



# Godwin Newsletter - 25th October 2024

preparing pupils for lifelong success



## Head Teacher's Message

Congratulations to all of the children who have earned Gold Awards this half-term - it is impressive to see so many pupils embracing the Learning Powers which we know are important life skills. Their achievements are Tweeted every week - please check the school website to see their accomplishments!

An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed to our food bank appeal. The photo below demonstrates the generosity of Godwin pupils and their families which will support many of those most in need.

Our Year 3 children presented an amazing Gamelan spectacle to parents and carers this week, which showcased their learning in English, science, geography, RE and Design Technology. They should be exceptionally proud of their confidence and for keeping our audiences so entertained. Well done!

At Godwin we really enjoyed the fantastic celebratory Diwali lunch cooked by our catering staff this week. Preparing a different menu does create additional work for the team and we are very grateful to them for helping us to celebrate this festival. We wish everyone in our community who will be celebrating next week a very happy Diwali.

## Important Dates



**Monday 4th November**

Back to school for Autumn Term 2



**Tuesday 5th November**

Reading Workshop for Year 3 parents and carers (9am)



Bonfire Night School Lunch



**Monday 11th November**

Maths workshop for parents and carers (9am)



**Friday 15th November**

Children In Need



# Learning Powers

At Godwin Junior School we promote and encourage seven different learning powers: being curious, persevering, evaluating, collaborating, embracing mistakes, explaining reasoning and considering choices.



This week, we'll focus on why it is important to be curious.

1. Humans are naturally curious! We can see this in the way babies explore their surroundings and the questions toddlers ask. We want to encourage and praise this curiosity so that our pupils carry it into their adult lives.
2. Curiosity caused early humans to explore the planet and develop the origins of technology and science. It literally shaped the world we live in. Curious learners can become the scientists and engineers of tomorrow, improving lives and solving problems.
3. Curious learners achieve better results in school because they are more engaged and enjoy their learning more.
4. Did you know that curious people are happier? Research has shown curiosity to be associated with higher levels of positive emotions, lower levels of anxiety, more satisfaction with life and greater psychological well-being.
5. Curiosity can expand our empathy. When we are curious about others and talk to people outside our usual social circle, we become better able to understand those with lives, experiences and worldviews different than our own.



So next time your child shows their curious side, remember to say well done!

# Friends of Godwin Bake Sale

**£539.88**

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for your generous donations, taking the time to bake cakes and helping to sell the cakes at our Friends of Godwin PTA fundraising event. Your support means so much and has made a significant difference in helping us towards our goal. Your involvement not only contributed to the success of the fundraiser, but also brought our community closer together.

Thank you for your continuous support.  
The Godwin Team



# Bag2School Fundraising

**£180**



Well done and thank you to everyone who donated clothing for our Bag2School collection. The Friends of Godwin PTA will ensure that every penny raised benefits the children.



## Brilliant Badminton

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 pupils who represented Godwin at the recent Primary Badminton Competition.

The adults who accompanied them were incredibly proud of all the children and how they acquitted themselves.

# COMMUNITY EVENT!

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

12.00 - 4.00 PM

**FOREST GATE LIBRARY  
LONDON E7 0QH**

Fun activities celebrating local cycling heritage  
Virtual and guided bike trail tours

Did you know, as the gateway to Epping Forest,  
Forest Gate used to be the cycling  
epicentre of London?

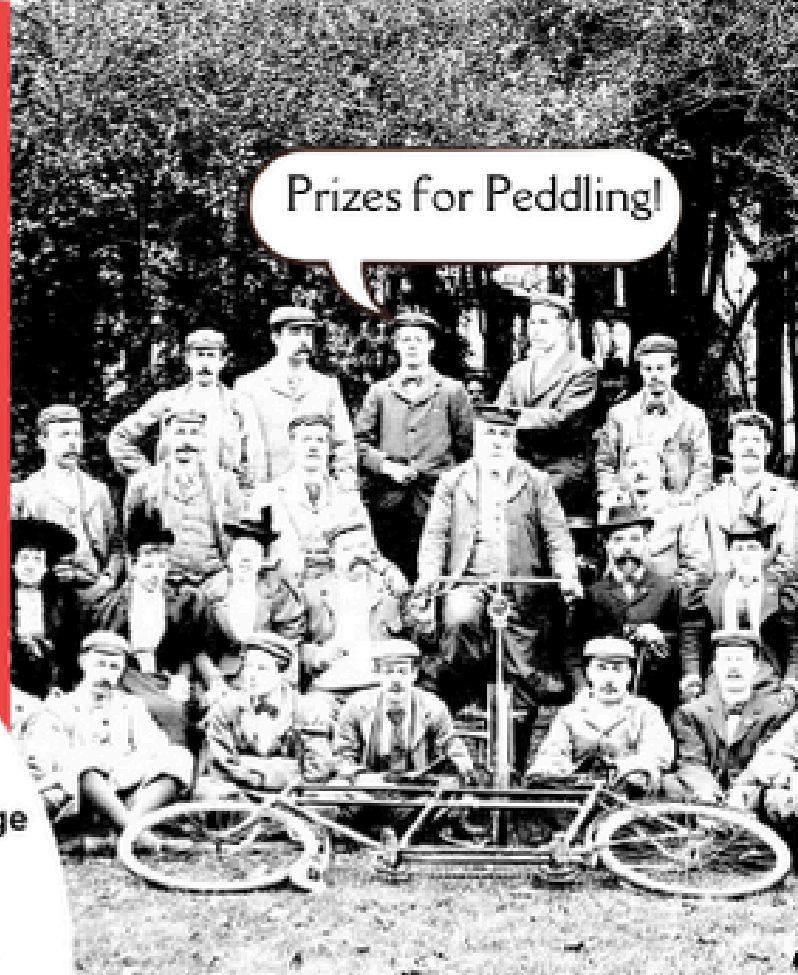
Follow the Full Cycle bike trail map,  
on cycle safe roads, to find 8 QR codes  
and delve into the fascinating  
cycling heritage of Forest Gate



