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Newsletter 10 - June 2022

GO GOMER! Well done to **DANIEL GOAD** who has just won the trophy for Student of the Week at Karate. A great achievement! Well done also to **OSCAR GRUNDY** who was named Captain of his Fleetlands FC Team. On Saturday 7 May his team won a tournament after playing 4 games. As Captain he collected the football trophy for the team and was allowed to take the trophy home first. All players received a medal too. It was a very proud day for all the parents involved. A further well done also to **YEAR 3**. Your recent visit to Stokes Bay was noticed and your great behaviour commended by several members of the public, one of whom emailed the school with their praise:

"I would just like to say after a morning walk on Stokes Bay, how lovely it was to see children from your school (yr3) out doing their work on the beach & to see how well behaved they all were. A credit to your school."

Finally, we have made the final for the prestigious national TES awards in two categories. Go GFM! We are finalists for the categories: Best Use of Technology (this is specifically linked to the Primary Phase) and for the Community Engagement Initiative of the year. This is an awesome achievement. There are no other schools in our area or region who will be at the final. We hear later in the month of the category winners.



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	Arrival to playground from 8:40 am	
	Start of school day: 8.50 am	End of school day: 3:10 pm
Mondays	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upper School Drama Club: 3.15-4.00pm - Starting 6 June - Last session Monday 11 July 	
Tuesdays	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Service Club - weekly (all year groups): 3.15-4.15pm 	
Wednesdays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upper School Netball Club: 3.15-4.00pm 	

Thursdays	Book Club (5 sessions): 3:15-4.00pm - Last session Thursday 26 May
Fridays	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lower School Multi-skills Club: 3.15-4.00pm ● Upper School Football Club: 3.15-4.00pm
Fridays	St. Mary's Junior Choir recruitment: 3pm in The Globe. Mr Pilott will be available each Friday if anyone would like to pop in to discuss.
w/b 30 May	Half Term Week
Monday 6 June	First day of Summer Term 2 - Pupils return to school
Tuesday 07	Class 4VW Swimming Lessons (6 of 6): pm
Thursday 09	Class Photos: am
Tuesday 14	FROGJS Special Man Gift Sale - £3 per gift: am
Tuesday 14	Class 4LW Swimming Lessons (1 of 6): pm
Tuesday 21	Y5 Visit to Paultons Park - Please refer to the email sent 21 March for details
Tuesday 21	Class 4LW Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm
Tuesday 28	Y3 Visit to Art Gallery & Printing Workshop, Southampton
Tuesday 28	Class 4LW Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm
Thursday 30	Y4 Visit to Butser Farm - Children to wear PE kit - Please refer to the email sent 23 May

ATTENDANCE MATTERS and your child benefits from being in school. Please note that every application for a leave of absence is reviewed on a case by case basis. If the GFM has a concern about your child's attendance you may be required to attend a GFM Attendance Panel to discuss this. This Panel is an opportunity for enquiry where there may be questions over attendance and is an opportunity for discussion.

CAR PARKING on site is for staff members, those dropping to GClub (please ensure your child is chaperoned through the car park) or for families with permission (they will have a permit). If accessing the car park for authorised purposes, please do so at a sensible speed. To ensure the car park is used correctly, after half-term, it **is not** going to be open at drop off or pick up times. We are returning to our pre-Covid exit plan of the community needing to exit via the Bury Hall Lane Gate, Pyrford Close red gate or the wooden Ladram Road gate. If you have permission to use the school car park gate, you will need to open it yourself and ensure it is closed behind you. If you have forgotten the code please speak to someone in the school office.

CLEAN AIR DAY 2022 On Thursday 16 June, Gomer Junior School will be taking part in Clean Air Day. Pupils are encouraged to walk, scooter or cycle to school. During the day, adults and children will be taking part in a variety of activities. So, why not leave the car at home, Gomer?

FROGJS SPECIAL MAN GIFT SALE is scheduled for Tuesday 14 June. An array of gifts have been organised for the children to purchase for £3 only. There is a lovely selection for the children to choose from with many gifts retailing far more than £3.

GROUNDFORCE DAY We would like to express a big thank you to all the families that offered support on the last two Groundforce days. By donating your time, as well as plants and compost, you have helped to make our school grounds look amazing. We feel very proud and are very grateful to Mrs Carre who gives lots of her time to lead our Gomer Growers. We think the judges of Schools in Bloom were impressed. They have now judged our entry and the children were rightly proud to show off their superb grounds. The Royal scarecrows looked super fun too. We'll find out in July what the judges thought of our entry.

