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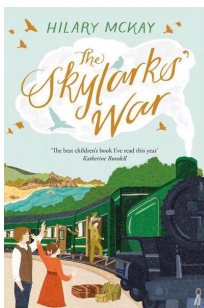
"Honesty is the best policy" - Benjamin Franklin

Latest News

House Points

Neptune	657
Jupiter	580
Saturn	436
Mars	398

Waterstones Book of the Month



The Skylarks War
By
Hilary McKay

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to GJS for 2019. We hope you all had a wonderful, restful and enjoyable Christmas. It is sure to be another exciting and busy term with Science Week, Book Week and Arts Week all taking place!

Breadfast Club

From next week children wishing to come straight into classrooms for an early morning read may do so from 8.30am.

Year 4 Visitors

Year 4 have been lucky enough to have two visitors since the start of this term. Last week, we welcomed Mrs Ball who showed us her priceless collection of Tinga Tinga art, which the children used as a stimulus to inspire their own Tinga Tinga creations. This week, we welcomed Mr Griffin, a parent and geologist, who wowed us all with his knowledge of how the earth has changed over time. A massive thank you to you both for taking the time to come in and bring our curriculum to life.

Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop

On **Monday 28th January at 3.30pm** in our **Art Studio** we will be running a parent workshop on anti-bullying for any parents who are interested. The session will be led by Jake Saunders, an anti-bullying training officer. He is here for the day to train our anti-bullying ambassadors and will be running the session for parents afterwards. If you are interested in attending the session, which should run for no more than an hour, then please contact the school office as numbers will be restricted to be accommodated in the Art Studio. It is sure to be a very useful and informative day!

This term we will focussing on the value of...HONESTY

Continuing with our focus on core values which were introduced three years ago, we will be concentrating on the value of **HONESTY** this half term. The children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need the ability to be HONEST and how HONESTY links to other core values such as RESPECT and TRUST. There will also be follow up sessions in class. We also ask that they are referred to and reinforced at home as well as school.

Clubs

Teacher run clubs will begin again this term, and will get underway as soon as the lists are compiled. The sign up sheets have been in the hall this week and, as before, if any clubs are over subscribed then names will be picked from a hat. For all after school clubs, children will not be able to attend until their permission slip has been returned with a contact number included.

Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

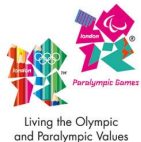
We have once again have been chosen as a school which will receive FREE cricket coaching sessions through the Chance 2 Shine initiative supported by Surrey County Cricket Club. Gabby Dunnage will lead the sessions with support from Carolyn Dawkins and Graham Ekins from our local cricket clubs. There will be 7 sessions initially running on Monday mornings, beginning with **Year 3 on Monday 4th February**. The full timetable will be displayed on our Team GJS sports notice board and the children will be made aware of this in assembly. Don't forget to check the newsletter each week where the next year group and training date will be announced. The children must have their PE kits in school for these sessions.

Change 4 Life

We hope you have had a chance to navigate around the Change 4 Life website which can be found within the Parent Information section of our school website, relating to healthy lunch boxes and the recently updated 'Sugar Swap' section. At the beginning of a new year it would be great to start new healthy habits!

P.E. Kits

Please ensure your child has their full P.E. kit, including trainers, in school from Monday to Friday.



PTA News

On the back of the success of the GJS cafe event at the Godalming Christmas Festival the PTA will be planning a number of fund raising events in 2019. Being involved in the PTA is hugely rewarding and requires the investment of only as much time you can afford! We need new members for 2019 to contribute ideas, have a say in fund raising plans and provide support at events. If you are interested in offering your help please contact Simon Parry - simoncrparry1970@gmail.com

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM – Mia
 3SD – Yurim
 4EM – Amy
 4AJ – Teddy
 5EC – Harvey
 5CP – Dilly
 6RH – Edward
 6JP – Bradley



FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

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



Attendance Winners: 4EM–97%

Sports News

GJS Premier League 2019

A crisp afternoon at the 'Astro-dome' saw the first GJS Premier League games played. Lokomotiv Jupiter and AC Saturn 'kicked' things off and played out a tightly fought 0-0 draw. FC Mars were 2-0 victors over Neptune Athletic helped by a sweet finish from Leah Jhaver within seconds of the start of the match! Mars Town shared the spoils with Jupiter Rovers as they entertained the watching crowd with a 1-1 draw. Neptune Wanderers finished the afternoon with a 1-0 win in the first 'derby' of the season beating local rivals Sporting Neptune! Next week sees 4 more games played. These can be found on the Team GJS board and the website within the House section!

Diary Dates

Spring 2019

January	
14th–18th:	SCIENCE WEEK
28th:	Anti Bullying Parents Workshop (3.30–4.30pm)
February	
11th–15th:	Healthy Week 2–Diet and Nutrition
18th–22nd:	HALF TERM
25th:	INSET DAY
26th:	Parent–Teacher Meeting (Late)
28th:	Parent–Teacher Meeting (Early)
March	
4th–8th:	BOOK WEEK
7th:	World Book Day
18th–22nd:	ARTS WEEK



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