

Head Teacher's Message

Performance poet and author Neal Zetter came to Godwin this week and got all us all keen to read and hear more of his poetry. As well as delivering assemblies packed full of his fantastic poems, Neal launched our Pop Up Book Hut. This initiative is run by the Children's Book Project, which has delivered hundreds of books for Godwin children to enjoy. Over the next couple of weeks every child will get to choose a book from the Book Hut to keep for themselves. They can also borrow other books while they read them this term and then swap them for others when they have finished. What an amazing way to encourage children to love reading!



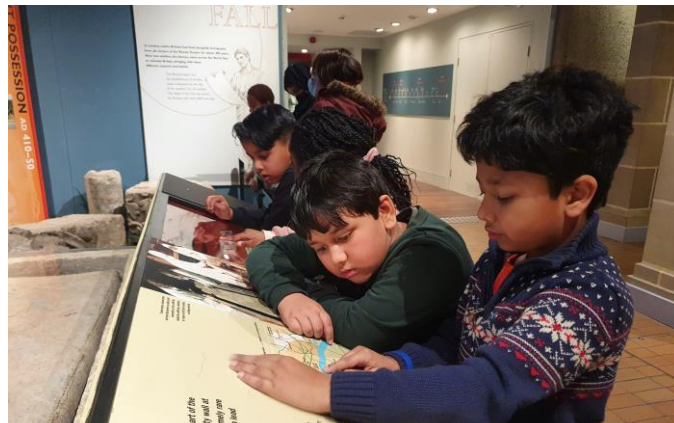
If you have been into the school playground this term you will have seen that our Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) has been rapidly taking shape. This significant investment by the school will allow us to improve teaching and learning in PE sessions as well as encourage more children to be physically active at breaktimes. We are very excited that we will be able to use the MUGA from Monday!

Our Year 4 pupils had a thoroughly vicious time as Vikings on Monday. Our visitor from Portals to the Past definitely made history come to life! Workshops like these are a great way of engaging children with the topics they are studying and supporting their learning. These photographs show what a great opportunity this was! Thank you to everyone who was able to dress up for the day.



Head Teacher's Message Continued.....

As well as their immersive Roman Day last week, Year 3 will all be visiting the Museum of London to help develop their knowledge and understanding of life in Roman Britain. 3M had an amazing time earlier this week - these photographs show the Learning Power of Curiosity in full effect!



We are incredibly lucky to have Wanstead Flats on our doorstep and, as you may remember, have had regular outings there this school year. Our Year 5 children have been using it as a location for orienteering sessions led by the City of London Corporation to provide a context for geography learning.

Our after-school clubs started this week and it is great to see our children enjoying such a wide range of activities and life-skills. The Year 5 and Year 6 cookery group who go to Forest Gate Community School made superb-looking scones which I apparently tasted absolutely delicious too!



Lining up Cup

This week's Lining Up Cup winners are:
3Q & 6C .
Congratulations to all these classes!



Attendance

Our average attendance since the beginning of the school year is: 94.1%.
This remains significantly way below our target attendance of 97%.
Please help us to improve on this percentage by ensuring that your child attends school regularly.



Big Garden Bird Watch

28th – 30th January

Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour.

- Please only include those birds that land, not those flying over.
- Count the highest number of each bird species that you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of four starlings, and towards the end of the hour you saw two starlings together, please write four as your final count.

You can find more details and submit your results at
rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Big
Garden
Birdwatch
28-30 January 2022



**What will
you see?**

Article 29 of the UNCRC: Children and young people have the right to be educated in a place other than state school.

School Council

The school council have elected the following children to specific roles:

Sofia - 4I Chair
Ella - 4I - Vice chair
Amelia - 4V - Secretary

In Year 5/6
Digbijoy 6W - Chair
Meghan 5M - Vice Chair
Maryam 6Z - Secretary
Christos 6C - Vice Secretary

At Godwin we respect UNCRC Article 12: Every child has the right to express their views and to have them taken seriously.



The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize.

A big thank you to Sacha, Michelle, Andrzej, Forest, Afrin and Tamim from Year 6 and Douglas in Year 3 who have been part of a judging panel for The Royal Society Young People's Book Prize.

This meant these children coming along to meetings and reading a selection of science books over the Autumn Term. Each book needed to be evaluated and scored against certain criteria, as well as the children completing a written evaluation. They have done this exceptionally well, giving a good insight into each of the books.

Yesterday we submitted our result - which will go towards the Royal Society deciding which book is the overall winner.

As a reward for Godwin Junior School taking part we are now lucky enough to be able to keep these books and add them to our school library.



Achievement Awards

3D – Shazfa for persevering in all her lessons.

3K – Sidra for being a curious reader and keeping her reading record up to date.

