



# Newsletter

## Giles Junior School

**"Achieving excellence through Leadership"**

**Autumn  
Term  
Friday 21st  
October  
2022**

### Giles Junior School News

Half term is upon us. A busy 7 weeks and we are truly settled into our routines. It certainly has been eventful with pupil and parent workshops, trips and so many sporting events organised by the PE Team. There is a real buzz of activity in the air and it has felt good to see children smiling, feeling settled and challenged.

Now we are feeling more confident to resume normal activities, we have enjoyed being able to invite parents in to school whether it is to give information or just on a more informal basis. I will be leading an event which aims to inform parents about The 7 Habits (Leader in Me) which is a key driver in terms of our culture and ethos. I am excited to have the opportunity to explain what each Habit is all about and how this translates to supporting children in their personal development. I hope as many of you will be able to attend as possible. Please [click here](#) if you are able to attend.

We have noticed a surge of activity on TT Rock Stars since Miss Khan (Maths Subject Leader) set up a tournament in each year group. Have a look at page 3 for the latest result! (as at 19/10/2022 13:44pm). The children should continue to log in during the holiday and keep that rehearsal up. It is also useful for parents to watch their child play it and offer support for any tricky to learn facts.

With the weather being nice for this time of year it has been great to see so many parents coming to spectate during after school sporting events. I enjoyed watching 10 minutes of netball yesterday and thought the team showed great grit and determination. We are still early on in learning the competitive rules of netball and they have learnt an incredible amount in a short space of time. I hope they all enjoyed the match!

We have had some children arriving very early for school and while we admire how keen they are, please can we remind families that the sports equipment should not be played with before school and that **children should not be on site until 8:40am**. The class doors open at 8:50am. If your child is a lone walker please talk to them about an appropriate leaving time according to how long it takes them to walk.

Miss Whitby (Headteacher)

### Nasal Flu Immunisation Day 2 - Wednesday 23rd November

Well done to all the children who managed to have their nasal flu immunisation on Monday 10th October. **The nurses will be in on a second day, Wednesday 23rd November**, to continue the programme for any children that were ill or were missed on the day.

### Update about Smiles@Giles After School Club

We are very sorry, but we are going to have to keep SMILES@Giles After School Club closed **until Friday 2nd December**. We can imagine the inconvenience this is going to cause, if Mrs Watts is able to come back sooner we will let you know asap. The After School Club has been running for 7 years and we have never had to do this before and have not taken this decision lightly.

### Breakfast Club Prices

Breakfast Club have not increased their prices for over 10 years. We have tried to make sure this is accessible and affordable for our working parents as a service to use. With the cost of living and inflation continuing to rise, we will be increasing prices by £1 for each option after October half term. Having looked at three local schools, we still feel this is competitive and will ensure the service can continue to run.

### **Diary Dates - Autumn Term**

Date	Time	Event
Wed 19th October	AM	Yoga Workshop for all of Year 3, 5 Finland, 6 Germany & 6 India
Thur 20th October	AM	Yoga Workshop for all of Year 4, 5 France, 5 Turkey & 6 Peru
Thur 20th October	3.10-4.10pm	Last Basketball session (not continuing after half term)
24th October - 28th October		Half Term - School Closed
Mon 31st October		Inset Day - School Closed
Tue 1st November	All Day	Year 6 - 5th PGL Instalment Due
Tue 1st November		All children back to school after half term
Thur 3rd Nov	All Day	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshop
Mon 7th Nov	3.15-5.15pm	Dodgeball Competition at Barnwell School (selected children only)
Wed 9th November	Am	Year 4 Sonic Science Workshop
Fri 11th November	All Day	School Nurse in to do Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements
Fri 11th November	3.10-3.45pm	Remembrance Walk for parents around school grounds
Mon 21st November	TBC	Anti-Bullying Workshop (Day 1 - year groups split over 3 days)
Tue 22nd Nov	All Day	School Nurses in for Year 6 for Health & Wellbeing Questionnaire - Day 1
Wed 23rd November	All Day	Nasal Flu Immunisation for the whole school - Day 2
Thur 24th Nov	TBC	Anti-Bullying Workshop (Day 2 - year groups split over 3 days)
Fri 25th Nov	TBC	Anti-Bullying Workshop (Day 3 - year groups split over 3 days)
Mon 28th November	4.30-6.30pm	Parents Evening
Wed 30th Nov	3.30-5.30pm	Parents Evening
Thur 1st Dec	All Day	Year 6 - 6th PGL Instalment Due
Fri 2nd December	All Day	Elf Day
Tue 6th December	2.00pm	Year 4 Christmas Performance
Wed 7th December	6.00pm	Year 4 Christmas Performance
Fri 9th December		Occasional Day - School Closed
Mon 12th December	9.15-10.00am	Year 4 Merit Assembly (For invited parents only)
Mon 12th December	2.30pm	Year 3 Wales Carol Concert
Tue 13th December	2.30pm	Year 3 Sweden Carol Concert
Wed 14th December	9.15-10.00am	Year 3 Merit Assembly (For invited parents only)
Thur 15th December	9.15-10.00am	Year 5 Merit Assembly (For invited parents only)
Thur 15th December	2.30pm	Year 3 Italy Carol Concert
Fri 16th December	9.15-10.00am	Year 6 Merit Assembly (For invited parents only)
Tue 20th December	2.00pm finish	Last Day of Term
Mon 2nd Jan	All Day	Year 6 - 7th PGL Instalment Due
Thur 5th Jan		First Day of Term - All children back to school



