

Goodrich Community Primary School

Friday 10th November 2017

Dear Goodrich,

It has been another very busy week at Goodrich. Here's some of our news from this week and a selection of some future events:

Forest School

Some of the children from Class 21, in Reception went to the Nature Garden in Peckham Rye for our inaugural Forest School session. We had a lovely afternoon playing and learning. We will be going down there every week throughout the year to have learning experiences in an outdoor environment. A big thank you to FOG for supporting us!
Clare Grady and Ashley Bishop



Midday Meal Supervisor Position

We are currently looking for new Midday Meal Supervisors. We have an established and stable child-centred team who support one another to continuously innovate and improve children's lunchtime experience at Goodrich. If you or someone you know is motivated to work with children and would enjoy being part of our friendly team from 12.00pm to 1.30pm Monday to Friday, then please contact the office for further details. The closing date for applications will be Thursday 23rd November.

Parking and driving around the school

We have recently received a number of frustrated e-mails and calls from local residents complaining that they are regularly blocked in their driveways. Understandably this is very difficult for them. We are aware that parking at the beginning and at the end of the school day is challenging, however as a community we do have a collective responsibility to local residents and our decisions should not impact negatively upon them. Supporting us with this issue may mean setting off from home earlier and parking (considerately) in neighbouring streets and then walking your children to the gates.

Sporting Success!

Just before half term our Year 4 mixed footballers reached the semi-finals of the LPESSN losing out 4-2 in the semi-final to the eventual winners, St. Joseph's of Camberwell. Well done guys!

The girls won last week 11-0 against a totally outplayed and out fought St Francis and St Clements.

The boys won 10-3 against St Josephs.

Now both teams sit proudly on top of their groups. The school is top of the Area League regarding trophies won, competitions entered and CPD attended.

Breakfast Club

Some spaces have recently become available in our very popular Breakfast Club, which runs from 8am to 8.55am, with some spaces available from 7.45am. If you are interested then please speak to a member of our office staff.

Chance to Dance - Royal Ballet

In Year 3 it was the final week of our ballet lessons with the Royal Ballet. By the end of the five weeks the children were able to tendu, saute and pirouette; putting all of this together to perform the sword fighting scene from Romeo and Juliet.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience and we feel fortunate to have been able to take part. To add to the excitement, the BBC came in to film class 6 and 7 as part of a BBC section on diversity in ballet.



Parents were also able to show off their best postures by demonstrating how straight they could stand as they joined in the warm up.



Afterschool Clubs.

The afterschool clubs list has been updated as some of the teachers details have changed and we also have a couple of new clubs. If you are interested in your child attending one of the clubs, the new list is in the rolodex in the school office. Please contact the teachers directly using the information provided on the list. Please also note that the school office is *unable to take payments for any of the clubs as they are run independently.*

The British Museum

Class 19 visited the British Museum on Wednesday as part of their study of Ancient Greece. They were fascinated to see so many artefacts, which helped them to imagine the lives of the people who once made and used them in their everyday lives.

Educational visits like this remind of the power of seeing the wonderful collections that are accessible to us in London, which enhance teaching and learning in school.

Ms McCarthy and Ms Baxendale reported that the children's behaviour was excellent, making the experience enjoyable and thoroughly worthwhile.



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Winter Fair volunteers

We have just over 3 weeks to the Winter Fair (2-5pm, Saturday 2 December) and we are still looking for volunteers to:

- Help on the café from 2-5pm
- Help on the BBQ from 2-5pm
- Help on the Entrance from 2-5pm
- Help sell tokens from 2-5pm
- Help on the second-hand book and uniform stall
- Help us set up on late morning/early afternoon
- Help us clear away from 5pm onwards
- A first aider to be available from 2-5pm at the fair

The fair is only possible with the generous help of parents and carers so if you can help with any of these, please do email us at friendsofgoodrich@gmail.com. Thank you!

Winter Fair donations

Please drop any donations off at the Office. We're looking for:

- Jolly Jam Jars
- Chocolates and sweets
- Clean teddy bears and soft toys
- Hampers, baskets or nice boxes
- Second hand books in a good condition

Raffle prizes:

Do let us know if you're able to help us get prizes for our raffle. They usually have a minimum value of £30/£40. Our raffle raises about £1,000 for the school, so we really appreciate any help.

Music for the Winter Fair

Are you a musician or in a choir or do you know of a choir that would like to sing or a group of musicians that would like to play at our Winter Fair on **Saturday 2 December**? We're looking for singers or musicians to perform for half an hour during the event, between 2-5pm. Please email Anna (annalouisescott78@gmail.com) if you can help.

Stalls available

Are you, or do you know a trader who would like to take a stall to sell your wares at the Winter Fair? If you're interested please email Anna at annalouisescott78@gmail.com

Christmas tree decorating

Can you help us decorate the three Christmas trees that are put up at school in the Lower, Upper and Lythgoe Halls on Friday 1 December? Please email us at FoG if you can help - thanks.

We also now have all the stuff sent through for the children to design their own Christmas Cards, which will be completed during Friday Options; this week and next.

Forest School trip

As mentioned in this week's Newsletter, reception children set off on the inaugural Forest School session this week to the nature garden in Peckham Rye Park. Goodrich will be running it every week until the end of the school year. One mum said:

"The teachers were fab and so well prepared. I was amazed how much learning there was in a couple of hours – we did activities that promote independence, safety awareness, observational tasks, nature, counting and games."

FoG donated £1,500 for clothes and equipment for the children to take part in the trip...a big thanks to everyone!

SAVE THE DATE

SAT 2 DEC Winter Fair

Have a great weekend everyone.

Matthew Velada-Billson

Deputy Head Teacher