

Newsletter 10 - June 2021

GO GOMER! Well done to **OLIVER BEECH** and his younger brother who have climbed 3871 flights of stairs over the last four months. The equivalent of climbing Mount Everest. They have raised £160 for Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust. Well done to all children who entered the Royal Mail national stamp collection competition - fingers crossed. Congratulations to our school winners: **Y3 Winner: Max Davis Runner-up: Freya Day Y4 Winner: Iona Hamilton Runner-up: Hugh Mulhall Y5: **Winner: Maddison McLaren Runner-up: Cody Gough Y6: **Winner: Lucy Kemp Runner-up: Issac Mellers******

We love to hear about your children's success outside school. Please inform us so that we can record them here.

DATES FOR JUNE The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change		
Ongoing	<u>Arrival</u> Y3 - 8.55 am Y4 - 8.50 am Y5 - 8.45 am Y6 - 8.45 am	<u>Departure</u> Y3 - 3.15 pm Y4 - 3.10 pm Y5 - 3.05 pm Y6 - 3.05 pm
Mondays	Y3 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Tuesdays	Y4 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school & 4LF to bring swimwear to change into at BP	
Wednesdays	Y5 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Thursdays	Y3 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Fridays	Y4 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day – Pupils to wear PE kit to school	
Monday 07	Return to school	
Tuesday 08	Class 4LF Swimming Lessons (1 of 6): pm	
Tuesday 15	Class 4LF Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm	
Thursday 17 Friday 18	Please support our FROGJS by bagging a great gift at our ' Special Man ' sale whilst helping FROGJS raise funds for the school. With something for every taste, each gift is just £3! Taking place Thursday 17 June for Year 3 and Year 4 and Friday 18 June for Year 5 and Year 6. Please send correct money into school on the day of the sale. It will follow the same format as the Christmas gift sale which was a huge success.	
Tuesday 22	Class 4LF Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm	
Tuesday 29	Class 4LF Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm	

ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS are in the process of being designed and written and will be shared with parents/carers on 8 July. They are different to previous years because they will be emailed to you once they have been prepared on Arbor. You may remember the Autumn Term report card. We are now using Arbor for annual reports which will inform you about the whole curriculum and provide a teacher comment about your child. Additionally, you will learn if your child is at the expected year group level, above this or working towards.

BEACH SCHOOL visits will be provided for each year group after half-term. We will text you to inform you when your child will be learning at the beach.

COVID-19 has seen us all make considerable sacrifices over the past few months to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Please remember, this is not just about our own individual risk, but the chances of us passing COVID-19 on to our own family and friends, some of whom may be vulnerable. If everyone follows the guidance we can continue to control the spread and minimise the impact on ourselves and our community. We are grateful to everyone in the Gomer Community for doing 'their bit' to help keep everyone safe. For example, we have maintained staggered arrival and departure times, kept children learning and playing in their Bubbles and maintained set areas for Bubbles in the lunch hall and GClub. As the roadmap changes and life as we knew it, prior to COVID-19, is starting to get back to normal, with shops, cinemas, restaurants starting to reopen, we must remain responsible. COVID-19 is still circulating in very low levels in our community, and therefore, we all need to remain cautious to make sure as few people as possible are affected. The basic public health advice has remained pretty much the same all the way through this:

- we all need to wash our hands regularly and practice good hand hygiene
- we need to keep our distance, maintaining social distancing of two metres wherever possible
- we need to avoid crowds, as these have the potential to spread the virus quicker
- we need to keep to a minimum the number of households we have close contact with
- adults need to cover their faces in many indoor public areas for a full list, visit [here](#)

Thank you, as always for your support: Be Kind – Be Safe – Be Responsible

MUSIC LESSONS continue to be well received in school. The cost of music lessons is currently £60 per term and is calculated on pupils receiving approximately 10 lessons during the term (sometimes more) which works out at approximately £6.00 per lesson which is superb value. They would be at least three times the cost if taken externally. If your child would like to be considered for music lessons please contact Mrs Gardner, our Music Lead for further information.

PAULTONS PARK was a great success and much enjoyed. Thank you for your support and thank you messages.

POLITE REMINDER that the Gomer Infant trim trail, blue and red, should not be used before or after school.

SKOOLKIT continues to be our uniform supplier. Please visit www.skoolkit.co.uk for full details on prices and ordering. Discounts to help you prepare for the start of the new school year:

- Saturday 17 July – Friday 23 July: 10% off all uniform purchased from the Fareham Store.
 - Saturday 31 July – Saturday 7 August: Free delivery on online orders using code SUMMER2021 at the checkout.
- All on-line orders will need to be placed by Saturday 14th August at the latest to guarantee delivery for a September return to school.

SPORTS DAY will be a little bit different this year. We are planning an event so that children can participate in a Sports Day but planning differently as we will not be able to accommodate parents/carers onsite as in previous years. Watch this space for more information...

SWIMMING for Year 4 continues with 4LF starting their sessions after half-term. 4RI had their last session on 25 May and thoroughly enjoyed swimming at Brune Park - how lucky we are to have free access to this resource and coaching.

WISHING you all a relaxing and safe-half term. We have had a busy half-term and recognise that Team Gomer, big and small, need some rest.

Y6 ACTIVITY WEEK is all set. We have had a great response already. Please do pay associated monies via Arbor and complete the consent form.

Y6 LEAVERS HOODIES have been ordered by lots of you. We have seen some in school and they are looking great. Year 6 are welcome to wear their hoodies on PE days. Parents/carers have commented that it was lovely to see all the children's names on them. With thanks to the Print and Sew Station for managing these orders.

YOU SAID/WE DID you were missing the roast dinner menu option. We have noted this and hope to return this to the menu in the Autumn Term. Please do note the Summer Term menus. GFM Catering have a three week menu cycle offering a good variety. Every option is hot and accompanied by vegetables or salad. Children can also opt for fruit daily.