### **Remembrance Walk on - Friday 11th November**



On Friday 11th November, we are inviting parents to enjoy a Remembrance themed walk around the school grounds where you can enjoy viewing Remembrance themed work displayed in your children's classroom windows. Children will remain in school until 3.10pm as normal and the grounds will be open until 3.45pm.

## New School Lunch Menu after Half Term

When we return to school after the October half term break, we will be starting a new lunch menu. There is also a copy of this on our website under the parents tab, then click on school meals.

This menu will be running from 1st November 2022 through to the 31st March 2023.

The cost of a school meal continues to stay at £2.78.

 HCL Healthy Living, Healthy Learning	<b>WEEK ONE</b>				<b>PUPILS' CHOICE EXTRA MENU</b> <i>WINTER/SPRING 2022/23</i>	
	Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 31 October, 21 November, 12 December • 2023: 5 January, 23 January, 20 February, 13 March					
	<b>MONDAY</b> BBQ Dusted Chicken with Rice Italian Pasta Bake (Ve) with Crusty Bread  CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V) Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mediterranean Roll with Potato Wedges (Ve) Macaroni Cheese (V) with Garlic Bread  CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V) Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Chicken with Sage and Onion Stuffing Sausages in Yorkshire Pudding (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>THURSDAY</b> Cottage Pie Quorn Burger in a Bun (V) with Diced Potatoes  CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>FRIDAY</b> Battered Fish Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich Jacket Potato with various toppings	
	<b>WEEK TWO</b>					
Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 7 November, 28 November, 19 December • 2023: 9 January, 30 January, 27 February, 20 March						
	<b>MONDAY</b> Pork Sausages in Gravy with Creamed Potatoes Cheese & Veg Pasties with Diced Potatoes (V)  CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>TUESDAY</b> Chicken Pie with Herby Potatoes Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) with Rice  CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Lentil Roast (V) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>THURSDAY</b> Quorn Hot Dog (V) Roasted Vegetable Lasagne (V) with Garlic Bread with Potato Wedges or Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V) Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>FRIDAY</b> Crispy Coated Salmon Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V) Jacket Potato with various toppings	
	<b>WEEK THREE</b>					
Served Week Commencing: • 2022: 14 November, 5 December • 2023: 16 January, 6 February, 6 March, 27 March						
<b>MONDAY</b> Vegballs in Homemade Tomato Sauce (Ve) with Pasta Cheese Pinwheel (V) with Diced Potatoes  CHILLED OPTION: Egg Roll (V) Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mild Chicken Curry with Rice Omelette, Grilled Tomatoes and Baked Beans (V) with Potato Wedges  CHILLED OPTION: Ham Roll Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Roast Pork with Sage and Onion Stuffing Tomato Bolognese (Ve) with Roast Potatoes or Wholemeal Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Cheese Baguette (V) Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>THURSDAY</b> Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges Cheese, Potato and Broccoli Bake (V)  CHILLED OPTION: Chicken Mayo Wrap Jacket Potato with various toppings	<b>FRIDAY</b> Fish Fillet Fingers Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) with Oven Chips or Pasta  CHILLED OPTION: Tuna Sandwich Jacket Potato with various toppings		
Freshly baked bread, seasonal vegetables and bowl salads are available daily • Gravy and Custard are always available separately when on the menu • All our milk is organic - fresh from the dairy (V) = Vegetarian (Ve) = Vegan						
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## LOST PROPERTY - LAST CHANCE TO CLAIM ITEMS TODAY

**Anything in the lost property is now considered not needed.** Please can you have a look and take anything that you need for your child. There are numerous jumpers and fleeces which will come in handy over the cooler months. We will be donating or discarding items at half-term to reduce the load.

## Table Tennis Tournament

Our first tournament of the year took us to Barclay Academy where we competed in a Table Tennis competition against eight different schools. It was a fun experience for our students who represented Giles Juniors School magnificently well and gave it their best shot. Our Boys team finished in joint 6th place, a super effort from the boys.

Our Girls team came in 3rd position out of 8 taking home the bronze medals. A super achievement and one we at Giles Juniors are really delighted with. Well done all!

Mr Stephenson

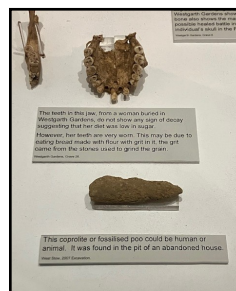


## Year 5 Trip to West Stow

Our young historians had an excellent time at West Stow's Anglo-Saxon village where they learned about how the Anglo-Saxons lived - including how they made houses and grew crops to feed families on their settlement, without the tools and technology of which we all rely on today in modern Britain.