3M – Joachim for considering his choices when selecting a book from the Book Hut this week.

3Q – Alycia for persevering with her reading.

4K – Aleesa for persevering with her reading and making good progress.

4M – Rina for showing perseverance in her reading, by choosing challenging books from the library.

4I – Borislav for completing his reading journal in detail every week and making good progress.

4V – Araf for persevering with his reading and maintaining his reading journal to a good standard.

5J – Jannatun for the focus she gives when reading to an adult.

5M – Uchenna for consistently completing his reading record every week.

5T – Hayaa for helping Miss Taylor with classroom organisation, collaborating well with others and being a star!

5Y – Amelia for persevering in reading.

6B – Wasim for persevering with his reading which is leading to improvement.

6C – Clem for sharing his love of reading with everyone.

6W – Henrique for persevering with his reading and choosing challenging texts.

6Z – Francisco for sharing his thoughts about a favourite book.

Hot Chocolate Friday

By popular demand Hot Chocolate Friday is back!

Every Friday this term.....(starting Friday 21st January)

£1 for a lovely cup of hot chocolate in the afternoon.

(All proceeds to school funds)



PINK BIN PROJECT



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LOLA'S HOMELESS

DONATIONS

DONATIONS FROM THE LIST BELOW WILL BE GIVEN TO 'LOLA'S HOMELESS'.

'LOLA'S HOMELESS' SUPPORT THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY HOMELESS AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE BEING PUT INTO BASIC ROOMS.

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- GLOVES
- THICK SOCKS
- NOTEPADS & PENS
- ANTIBAC CLEANING WIPES
- WASHING POWDER
- SOAP
- SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER
- DEODORANT
- NAIL BRUSHES & CLIPPERS
- WET WIPES
- BATH SPONGES & FLANNELS
- COFFEE & LONG LIFE MILK

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PLEASE PUT ANY DONATIONS IN OUR PINK BINS AT:

GODWIN JUNIOR SCHOOL,
CRANMER ROAD
(MON - FRI)

ST. MARK'S CHURCH,
LORNE ROAD
(SAT - SUN)

... BY SUN 20TH FEB

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PINK BIN PROJECT PLEASE CONTACT:

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Mindfulness Corner

This week we feature:
NHS - EVERY MIND MATTERS

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters>



Beauty is everywhere. You only have to look to see it.

Bob Ross

(Please Note: we are not endorsing any particular site nor are we ambassadors for it - but we are merely providing pointers towards sites that might be interesting/helpful).

After School Clubs

We have a few places available in the following after school clubs.

These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please email info@godwin.newham.sch.uk

Stating your child's name, class and club preference and we will confirm the place by return.

Mondays – Chess (Years 5/6) - £25

Fencing (All Year groups) £35

Tuesdays – Fencing (Years 3/4) - £35

Wednesdays – Lego Construction (Years 3/4) - £25

Football (Years 5/6) - £30

Art (All year groups) - £25

Thursdays – Environment Club (All year groups) - £25

Cookery (Years 5/6) - £44

Gymnastics – (All year groups) - £35

Fridays – Street Dance (All year groups) - £30

Basketball (All year group) - £30

Royal Observatory Visit

Here are a few photos of 5J's visit to the Royal Observatory last week connected with this term's science unit: Space.

Highlights of the day included visiting the planetarium and enjoying a workshop on 'Sun, Earth & Moon' with one of the observatory's astronomers.



Winter Reading Challenge

We are delighted to invite all children to take part in the Winter Reading Challenge taking place in all Newham Libraries.

It's easy to take part, just call in to any Newham library and ask a member of the team for details.

The aim of the Challenge is for children to borrow and read three books of their choice from 6th December – 30th January. When they join, children will receive a Reading Record to write down the names of the books they have read and to collect their sticker rewards.

Each child who finishes the Challenge by reading three books or more will receive a certificate, given to them at the library.

Encouraging your child to read has huge benefits and we really hope they will discover the joy of finding some great books in our libraries.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Newham Libraries Team



Newham Leisure Services – Have Your Say!

Help us decide the future of leisure centres in Newham and shape our physical activity, community and leisure offer.

What is preventing you, or people you know, from being more active or using local facilities? How can we help you and other residents to overcome these barriers and what could help support an active, healthy Newham?

Join us at one of our online resident engagement events to share your views:

- Friday 21st January 2022 – 10am – 12pm. To book:
- Wednesday 26th January 2022 - 5.30pm – 7.30pm. To book: <https://bit.ly/3mkHnaS>

You can also share your views via our short online Community Physical Activity and Leisure Survey at <https://bit.ly/3DXwSAu> Please note that the survey will close on January 30th 2022.