



# Newsletter

We are proudly Supporting



*'A person's a person, no matter how small' - Dr Seuss*

## Latest News

### GJS Readathon and 10Richment 'Book Week'

Next week is Book Week! During the school week, your child will have lots of opportunities to read, share books that they enjoy with others, discuss books and have books read to them! We also encourage you to spend lots of time with your children reading - particularly because so many children are taking part in the Readathon which begins on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and lasts for one week. For more information about this, please see the letter that went out on Monday. It is very important that your child's completed sponsor card is returned to school at the end of the Readathon if they have taken part.

### Value In Focus: RESPECT

The children continue to focus on RESPECT his half term, arguably the highest profile value at GJS; given that it is fundamental to our UNICEF RRS commitment. The children will continue to learn about their own and others' rights, discuss what we do at GJS to fulfil this value, what the value means to the children and remind the children that *every child has a right to an education, every child has a right to relax and play and every child has a right to feel safe*—and that EVERY child at GJS has a responsibility to **LIVE** these rights, if we are all going to **LOVE** and get on with each other and create the best conditions at school for all to **LEARN**. Please continue to have the 'Home Talks' with your family about the importance of upholding these values as this will continue to strengthen the school's work and make it the wonderful place it is!

### Mindful March

Happy Mindful March everyone! The Action for Happiness calendars continue to be a HUGE hit at GJS, with children keen to know what their 'Friendly February' task for the day is! As we move into March, we'll be focusing on encouraging and teaching children to take some calm, mindful moments and exploring how they can do this each day. As always, we encourage you to explore the calendars at home or have a chat with your children during the week about what their 'Happy March' challenge was that day!

### Red Cross Cake Sales

Following the suggestion from our School Council, we will be holding weekly cake sales up until Easter to raise funds for our adopted charity The Red Cross. These will take place after school, under the canopy on the front playground each Friday. Thank you and well done to Year 3 for kicking things off today. Next week will be Year 4, then Year 5 and finishing with the Year 6 cake sale on 22nd March. All items are 50p and go to a worthy cause.

### Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University? The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large 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 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 e-mail Rachel: [coordinator@godalminglearning.org](mailto:coordinator@godalminglearning.org).

### Wharf Nursery Visitors

This week, some of our super readers from GJS had the opportunity to read to some pre-school children from The Wharf nursery. The children walked to see us and our children hosted perfectly: they set up the learning lab as a comfy, welcoming space; greeted the children warmly; learned some Makaton to join in with the story, and had the chance to read one-to-one with the younger visitors. It was a great way to celebrate the great progress in reading that we have seen from Joey, Khushi, Maddie, Flo, Daniel, Toby, Steren and Chloe over the past term. Emma from 'The Wharf' said: "Your pupils were smiley and welcoming, keen to share and encourage ours to sit and join in. I was very impressed by their reading skills and could see how proud they felt reading to our children." All of the children involved are very keen to host again - watch this space!

### Parent-Teacher Consultations

Booking is now open via Arbor for Parent-Teacher Consultations, which take place on **Tuesday 12th March** (5.30-8.10pm) and **Thursday 14th March** (3.30-6.10pm).

### Finally...It's Quiz Night Season!

With the Quiz Night only a matter of weeks away, there will be weekly clues you will need to look out for in the weekly newsletter. These will be answers to various questions. Keep your eyes peeled in the next 4 newsletters!



### House Points

Mars	1873
Saturn	1615
Neptune	1506
Jupiter	1237



**Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are:**  
Mr Macliver—Deputy HT  
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo  
Mrs Scherzinger—Bursar  
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

*'It's everyone's business'*

## PTA News

### Quiz Night Friday 22nd March from 7.15pm

We are delighted to confirm that the annual GJS Quiz Night is taking place on Friday 22nd March. Get your team together or simply confirm you would like to attend and we can help create a team on the night. We have a paying bar and food planned for each table. See attached flyer for ticket info. Look forward to seeing you there!

### Future Events

Friday 14th June—Parent's Casino Night  
Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July—Year 6 Play  
Friday 12th July—Summer Fair

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week

3AR — Sophia  
3EC — Maia  
4JA — Lewis  
4RH — Amelia  
5SD — Gracie  
5NM — Remy  
6EM — Noah  
6TA — Elly



Attendance Winners: 6TA — 98%



### FRIENDSHIP Values Champions

3AR — Rosie  
3EC — Jacinta  
4JA — Zak  
4RH — Amelia  
5SD — Saanvi  
5NM — Izzy  
6EM — Christie  
6TA — Poyraz



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 4JA

## Sports News

### Surrey Schools Primary Cross Country Event

Congratulations to Indigo and Niamh in Year 6 for taking part in the event in Reigate last weekend. A wonderful effort on a very challenging route, and great representatives of GJS.

### Upcoming events:

Godalming Schools Swimming Gala—Saturday 9th March  
Years 5 & 6 Football Tournament—Wednesday 27th March

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2024

#### March

4th–8th: 10R—Book Week—'Creatures'  
4th: SATs Information Talk @ 5.00pm  
7th: World Book Day  
8th: Red Cross Y4 Cake Sale—3.10pm  
9th: Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse  
11th–15th: 10R—Science Week  
12th: Y6 WWII Workshop  
12th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late)  
13th: GLP Board Meeting  
14th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)  
15th: Red Cross Y5 Cake Sale—3.10pm  
18th–22nd: 10R—Earth Week  
18th: Y4 Multiplication Check Talk @ 5.00pm  
20th: Y5 River Trip  
22nd: Red Cross Y6 Cake Sale—3.10pm  
22nd: PTA Quiz Night  
25th: RE Easter Day  
28th: End of Term @ 1.15pm



### Inset Days 2023/24

~~Friday 1st September 2023~~  
~~Monday 30th October 2023~~  
~~Friday 9th February 2024~~  
**Monday 15th April 2024**  
**Friday 24th May 2024**