



# Newsletter

*"Honesty is the best policy" - Benjamin Franklin*

## Latest News

### House Points

Jupiter	909
Neptune	895
Saturn	814
Mars	566

### Waterstones Book of the Month



**A Pinch of Magic**  
By  
**Michelle Harrison**

### School Gate Closures

From Monday the front gate on Meadow and the back gate on Gothic Place will be closed at 8.50am. This leaves the Hallam Road entrance as the only accessible gate to the school. We ask that children are on the school site from 8.30am ready for the start of the school day at 8.45am.

### 'Anamazing'

This week year 5 were visited by Steve from Animazing as part of their biomes topic. The children learnt about a variety of different animals such as frogs, toads and lizards and even held some of these amazing creatures. Despite many of the class feeling afraid of a few of the animals (especially the tarantula!) they were all very brave and overcame their fears.

### Safer Internet Day

This year, there was a focus on how consent works in an online context. On Tuesday we explored how children ask, give, and receive consent online - this could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. We have updated our E-safety page on our website at <http://www.godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk/website/e-safety/216834> where you will find lots of resources for you to use with your children. This includes:

- Conversation starters** - helpful questions and phrases to help start a conversation with young people about online safety;
- Quick activities** - fun activities that you can do together to explore ways to stay safe and positive when using technology;
- Fun things to do** - online activities and resources for parents/carers with younger children;
- Family internet safety plan** - a plan to help your family shape the way you will use the internet and technology safely, responsibly and positively;
- Factsheet** - sources of advice and information online, including how to report issues;
- Get involved** - tips and information on how you can play your part and share messages about Safer Internet Day with people you connect with online and offline and
- Online safety tips for parents** with children aged 6-10 and 11-13.

### Year 6 'Flood' Trip

This week Year 6 were invited to visit the Flood Alleviation Scheme project at Hell's Ditch along the River Wey. The children learnt about different rivers, causes of flooding, flood defences and the impact flooding has on people. The children had a tour around the site to see how the flood defence was being constructed and the different machinery used. It was interesting to know that the work took careful consideration to help protect our wildlife including bats nesting in trees and a badger set nearby.

### World Book Day—Thursday 7th March

Plans are well underway at GJS for this years Book Week which also includes World Book Day. To celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the publication of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, this year will see a Roald Dahl theme run through the week. On World Book Day the children are asked to come to school in a 'Roald Dahl' inspired costume! During the week in the school library there will also be a book 'swap shop' at home time. Anyone wishing to swap books need to bring in a book (in good condition) to swap with another. There will also be an opportunity for parents to swap books too! More information will be revealed closer to the time!



## PTA News

The PTA have secured 15 estate agent boards to promote the Godalming Food Festival on 7th July. So far we have 8 volunteers who have kindly agreed to have a board sited on their property (thank you!). We are therefore looking for 7 more willing volunteers to have a board sited on their property. **For each board displayed we raise £15 for the school so if we can reach the maximum 15 we earn £225!** Boards will be sited on 3rd June and removed on 8th July by Seymours Estate Agents. If you are able to display a board please contact Simon Parry at [simoncrparry1970@gmail.com](mailto:simoncrparry1970@gmail.com).

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM – Murdo  
3SD – George  
4EM – Charissa  
4AJ – Amber  
5EC – Layla  
5CP – Tomas  
6RH – Tilly  
6JP – James



Attendance Winners: - 4AJ–98%

### FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

3CM – Max  
3SD – Bella  
4EM – Charissa  
4AJ – Amber  
5EC – Frankie  
5CP – Katie  
6RH – Nate  
6JP – Eva



## Sports News

### GJS Premier League 2019

It has been a busy week of football this week with 2 sets of fixtures being played making up for our snow affected fixtures last Friday. The 'catch up' fixtures were played on Monday with Jupiter City and Borussia Neptune playing out a 0-0 draw. Jupiter Rangers overcame a 'dogged' Inter Saturn 1-0, nothing could split AC Saturn and Neptune Wanderers as that finished 1-1 and in the 'Red Planet derby FC Mars drew with Mars Town 0-0. The Friday fixtures were Saturn United 2-0 Lokomotiv Jupiter, Sporting Neptune 0-0 Jupiter City and Jupiter Rovers 0-2 Jupiter Rangers

### GJS v Busbridge Junior School (a)

The girls battled hard yesterday in challenging conditions and a sloped pitch! Everyone gave a fantastic effort but came up short losing 6-1. Evie scored a wonderful goal and Ava was superb in goal. Well done girls!

### Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

Is continuing with **year 4 on Monday 11th February**. The full timetable is displayed on our Team GJS sports notice board and the children will be made aware of this in assembly. The children must have their PE kits in school for these sessions.

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2019

<b>February</b>	
11th–15th:	Healthy Week 2–Diet and Nutrition
18th–22nd:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
25th:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
26th:	Parent–Teacher Meeting (Late)
28th:	Parent–Teacher Meeting (Early)
<b>March</b>	
1st:	Yr 6 World War II Roadshow
4th–8th:	<b>BOOK WEEK</b>
7th:	World Book Day–
18th–22nd:	<b>ARTS WEEK</b>
22nd:	Yr 3 Butser Farm trip
29th March:	Yr 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip
<b>April</b>	
2nd:	RE Day–Easter
5th:	<b>END OF TERM @ 1.15pm</b>



**Inset Days 2018/19**  
**Monday 25th February**  
**Tuesday 23rd April**