The site at West Stow also had a museum which was full of fascinating sources all of which have been found on West Stow during its excavations over the years. The museum gave the children a further insight to what life was really like when the Anglo-Saxons began to settle in Britain after The Romans had departed.

It was a great day out for the year group and all the children in Year 5 were excellent role models for our school. Thank you to the parent helpers who accompanied us on the trip - we're looking forward to more trips throughout the year in Year 5.



## TT Rockstars Champion League

6th October - 31st October 2022

3 Italy 446 3 Wales 281 3 Sweden 100

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4 Australia 364 4 Costa Rica 315 4 Zambia 95

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5 Finland 844 5 France 228 5 Turkey 72

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6 India 1085 6 Germany 609 6 Peru 254

## Welcome to our new staff starters!

We have some new staff beginning after half term:

Mrs Draper  
(Year 3 support)  
Miss Francis  
(Year 3 support)  
Miss Redmond  
(Year 3 support)  
Miss Clemmence (MSA)  
Mrs Roberts (MSA)



We would like to wish them a warm welcome from everyone who works in the Giles Junior School Team.

## Extra Curricular Clubs

**Unfortunately after October half term Basketball Club is unable to continue.** If we are able to re start this club at any point, we shall inform you all.

All the other extra curricular clubs will continue after half term, so everyone that is attending a club currently will continue until the end of term in December. Please see the table below for finish dates for these clubs.

The next round of club bookings will open in December ready for the clubs to start again in January, Spring Term. Information will be emailed out to parents in the usual way.

**After half term we cannot allow any children to leave as lone walkers after clubs. This is due to the nights drawing in and it being much darker earlier.**

CLUB	DATES
Stevenage Football Club - Yr3&4	12 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec (11 sessions)
Tag Rugby Club (selected children & open club together)	12 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec (11 sessions)
Giles Football Training Session (selected children only)	13 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec (12 sessions)
Netball Club (selected children & open club together)	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec (12 sessions)
Cheerleading	14 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec (12 sessions)
Basketball	15 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct (6 sessions)
Stevenage Football Club—Yr5&6	16 <sup>th</sup> Sep - 2nd Dec (11 sessions)

## 7 Habits Parent Workshop 9th November 5:00-6:30 pm.

Come and learn about the 7 Habits of Effective Leadership. We would like to give parents this information to help consider how you might incorporate this language and way of thinking in your family home. [CLICK HERE](#) if you can attend.



## Yoga Workshops

As part of World Mental Health Week each class had the opportunity to take part in a sensory yoga class with Suzie from Happy Little Yogi. The children created a variety of grounded yoga poses to music, such as 'mountain', 'tree', 'warrior' and 'flamingo'. They were taught strategies for self-regulation such as 'cannon breath' and the 'sa ta na ma' meditation. The children were then able to relax at the end of the session with the vibrations of sound bowls and positive affirmations. It has been a great way to link a healthy body with a healthy mind. Thank you Suzie!



In Science, we are learning the scientific names for the bones in our bodies and the function of the bones.

## A peek into ... Year 3

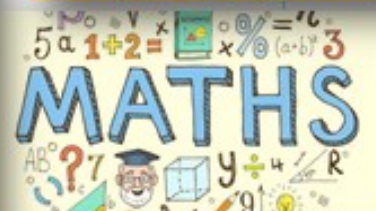
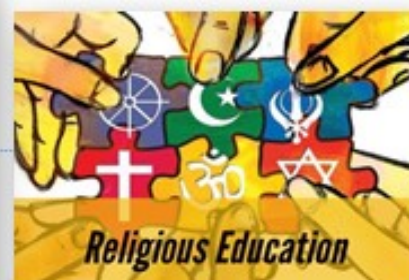
In RE, the classes created a symbol, similar to OM in Hinduism, to represent Year 3 with words around to show what that symbol means to us



Online Bullying - Hero



We have also discussed being safe online and what online-bullying looks like.



## A peek into ... Year 4

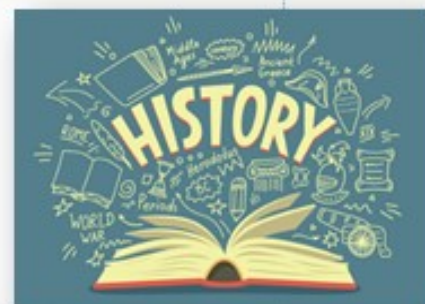
Last week, we had a poetry workshop with Joshua Seigal across the whole school. We enjoyed listening to his poems as well as writing our own.

In Geography, we used Digimap to help us compare climate, population density and other differences between the UK and Greece



## A peek into ... Year 5

Last week, year 5 went on a school trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon village. They played Anglo-Saxon games, explored the village and learnt more about archeological finds at West Stow.



## A peek into ...

## Year 6

In Year 6, we have been writing explanation texts about the human body.



We have been producing amazing artwork using charcoal and graphite pencils. The children were also cross-hatching and learning how to blend clay together. They used various tools to create small items that could hold something.

