail Rachel Dunnage: coordinator@godalminglearning.org.uk

Attendance Matters



House Points

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| Neptune | 1618 |
| Mars | 1568 |
| Saturn | 1404 |
| Jupiter | 1397 |



Wishing you
a joyful
June!



Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is:
Mr Samson—HT

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Mr MacIver—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'



PTA News

Casino Night

A massive thank you to all those who attended and supported the Casino night last week. A fantastic evening was had on the Black Jack and Roulette tables. An even bigger thanks to Karen Lucas for organising the event.

Summer Fair—Friday 12th July 6.00–8.30pm

The plans for the summer fair are in full swing. We will have stalls with plenty of activities. More importantly we will have the much-needed bar and BBQ. To accompany the fair we have the usual **MUFTI** days to aid with donations to some of the stalls.

Friday 28th June—Bottle Tombola

Friday 5th July—Jolly Jam Jars

Friday 12th July—Book Donations (good quality children's books)

All donations to be dropped off in the Music Room as usual on arrival to school.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR — Dylan L

3EC — Josie

4JA — Whole Class

4RH — Whole Class

5SD — Ollie R

5NM — Sam

6EM — Erin

6TA — Naomi



Attendance Winners: 6TA — 99%



Spring AB Stars Champions: 5NM

INDEPENDENCE Values Champions

3AR — Arthur

3EC — Dotty

4JA — Flynn

4RH — Albert

5SD — William

5NM — Adam

6EM — Alfie

6TA — Sebby



Sports News

G-Ashes 2024

What a fantastic G-Ashes we had last week. Nearly 150 children taking part, over 60% of the school, an even split between boys and girls, which was great to see!

Due to the numbers this year, the event was split in two; A lower school 'round-robin' tournament and an upper school 'round-robin'. There was added drama in the upper school event when the top two performing houses, **NEPTUNE** and **MARS**, had to play off a '2 over-super-over'...with the winner of this event AND the lower school event....being...**MARS!!**

Well done to ALL who took part, see you next year!



Inter House G-Ashes Winners 2024 - Mars

Diary Dates

Summer 2024

June

25th:

26th:

July

2nd:

2nd:

3rd:

8th–12th:

8th:

9th:

10th & 11th:

12th:

12th:

15th:

23rd:

September

2nd:

3rd:

10th:

10th:

11th:

11th:

16th–20th:

30th–4th:

Y6 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC

Y4 Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC

Bump Up Day

New Parents Evening @ 6.00pm

2nd Bump Up Day (Rodborough School children only)

10R—Arts Week

District Sports @ Guildford Spectrum

Music Works Showcase

Y6 Production

'GJS Got Talent' Show

PTA Summer Fair

Mad Hatter 'Thank You' Tea Party

End of Term @ 1.15pm

Inset Day

Start of Term

Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm

Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm

Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm

Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm

Y6 Trip to UKSA

10R—Poetry Week

Inset Days 2024/25

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 14th February 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

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