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Newsletter 3 - November 2021

GO GOMER! 45 Gomer learners have been nominated for a GFM Awards. The GFM 2020 Awards will be live streamed on Thursday 4 November. We look forward to hearing who the finalists are.

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

DATES FOR NOVEMBER: The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change		
Ongoing	Y5 & Y6 - Arrival 08:45 Y3 & Y4 - Arrival 08:50	Y5 & Y6 - Departure 15:10 Y3 & Y4 - Departure 15:15
Mondays	Y5 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 Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Service Club - fortnightly (please see dates on the electronic calendar)	
Wednesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Upper School Netball Club: 3.15-4.00pm ● Upper School Football Club: 3.15-4.00pm	
Fridays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Lower School Multi-skills Club: 3.15-4.00pm	
Monday 01	INSET Day - school closed to children	
Tuesday 02	First day back for pupils	
Tuesday 02	Poppies and other merchandise will be on sale in school from today	
Tuesday 02	GClub in The Globe: 3.10-5.45pm	
Tuesday 02	Gomer Community Fireworks: 5.30-6.45pm	
Friday 05	4VW Cake Sale	
Friday 05	Arbor mid-term report cards and SEND reports e mailed home (pushed back from 22nd October)	
Monday 08	Y5 Online Parent/Carer Learning Review Meetings	
Wednesday 10	Y3 Online Parent/Carer Learning Review Meetings	
Thursday 11	Y4 Online Parent/Carer Learning Review Meetings	
Thursday 11	Whole School Remembrance: 10.45 - 11.10am Pupils welcome to wear Brownie, Cub, Scout, Military or Police Cadet uniforms	

Friday 12	Nasal Flu Immunisation - Whole School (am)
Friday 12	3EG Cake Sale
Sunday 14	Booking closes for Y5 Bikeability training. Online booking as per the Y5 email sent home
Monday 15	Odd Sock Day to launch Anti-Bullying Week
22-25 November	Poetry Week
Monday 22	Visit by the poet Karl Nova
Friday 26	FROGJS Christmas Fair (further details to follow in due course) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-uniform in exchange for tombola items
Wednesday 01	Christmas post box open

ADVENT CALENDAR COLLECTION starts. If you would like to donate an Advent calendar we will have these donated to Crisis Food for Gosport so that they can be added to food parcels for the start of advent. We would be happy to receive 'treat' items too for Christmas Hampers.

BIKEABILITY Booking closes for the Y5 Bikeability training on Sunday 14 November. Online booking as per the Y5 email sent home and the payment function is on Tucasi. The training will take place the week beginning Monday 6 December.

CAKE SALES continue to be successful. Thank you so very much for supporting your child with donations of cakes and to the children for buying each other's cakes. Our young entrepreneurs have raised the following sums for their class:

3SB: £145.14	6AM: £106	5KT: £100
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COLD AND WET WEATHER sees children needing a coat. Please ensure that you send your child to school wearing their coat please. At drizzly breaks-times we still like children to have some time outside and without a coat, this is not possible.

FROGJS have been busy. The Spooky Disco, held on 21 October was a great success; dancing, costumes, games, glitter tattoos, snacks and a super raffle. **FIREWORKS** are scheduled for Tuesday 2 November. Gates open at 5.30pm via the Gomer Infant red pedestrian gate. Tickets are still available for this event from the infant school gazebo. On Tuesday 2 November we will be selling 'glow before you go' to reduce queues on the night of the display. There has been much work behind the scenes and we can't wait for this event.

LOVE IN A SHOE BOX collection has been extended to **Friday 5 November** when they will be collected. Please ensure the completed shoeboxes have £1.50 coins attached to the lid. We recognise that these gifts can be costly to accumulate. Therefore, complete boxes are welcomed, as are donations, so that the children can make up boxes together. Items that would be useful to send in include, toiletries, games, colouring items, socks etc. Thank you to families who have already sent in boxes. We have celebrated this kindness on our website.

