

NEWSLETTER

GODSTONE VILLAGE SCHOOL

March 2019



Issue 6



Friday 15th March	'Mufti Day' - Red Nose Day (Comic Relief)
Thursday 21st March	2:45pm— Reception class assembly
Thursday 21st March	Year 5 and 6 Quicksticks
Friday 29th March	9:00am—9:30am—Reading morning
Friday 29th March	3:30pm —5:00pm FOGVS Easter Fayre
Friday 5th April	3:15pm/3:20pm Last day of 2nd half of spring term

Dear Parent and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the half-term holiday. As you will have seen, we have had a busy start with the Year 3 class assembly, sporting events and the amazing dance festival at the Harlequin! Our dancers were absolutely amazing to watch on stage on Tuesday evening. The routine (carefully choreographed by Sarah Jessop) showcased lifts and flips. Our piece was a fusion of contemporary and lyrical dance. Ballet elements and gymnastic skills were included to play to the strengths of our performers, four of whom are ballet trained and two purely in gymnastics. The choreography was not repetitive to avoid being predictive and keep the audience's attention. The children performed some acro-dance in the form of a lift, which definitely wowed the audience, receiving a spontaneous applause from the audience! Our dancers looked amazing in their costumes and performed with precision and collaboration. The dance routine concluded with a final flourish of back flips!

Thank you for supporting your children with their learning, school events such as World Book Day celebrations yesterday and attending our Parent's Evenings last week. I hope you and your child enjoyed hearing about the progress they have made, both personally and academically. We had a great day yesterday celebrating World Book Day; the children looked amazing. One child said to me, "We go together, you are the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland..." and, whilst pointing out her dress to me, quickly added, "and I'm Alice!"

At the end of last half term, it was reported that some parents were falling out with each other whilst dropping their children off in the morning. It is shocking to mention that parents even swore, not consciously thinking about the inappropriateness of their actions, in the presence of children arriving at school in the morning. I'm sure you will agree that this is quite simply embarrassing and rude: children should not be subjected to hearing and seeing angry parents. Our focus will always be providing the best education. Therefore, following up on incidences such as these, takes away valuable time that we all want to be spent on the important aspects of school, such as supporting children with learning to read, write and develop their numeracy skills. In the meantime, please show consideration for others at all times.

Thank you for your support,

Candida Jarrott-Chase
Headteacher

Year 3 Class Assembly

On Thursday 28th February, Year 3 performed their class assembly to parents, carers and the rest of the school. They shared lots of information and artwork about their learning so far this year which was all centred around the Romans. The children discussed the powerful Roman armies and how they used a variety of different battle formations when trying to invade different countries. They worked really hard as a class to practice their performance, making sure that they spoke clearly and confidently. They should be really proud of their performance and all their learning which they were able to showcase.

Star Steppers

On Tuesday 5th March, we took six talented girls to the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill for the East Surrey Dance Festival. We performed alongside other schools from the area in a fantastic celebration of dance organised by StarSteppers. The girls spent the afternoon rehearsing and getting used to the different stage space and also had a chance to watch the other acts. All the schools were so supportive of each other and created a lovely atmosphere during the rehearsal and back stage too. We got to meet the Mayor of Reigate and Banstead and she even wanted a picture with the girls as she loved their costumes so much. The girls performed amazingly with a tricky routine that they had only had five weeks to perfect. I was so proud of them in the way they danced and behaved. We all enjoyed this opportunity so much and are looking forward to next year.



Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball Tournament

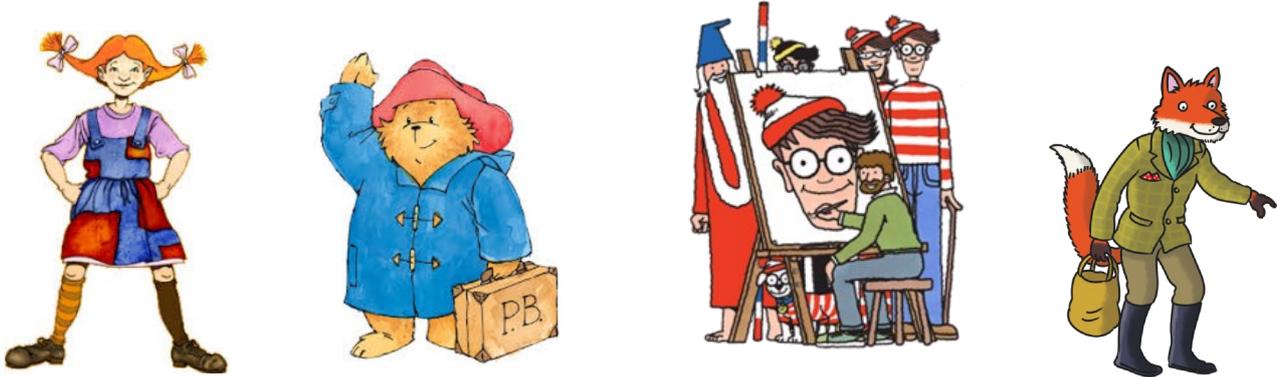
On the 4th March, Miss George accompanied the year five and year six Godstone Village School representatives for the Dodge Ball tournament. Both teams represented the school with excellent sportsmanship and showed respect to both their team mates and opponents. They all worked together well as a team, supporting and cheering each other on as they played. As always, it was an incredibly lively event with 17 different teams competing.

