



Newsletter

This year, we are supporting:



'Respect is treating people how you wish to be treated and by being kind' Fortune –Year 4

Latest News



10R—Earth Week

Have we got news for you! This week, coinciding with Earth Hour next Saturday when homes are encouraged to 'switch off' non-essential lights and electronics for one hour between 8.30 and 9.30pm, the children considered how we can be more eco-friendly at GJS. One target we will be aiming for is to reduce the amount of food waste from our school dinner diners from next term. This has been an area of focus before, and despite the three options readily available, the choices the children make each day registration, there is still more we can do. We do ask that parents help support this push.

Change in Sports Day Dates

Due to a clash with the Waverley Schools Cricket Tournament, Sports Days will now take place as follows:

Tuesday 9th June: Year 3—am, Year 5—pm

Thursday 11th June: Year 4—am, Year 6—pm

Smart Phone Free Schools

Last week, Mr Samson and Mrs Cronje, GJS Computing Lead, accompanied our Year 6 School Council to Wilfrid Noyce Centre to meet Sir Jeremy Hunt. He led a local discussion on the topic of social media and smart phone technology. They heard about the challenges young people are experiencing at the moment, managing screen time, safe content and whether or not children should have smartphones or have access to social media. The children were a real credit to the school and were hugely respectful. They came away thinking what more we can do as a school to manage screen time at home and school. Year 6 will be discussing this in the coming weeks, especially as the prospect of their transition to secondary school draws ever closer.

Year 5 Fire Safety Talks

This week, Year 5 were visited by an Education Officer from the Fire and Safety Rescue office. They received an informative talk about how to keep themselves safe, including discussions on how important it is to frequently check fire alarms, how to identify potential hazards that might cause a fire and how to safely evacuate a building in the event of a fire. The children asked thought provoking questions and really engaged with the sessions. and were a credit to Godalming Junior School. Parents and carers, please look out for a separate parent mail that we have been asked to share to support the children's understanding.

British Science Week Poster Competition

For more details on the British Science Week Poster Competition, please click [here](#) or see the poster in class rooms. If you wish to compete, please hand in your poster to your class teacher or Miss Warner by Friday 10th April.

Readathon

A reminder that the GJS Readathon is running until **Thursday 26th March**. All information can be found on the poster and letter sent to parents previously, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman. All books count, whether they are books by *JK Rowling* or *Sherlock Holmes* stories

Shooting Stars Donation Station

You have until Friday to donate any **'good quality clean or new clothing, shoes, boots and bags'** in the entrance hall. Items will be taken to the Shooting Stars shop on Godalming High Street over the Easter holidays. If you have any of the items in bold, then feel free to drop them in!

Parenting Courses

Mrs Wilkinson would like to draw your attention to two parenting courses. The first is Parenting Neurodivergent Children, and parents can enrol themselves [here](#). The second is for parents and carers of children experiencing anxiety. TO access the group please contact Mrs Wilkinson for more details.

Parent Governor Elections

We are seeking applications for parents/carers to stand for election as a Parent Governor of Godalming Junior School. 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 13th March 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 **Monday 23rd March** via the School Office or at clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

Our VALUE in focus is: RESPECT

Respect is our 'in focus' value at GJS until Easter and will continue to be the theme of our weekly assemblies. Arguably our most treasured value, it underpins so much of life at school and requires every member of the community to uphold the value in order for the school to thrive. We continue to share the perspectives and thoughts of the children across the school in our weekly newsletter in the shape of the *'what it means to me'* value statements. Last week, George in Year 3 had his interpretation shared in the newsletter. This week, it is Fortune's turn in Year 4. We continue to urge *Home Talks* to take place, when adults spend time with their children, either on car journeys, at meal-times, at bed-times or on walks; to discuss the importance of *respect*, what it means to you, the behaviours that engender the value and those which do not.



House Points

Neptune	1103
Saturn	1076
Jupiter	1052
Mars	1023



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

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:
Miss Coleman—Deputy HT
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo
Mrs Munz—Bursar
Mrs Crook—HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

Parent's Quiz Night—TONIGHT!

We are looking forward to welcoming the quiz teams this evening. Bar opens at 19:15 for shandy and other drinks, with quizzing starting at 20:00. Keep an eye out in the newsletter this week and last week for answers to some questions. There will be 5 in total to be found so get reading!

School Achievement

Pupils of the Week

- 3EC – Kailum
- 3JA – Ernie
- 4AL – Theo
- 4AR – Anne-Marie
- 5KR – Jonah
- 5KW – Dotty
- 6RH – Abigail
- 6SC – Solomon



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Friendship Values Champions

- 3JA – Preston
- 3EC – Sylvie
- 4AR – Isobel
- 4AL – Bobbie
- 5KW – Isobel
- 5KR – Charlie
- 6RH – Sam G
- 6SC – Freddie



Sports News

This has been a relatively quiet week for GJS on the sports front! However, lots of work has been going on behind the scenes planning for next term's benchball, netball and cricket, plus many more events!

Good luck to the Year 5 and 6 Sports Hall Athletics team as they head to Guildford Spectrum on Thursday for the County Finals! We will share how they get on in next week's newsletter.

Diary Dates

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March

- 20th: PTA Quiz Night
- 25th: Y6 WWII Workshop
- 26th: Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics County Final @ Spectrum
- 27th: End of Term @ 1.15pm

April

- 13th: **INSET DAY**
- 14th: Start of summer term
- 14th: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
- 17th: Y5/6 Benchball @ Rodborough
- 21st: Y5 Catch-up Swimming
- 22nd: Y5 Netball @ Park Mead