MENUS for the second part of the term have been emailed to you. There is a three week cycle for the children to look forward to. Menus can be found on the [website](#) and we are very excited about the lovely changes Rick has made.

ONLINE PARENTS/CARERS LEARNING JOURNEY REVIEW meetings have been scheduled accordingly:

Timings: Please see the letter emailed for timings	Year 5: 08.11.2021	Year 3: 10.11.2021	Year 4: 11.11.2021 - (Remembrance Day) we will be pausing for a 2 minute silence
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READING is important. As a whole school we need to be better at our inference skills (reading between the lines) and reading with expression. Please, please, please ensure your child is reading regularly and where appropriate, to you. We have systems in place to encourage children to choose a variety of genres in addition to their banded book.

REMEMBRANCE is upon us. If children would like to purchase a poppy or poppy merchandise, please do send them to school with monies. The suggested donation list will be placed on website, after half-term, once we have received it and we'll make the merchandise available safely in the children's Bubbles. All proceeds will support the Royal British Legion. We hope that children across the school will wear a poppy and in particular on **Thursday 11 November** for our whole school period of silence outside. Children are welcome to wear the uniform of any military cadets, brownies, scouts etc that day.

ROCKSTEADY Music School is teaching in-school rock and pop band lessons. It's an amazing opportunity for the children to join their very own rock band and learn to play the songs they love on either drums, guitar, keyboard or vocals (no experience necessary). If you would like to book your child's place sign up as soon as you can. Sign up online at www.rocksteadymusicschool.com or call 0330 113 0330 (Mon–Fri 8am–5pm local rate) for more information.

SCHOOL CAR PARK is for authorised visitors only. Speed awareness has been brought to our attention recently. To ensure the safety of our community please reduce your speed when entering and leaving the school site. In the event you are using the car park out of school hours e.g. GClub please ensure that you chaperone your child across the car park. We prefer GClub attendees to be dropped by their adult to ensure that they have made safe passage to the hall. The minimal time this adds to your day is well spent if the children are safe.

SCHOOL UNIFORM should now be of the winter variety until the Summer Term 2022. Thank you for your support with this. With the darker days ahead of us, we also encourage children to have an item of 'reflective glow' attached to their bag or coat if not already attached, to ensure they are visible when walking to school and home again. Additionally, bicycle lights should be considered for all children.

SERVICE CLUB has been reorganised this term to accommodate a variety of regular events, in addition to our weekly Service Club Meeting. With thanks to Mrs Flanagan who is our Service Club Leader. Mrs Flanagan was formerly in the navy and her husband is still serving. All Service Children are monitored by our LAPS Team. Please do also talk to Mrs Flanagan who is well connected to resources available for our Service Families.

STAFF MATTER and we are delighted to welcome Miss Shannon Close who joins us via the Kickstart Scheme. The Kickstart Scheme has enabled the GFM to recruit lots of personnel to the organisation. Colleagues learn from and train with us. She will be working in the role of a TA in lower school and has felt really welcomed by the community.

THANK YOU for your understanding of the safety measures we have maintained. The COVID-19 letter, emailed to you, highlights our efforts in more detail and aligns with current government guidance.

TEXT/SMS MESSAGES to contact school – please do not send messages to school via texts as the facility is not accessed regularly. Thank you.

WELLIES (or stout shoes) are very much welcomed in school if they are clearly named/identifiable. Wellies will be stored on the racks outside during the day but stowed inside overnight. When the field is not too saturated in the wetter and wintry months, children with wellies will be able to play on the field. You may also like to send your child to school with a coat you don't mind getting a little muddy if you have a child who is enjoying our 'mud kitchen'.

YOU SAID/WE DID We shared your concerns about some children watching a Netflix series or associated material on TikTok called Squid Games. Squid Games has an age rating of 15 as it contains significantly violent content. To help address this, we recently shared a website post about Netflix age ratings. To address in further detail, we have attached a newsletter about online safety, including managing age ratings of programmes. Please read the information [here](#) about Squid Games to help keep your children safe.