Godstone Team A had an amazing start to the tournament winning their first two matches with all team members still in at the end of the game. Godstone Team B started with an equally impressive start to the tournament, winning 3 of their four matches, with some brilliant, accurate throws from Jack C and quick doges by Leia. Godstone Team B made it through to the runners up play offs and ended the tournament in an impressive 5th place.

Well done to ALL team members. You should be extremely proud of yourselves for your outstanding team work.

World Book Day

Yesterday, Godstone Village School celebrated the annual World Book Day. Children and teachers alike dressed as their favourite character from a book. From Gandalf the Grey to Cat in the Hat, there was such a range of wonderfully inventive and original costumes to see. The day was filled with excitement and discussions around different books, characters and settings which inspired fabulous art, writing and drama; Year 5 and 6 were even reading books in French!



Online Safety

Last month, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. We delivered an assembly to the whole school focused on top tips to stay safe online and reminding children what to do if they have a concern. As part of the assembly, we asked pupils about the games they enjoyed playing at home. Two of these were Fortnite and Roblox. We are attaching a parent guide along with this newsletter to give you extra information about these games and how to help your child stay safe online.

There is also a guide to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety. We will send regular and useful information to you to keep you up to date with the latest online trends.

Josh, Joshua and Autumn

Year 6 members of the Online Safety Team



FOGVS Summer disco

Please note a change of date for the summer disco. It will now take place on Friday 19th July. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

**Determination of Surrey's school admission arrangements for
community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2020**

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2020 admission and Surrey's primary and secondary coordinated schemes for 2020 have now been determined. Full details are available on the school admissions pages of Surrey County Council website under 'Admission arrangements and outcomes' - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

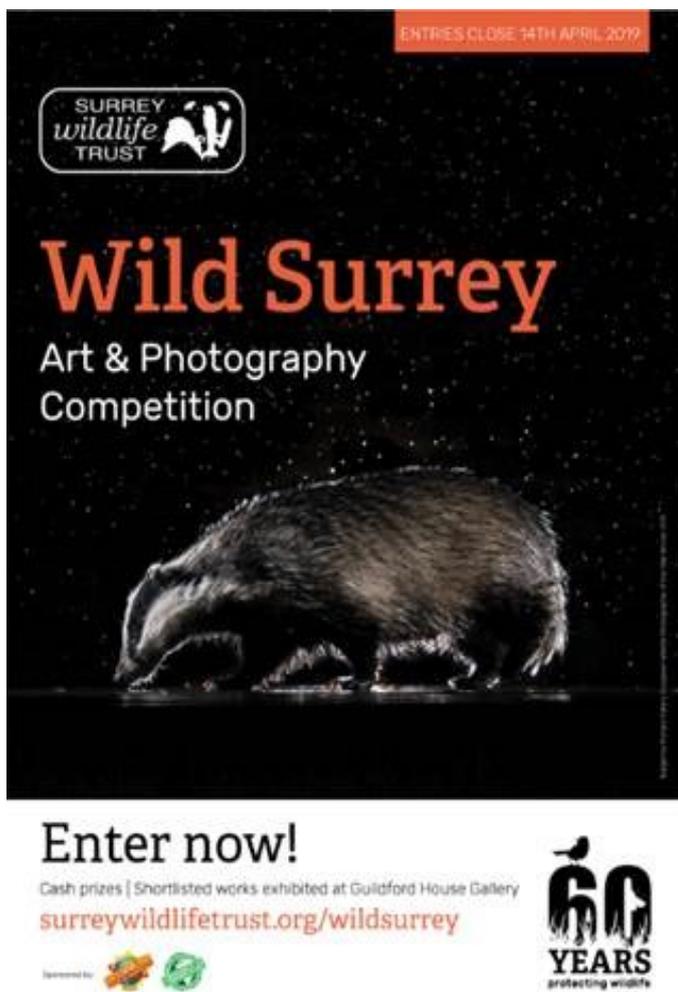
As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

Furzeffield Primary, Reigate & Banstead: reduction of Reception PAN from 60 to 58

Wallace Fields Junior, Epsom & Ewell: change to the measuring points used to assess nearest school and home to school distance

Children previously in state care outside England who left that care as a result of being adopted: inclusion within criterion 2 for children with an exceptional social/medical need

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by **15 May 2019** and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the [Office of the Schools Adjudicator](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-adjudicator) website.



The poster for the Wild Surrey Art & Photography Competition features a dark background with a sloth in the center. At the top right, it says 'ENTRIES CLOSE 14TH APRIL 2019'. The Surrey Wildlife Trust logo is in the top left. The title 'Wild Surrey' is in large orange letters, with 'Art & Photography Competition' below it. At the bottom, it says 'Enter now!' and provides the website 'surreywildlifetrust.org/wildsurrey'. There is also a '60 YEARS' logo for the Wildlife Trust.

The Wild Surrey Art & Photography competition is open to children and young people between the ages of 8 and 17 and amateur and professional artists in the adult category of age 18 and over.

The competition will be seeking submission under the following as categories:

1. Inspiring nature
2. Wildlife under threat
3. Adaptation in an urban environment

Entry is open until midnight Sunday 14th April 2019. For more details on how to enter and full terms and conditions, please visit our website. surreywildlifetrust.org/wildsurrey.

Final shortlisted submissions will be displayed at Guildford House Gallery, on Guildford High Street from 25th May until 16th June.

We hope to create an exhibition which is thought provoking, challenging and inspiring, with the ultimate goal of raising awareness of the issues facing wildlife in Surrey and the work we do to protect it.

Surrey Wildlife Trust