JRSOs are pleased to report that May saw our pupils take part in Walk to School Week - what a great success it was. Applications are welcome from Year 4 pupils. We encourage them to be as creative as possible in their application. Deadline for applications is **Friday 24 June**.

LOST PROPERTY is mounting. Please ask your children to check, or check yourself, to ensure that all items are reunited with their rightful owner. We will leave the mountain of clothing outside the school office on Friday 27 May. Please come and claim your uniform. Any clothes or kit left at the end of half-term will be recycled in our on-site charity bin or kept for spares. Please, please, please label all items of school uniform clearly. Pen can become smudged in the wash so a printed label may offer a better solution. Don't forget the Skoolkit discount code for new kit.

MUSIC LESSONS continue to be well received in school. The cost of music lessons is currently £70 per term and is calculated on pupils receiving approximately 10 lessons during the term (sometimes more) which works out at approximately £7.00 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.

OFF-SITE VISITS and RESIDENTIALS, now that COVID restrictions have been lifted, are making a more consistent return in the next academic year. Without contributions to the visits they just would not be possible. To help with budgeting we will be updating our Anticipated Costs [website page](#), before the end of the term, with anticipated visits in order that you can budget accordingly. Coach travel is costly. We do try to make visits as competitively priced as possible.

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

SCHOOL DROP-OFF for children who are left on the playground without an adult is 8.40am. Some children are arriving to school far too early and find themselves unattended. Please do discuss travelling times with your child.

THE GFM WAY is a set of principles.

Since the beginning of this academic year, staff and pupils have been working collaboratively to generate the set of principles for all members of our community, called 'The GFM way'.

They will help guide us all through a wide variety of situations, whilst communicating high standards and expectations in everything that we do.

After half term, your child will attend an assembly outlining 'The GFM way' to them and what these principles would look like amongst all stakeholders.



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 16 July – Friday 22 July: 10% off all uniform purchased from the Fareham Store.
- Saturday 23 July – Saturday 30 August: Free delivery on online orders using code SUMMER2022 at the checkout. All on-line orders will need to be placed by Wednesday 10th August at the latest for delivery before the start of the 2022/2023 school year.

SPORTS DAY is on Wednesday 13 July (weather permitting) at 13.00. We do hope that you can attend. Please save the date and we will include more information in the July newsletter.

ST MARY'S CHURCH JUNIOR CHOIR will be running a Singing Club every Wednesday 4.30-5.00pm in St. Mary's Church, Alverstoke, singing a mixture of popular songs and church music. This club is free to join and is ideal for junior school age upwards. For further details, an Open Meeting is being held on Wednesday 8 June, 4.30-5.00pm at St. Mary's Church. All are welcome to attend the meeting.

STAFF MATTER and Mrs Wilden is due to start her maternity leave after half-term. We can't wait to meet her baby boy. For the remainder of the summer term, Mrs Guyett-Smith will teach the class alongside Mrs Lovisetto. With Mrs Bateman starting her maternity leave in September we have appointed two teachers to join the team: Miss Annison and Mrs West (currently Miss James who has been teaching in Year 5). We are delighted that these colleagues will be joining the team officially. They will be with us for transition and other key events. Furthermore, we would like to extend a huge congratulations to Miss James who is getting married after half-term. We extend warm congratulations to Miss Smees who leaves us at the end of term to start her teaching career at a local infant school. Miss Smees has only been with us for six months but has become a very important part of our team. We will miss her but wish her well. With a little bit of staff movement and several pregnancies we are currently advertising for a Learning Mentor and Teaching Assistants to work at Gomer Junior School. Please visit [here](#) for more information. Please also share this with anyone who you think might be interested.

SWIMMING for Year 4 continues after half-term. The children are loving their sessions at Brune Park - how lucky we are to have free access to this resource and coaching.

TERM DATES 2022/2023 for all GFM schools and Gomer Junior INSET days, as shared in April can all be found [here](#).

WISHING you all a relaxing and safe-half term. With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee approaching we do hope you enjoy the celebrations. To find out what is happening locally please visit [here](#). Although it has been a short one, we have had a busy half-term and recognise that Team Gomer, big and small, need some rest.

YOU SAID/WE DID Schedules are busy which we fully understand. Due to there being limited availability from parents/carers to help with the FROGJS Summer Fair, we have supported the FROGJS' decision not to run a fair this year. We are very grateful to the FROGJS for hosting the Jubilee afternoon Tea and Special Man Gift Sale. Thank you for supporting these events which are lovely for your child and help raise some funds for the school. We hope to be able to have a Summer Fair next year, so volunteers to join FROGJS are very welcome!