Further info - Map  
Bike trail tour sign up



**ALL WELCOME BRING YOUR BIKE**



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## FULL CYCLE

HERITAGE QR BIKE TRAIL

<https://fullcycleheritage.com>

### GUIDED BIKETRAIL TOURS

meet at Forest Gate library 12.15pm

D.I.Y. BIKE ACCESSORIES

**PEDAL POWERED SOUND SYSTEM**

UCL MEMORY BIKE

**DR. BIKE MECHANICS**

COMPLETE THE TRAIL & WIN A PRIZE 😊



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reclaiming Narratives

## CALLING ALL HISTORIANS!

WE INVITE YOU TO RESEARCH AND RETELL THE NARRATIVE OF A REMARKABLE BLACK BRITISH INDIVIDUAL (PAST OR PRESENT) WHO HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY. THIS COULD BE AN ARTIST, INVENTOR, ACTIVIST, SPORTS PERSON, OR EVEN SOMEONE WHO SERVED IN THE WAR.

YOU CAN SHOWCASE YOUR RESEARCH IN ANY CREATIVE FORMAT YOU LIKE—WHETHER IT'S A STRIKING POSTER, AN INFORMATIVE FACT-FILE, AN ENGAGING VIDEO PRESENTATION. THE CHOICE IS YOURS.



THE DEADLINE FOR YOUR ENTRY  
IS MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER.



# Whole-Class Attendance

CLASS	ATTENDANCE	CLASS	ATTENDANCE
3K	98%	5V	95%
3Z	98%	5I	93%
3M	98%	5W	95%
3J	100%	6K	96%
4K	99%	6M	96%
4T	97%	6O	93%
4Y	96%	average	96%

This attendance data is for the week beginning Monday 14th October.



So far, our whole-school attendance for the academic year is 96.6%.

Thank you for your support in this.

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to 3J for 100% attendance last week. Keep it up! 3K, 3Z, 3M, 4T and 4K also reached 97% attendance or above!



## Punctuality Cup

Congratulations to 3M, who had no late marks last week.



## Times Table

### Rock Stars

3Z and 6M take the trophies this week. Keep it up!



## Lining Up Cup

This week's winners are 3K and 5W.





Black History Month is a time to learn about incredible **Black British** figures whose stories haven't always been told. People like Mary Seacole, who cared for soldiers in the Crimean War, John Blanke, a Black trumpeter in King Henry VIII's court, and Claudia Jones, who started the Notting Hill Carnival, have made a big impact on British history.



This year's theme, *Reclaiming Narratives*, links to the UNCRRC Articles **2, 29, 30 and 31**, which protect your rights to learn about and celebrate all cultures. It also connects to the UN's SDGs, especially Goal 4 (Quality Education), which encourages learning about everyone's stories.



Don't forget, the deadline for the Black History Month competition is this **Monday 4th November!** Submit your entries to **Ms Michael** and share your Black British hero stories.



## Mindfulness Corner

Every Friday we will highlight a different group or organisation with resources for mental health and wellbeing. (We are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - we are simply providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).

This week we feature mental health support from The Samaritans:  
<https://www.samaritans.org/>

“There are always flowers for those who want to see them.”  
*Henri Matisse*







# Newham Schools Autumn Challenge

Let's get active by taking part in a special challenge with the BetterPoints app

The top three schools can win great prizes. Participants can win £5 & £10 vouchers for getting active.



Win a Histrionics Show for your school



**DOWNLOAD** the BetterPoints app with the special code **newhamschools**



**PICK** your school team



**WIN** and earn BetterPoints to spend on shopping **vouchers or donate** to charity - your choice!





# Achievement Awards

- 3K - Shiloh: for persevering and continuing to be a team player when things become challenging
- 3J - Anaïs: for consistently making superb choices since joining 3J
- 3M - Randa: for trying her best and persevering in writing
- 3Z - Beatrice: for continuously considering her choices and being a great role model to her peers
- 4Y - Rose: for evaluating her work and including key story writing features in her Egyptian adventure story
- 4T - Kaisan: for collaborating well with peers and persevering with his learning
- 4K - Ahyaan B: for considering his choices and improving his handwriting
- 5W - Eric: for persevering to develop his stamina for writing
- 5V - Gunraaj: for persevering with his writing this half term
- 5I - Sage: for continuously making the right choices that enhance her learning
- 6O - Dylan: for an excellent display of collaboration and perseverance during our hockey competition
- 6M - Raphael: for his perseverance and efforts across the curriculum
- 6K - Sandev: for making excellent considered choices in his writing this week





# Godwin Junior School 2024-25



School Holiday	Bank Holiday	INSET Day
	Pupil Day	

SEPTEMBER 2024							OCTOBER 2024							NOVEMBER 2024							DECEMBER 2024						
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# Godwin Junior School 2025-26

School Holiday

Bank Holiday

Pupil Day

INSET Day

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