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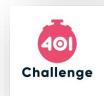
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

"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



Anti Bullying Week

Thank you to our Anti Bullying Stars who helped launch Anti Bullying Week in assembly on Monday. They helped identify films and TV programmes where 'kindness saved the day', shared our winning Anti Bullying poster entry, well done Eva in 4GS, which can be seen around the school and also encouraged the school to 'speak out' if they see any examples of bullying behaviour. ALL classes completed the Anti Bullying survey and we will be sharing the outcomes of these in next week's newsletter. There was also time to watch the latest video from Ben Smith who not only is in training for his epic 401 US Challenge but is someone who is also an anti bullying champion. To see the video for yourself and to keep up to date with his exploits, click [here](#). We also hope to run a bullying and behaviour surgery session for parents in the new year so watch this space!

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents who came to the meetings with class teachers this week. We hope you found them useful. If there is anything that needs following up or you felt there was not enough time, please contact the class teacher to arrange a follow up meeting.

Ofsted Readiness

You may be aware that Ofsted visits are in full swing since COVID brought about a pause in inspections. 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.

Ancient Egypt comes to GJS!

Year 3 travelled back in time on Wednesday to Ancient Egypt! The children all looked fabulous as we had pharaohs, mummies and even a god or two mingling with Egyptologists! Our terrific historians conducted research before becoming 'experts' on their subjects, they played the ancient game of Senet, read and created hieroglyphs and even witnessed a mummification! What a day!

TT Rockstars Festival

The Autumn TTRockstars Festival has drawn to a close and what a festival it has been! This festival has been full of "Twists" and turns (ask your child!) with the battle for the top spot being a very close one. Ultimately, 5SD just nudged ahead of 6JP with a sterling effort to win outright. Our new lower school trophy was won by 4EM who were also unbeatable! Class medallists will be announced soon! Well done to everyone who took part!

10R-Human Rights Week

Our next 10Richment week takes place in 3 weeks time and we will be focusing much of our work during this week around 'Rights Respecting' activities. This will also provide valuable evidence for our 'Silver Award' bid which takes place in February 2022.

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

We still would like the children to log their miles this half term in support of Ben and his 401 USA Challenge. Most year groups achieved the Stage 1 target of 1,000 miles and now stage 2 requires year groups to make it to over 2,000! 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

It was great to see parents once again attend our 2nd surgery session of the year on Monday on 'helping your child with maths' led by Ms Mayhew. The handout from the morning is on the website [here](#). We now begin to look ahead to our next session taking place on **Monday 6th December**. As we have noticed that many parents have to drop younger children at infant school, we will be putting the start time back to 9.15am to ensure everyone is able to make it. The next session will be 'how to help you child with reading' and this will be led by our English Lead Miss Emily Martin. Mr Samson will also attend and if you are interested in attending then please contact the office!

COVID Update

With the number of local cases continuing to rise we must continue to be vigilant. Current guidance can be found [here](#). If your child is showing any COVID symptoms they should self-isolate straight away and take a PCR test as soon as possible. Tests can be booked via [this link](#). Following a negative PCR test result they can return to school.

Christmas Carol Assemblies

We hope to showcase our year group carol assemblies to parents later this term at 9.00am each morning for our different year groups in the school hall focusing on the theme of *Forgiveness*. We are asking that parents wear face coverings, carry out lateral flow tests before attending (obviously not attending if there is a positive result) arriving through the Year 3 corridor. Each child will be limited to only 2 adults attending. Please contact the school office if you would like a space. The assemblies will be about 30 minutes long.

Outstanding Admin

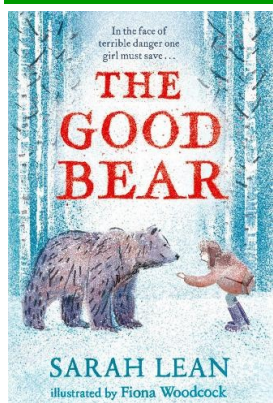
Would those parents who still have data collection and contract documents to return, please do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

House Points

<u>Jupiter</u>	1151
Mars	1125
Saturn	1021
Neptune	940



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Work continues in preparation to staging a fantastic Outdoor Christmas Fair on 3rd December - 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Please save the date now!! As always we rely on support to make the Fair as magical as possible and welcome any donations in return for MUFTI days - the next one being on Friday 26th November in return for donations for our Christmas Hampers. As in previous years our hampers will be themed by colour - so to make this simple we break this down to year groups.

Year 3 - red

Year 4 - green

Year 5 - white/silver

Year 6 - gold

The donation can be anything suitable for a gift hamper - some examples - chocolates, bath products, food products (reasonable shelf life!), bottles, gift products, candles, socks etc. Year 3 donations would therefore be any of these types of examples packaged in red - so for example some red socks, a bottle of red wine, a red candle, a red box of maltesers, some red bubble bath etc. Year 4 would be similar examples in green, year 5 similar examples in white or silver, year 6 similar examples in gold.

For further details regarding the fair please refer to the separate email to follow.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM - Evie
3EC - George
4EM - Anthony
4GS - Darcy
5SD - Ethan
5CJ - Chloe
6JP - Harrison
6RH - Thana



Pupil
Awards



Attendance Winners: 4GS – 98%

RESILIENCE Values Champions

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



Sports News

More sports news to follow next week.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2021

November

22nd: Y6 Netball Tournament at Park Mead School
23rd: SATRO Workshops for Y5 & Eco-Warriors Club
26th: Christmas Fair—Hamper Goods Mufti Day
30th: Y4 & 6 Benchball Tournament at Broadwater School

December

1st: Y5 Victorian Exhibition—5SD
2nd: Y5 Victorian Exhibition—5CJ
3rd: PTA Christmas Fair
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