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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: Kal C & Theo C

Year 4: Leo M & Hallie H

Year 5: Josh K & Amelia T

Year 6: Joe T & Harry A

Attendance

Year 3: 95.7%

Year 4: 94.8%

Year 5: 93.9%

Year 6: 95.9%

Whole School: 95.1%



Values Awards

Year 3: Alice R

Year 4: Zara J

Year 5: Joshua L

Year 6: Abigail F



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Alfie J

Year 4: Thea W

Year 5: Arthur Mc

Year 6: Saski R

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 24th November)

SMO Swimming Week

Monday:

Digital Wizards Club (8am)

Homework Club (12:00pm)

Golden Table (12:00pm)

Middle Recorder Club (12:30pm)

Archery Club (12:30pm)

Thursday:

Homework Club (12:00pm)

Football (12:30pm)

Drawing & Colouring Club (12:30pm)

Chess Club (3:35pm)

Tuesday:

Homework Club (12:00pm)

Craft Club (12:30pm)

Indoor Athletics Club (12:30pm)

Time Out Tuesday (12:30pm)

Yr4/5 Girls Football (3:45pm)

Friday:

Fair Donation Day: Chocolate

School Council (12:30pm)

Year 6 Netball (12:30pm)

Film Friday (12:30pm)

Wednesday:

Homework Club (12:00pm)

Choir (12:30pm)

Yr5/6 Girls Futsal Tournament



Weekly Round-Up

It's been another busy and exciting week at GJS, filled with achievement, confidence-building and plenty of teamwork.



Our first class of the year has now completed their swimming block, and we couldn't be prouder of 5EF. The children showed determination, courage and brilliant progress, with many already meeting the National Curriculum standard. A huge well done to everyone involved. It's now 5MO's turn next week, and we know they will give it their all too.

On Monday, the children enjoyed a fantastic Judo assembly. Chris has been running his club at GJS for many years, and it continues to be incredibly popular. The children loved the demonstration and some even took part practically, learning about balance, technique and discipline.

We also spent time this week reflecting on British Values and how these are lived out every day at GJS — through our clubs, pupil leadership roles, shared decision-making, classroom rules, and the many opportunities children have to express their views and be heard.

Golden Table returned with more teamwork and treats, and we ended the week with our first Christmas Fair donation day. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown — thank you so much for the fantastic donations of bottles, sauces, lotions and more. Your support is hugely appreciated.

In the classrooms this week:

- Year 3 had an amazing day at Barnstondale, taking part in a wide range of activities that challenged them, built resilience and strengthened teamwork. Their behaviour, kindness and enthusiasm were outstanding throughout.
- Year 4 have been exploring electricity, taking part in practical investigations to build and test circuits.
- Year 5 celebrated the swimming success of 5EF, while 5MO enjoyed learning about Blues music, including singing and exploring its structure.
- Year 6 took part in a thoughtful PSHE lesson discussing the idea of “what is normal?”, celebrating individuality and recognising how our differences make us who we are.

The week ahead:

Monday: Visitors from the Oak Trees MAT will be joining us to celebrate the learning, behaviour and culture at GJS. They will be popping into lessons and chatting to staff and pupils.

Tuesday: Year 4/5 Girls' Football match after school.

Wednesday: Year 5/6 Girls' Futsal Tournament.

Friday: Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donations (no nuts, please).

A fantastic week all round — well done everyone!

Online Safety – Sleep & Technology

Many children find it difficult to switch off from screens in the evening, and using devices close to bedtime can make it harder for them to fall asleep. Poor sleep can affect concentration, mood and readiness to learn the next day.

To support healthy habits at home:

- **Set a clear “no screens after...” time** each evening to help children wind down.
- **Keep devices out of bedrooms overnight** so children are not tempted to check messages or watch videos.
- **Encourage calming alternatives** such as reading, gentle music, quiet drawing, or simple conversation before bed.



- **Use night mode or blue-light filters** in the evening if screens are needed for homework.

Establishing a consistent routine helps children understand when it's time to rest, supporting their wellbeing and learning.

The NHS offers practical guidance for families on sleep routines:

www.nhs.uk/live-well/sleep-and-tiredness/healthy-sleep-tips-for-children/

Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	OPTION 1 Margherita Pizza & Wedges	Sausage & Mashed Potatoes with Gravy	Cottage Pie with Gravy	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta Bake	Tex-mex Vegetable Fajita Wrap
OPTION 2	MSC Approved Salmon Pasta Bake	Pork & Beef Sausage, Mash & Gravy	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken Curry with Carrot Rice	MSC Approved Fish & Chips
VEGGIES	Peas	Carrot & Peas	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Carrot & Mixed Salad	Baked Beans
FILLED ROLLS	Tuna Mayo Cheese	Chicken Egg	Ham Cheese	Tuna Mayo Ham Cheese	Egg Cheese
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Our crunchy colourful salad & jacket potatoes with cheese, beans, tuna mayo or cheese and beans					
SWEET TREATS	Strawberry Mousse	Oaty Apple Crumble & Custard	Original Flapjack	Chocolate & Carrot Muffin	Raspberry Jelly & Mandarins
Desserts available every day – a choice of jelly, fruit or yoghurt					
KEY Nutritionist's Choice Vegetarian Vegan Added Wholewheat					

Community - Barnstondale Fundraising – Limitless Heights Campaign

Barnstondale, where our Year 4 children enjoy their residential each year *and* our Year 3 children take part in their collaboration day (as they did this week), has launched an exciting fundraising campaign to replace their much-loved climbing tower. Over the next few weeks, they are hoping to raise £15,000, supported by match funders, to ensure children can continue to enjoy safe, challenging outdoor adventures.

As a school, we know how much our pupils gain from their time at Barnstondale — building confidence, resilience and teamwork — and we are pleased to share their campaign with our families.

If you would like to find out more or support the project, you can visit their campaign page here: [Limitless Heights – Barnstondale Community Crowdfunding Project](#).

Thank you for supporting opportunities that help children grow, explore and reach new heights.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs Emma Ball, Headteacher

INSET Days

~~Monday 1st September~~

~~Friday 24th October~~

Monday 5th January

Friday 13th February

Monday 20th July