



## Newsletter 10 - June 2023

**GO GOMER!** Well done to **ZOE LIDGEY** who, along with her team, represented Hampshire in the Cross County Judo Championships in Surrey. This was her first competitive event and she was the first to compete, with the event watched by around 200 people. Her team achieved a bronze medal. What an awesome achievement! The **GOMER FOOTBALL TEAM** won all of their league matches this year which saw them playing in the Cup Final. A huge WELL DONE to the team for playing such a good season. Having been brilliantly coached by Mr Norris (Blake’s dad) the team should be incredibly proud of their achievements. We are aware that the team were understandably disappointed after the final but the school could not be prouder of the players - Go Gomer indeed! And, keep playing!

*We love to hear about your children’s success outside school too. Please inform us so that we can record them here. We will continue to celebrate individual successes in our Friday Celebration Assembly.*

<b>DATES FOR JUNE:</b> The dates below are for your diary and are also included on the electronic calendar; occasionally they are subject to change.		
<b>Ongoing</b>	Arrival to playground from 8:40 am	
	Start of school day: 8.50 am	End of school day: 3:10 pm
<b>Mondays</b>	Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Tennis Club: 3.15-4.15pm	
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y6 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Service Club - (all year groups): 3.15-4.15pm	
<b>Wednesdays</b>	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school Y5 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Upper School Netball Club: 3.15-4.15pm ● Upper School Football Training Club: 3.15-4.15pm ● Lego League Coding Club (Y4/Y5): 3.15-4.15pm	
<b>Thursdays</b>	Y4 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school ● Choir practice: 8:15 - 8:45 ● Citizenship Club (Y5/Y6) - Itinerary sent separately ● Lower School Multi-skills Club: 3.15-4.15pm	
<b>Fridays</b>	Y3 PE Day - Pupils to wear PE kit to school <b>(No PE on Friday 5 May)</b>	
<b>w/b 29 May</b>	Half Term Week	
<b>Monday 5 June</b>	First day of Summer Term 2 - Pupils return to school ● Y6 Visit to Bay House for STEM afternoon: 12.30-2.45. Packed lunch required.	

<b>Wednesday 07</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Ground Force Morning: 9.00-12.00</li> <li>• Class 4IA - Swimming Lessons (1 of 6): pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 08</b>	Class Photos: am (smiles and super smart appearance requested)
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	Whole School Sports Afternoon: Arrival time for parents/carers at 13.00 with a 13.15 anticipated start. Whole school to wear PE kit to school. Detailed letter of how the event will run to follow.
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y5 Anglo-Saxon Day Visit</li> <li>• Class 4IA - Swimming Lessons (2 of 6): pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 15</b>	FROGJS Special Man Gift Sale - £3 per gift
<b>Friday 16 June</b>	Special Man Lunch - Please see details below. <b>Forms to be completed by midday, 2 June</b>
<b>Wednesday 21</b>	Class 4IA - Swimming Lessons (3 of 6): pm
<b>Thursday 22</b>	Y5 Visit to Paultons Park - Please refer to the email sent on 27 April for details
<b>Friday 23</b>	Northcott House - Community Cake and Tea at Half Past Three: 3.30-4.30. All welcome
<b>Wednesday 28</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y3 Visit to Mary Rose</li> <li>• Class 4IA - Swimming Lessons (4 of 6): pm</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday 29</b>	Rocksteady Concert for parents/carers of pupils who receive Rocksteady lessons: 9.15am
<b>Upcoming dates for July</b>	
<b>Monday 03 July</b>	<b>All library books due back ASAP</b> - library only open for returns
<b>Mon 03 → Fri 07</b>	Y6 Activity Week (please refer to detailed letter sent home as hard copy and emailed on 24.5.2023) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mon/Tue: Y6 Watersports</li> <li>• Wed/Thur/Fri: Y6 London Residential</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday 04</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y2 Welcome Meeting: 3.30-4.30pm</li> </ul>

**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 you are requesting an absence please use our application form which can be found [here](#). If reporting an absence please inform us [here](#). If the GFM has a concern about your child's attendance you may be required to meet and talk with us regarding your child's attendance.

**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 NOT** enter at speed - something we have had to address very recently. If the speeding of some families is not addressed, in order to keep the community safe, we will look to keeping the gate closed at all times.

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION** is added to our website regularly with various events and information which may be of interest to you. Click [here](#) to view current information.

**FROGJS SPECIAL MAN GIFT SALE** is scheduled for Thursday 15 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 for more than £3.

**GROUNDFORCE DAY** We would like to express a big thank you to all the families that offered support on our last Groundforce Day - we can't wait for the next one which will be on the morning of Wednesday 7 June. Please complete [this form](#) to pledge some time. 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 will be impressed. We'll keep you posted.

**LOST PROPERTY** continues to grow. 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 display outside the hall on Friday 9 June. Please come and claim your uniform. Any unclaimed clothes 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 - see below.

**NAIL VARNISH** is not part of our school uniform and is regularly being seen in school. Please ensure that nail varnish is not worn for school. Your child may be invited to remove their nail varnish in school if this is forgotten about at home.

**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.

**SKOOLKIT** continues to be our uniform supplier. Please visit [www.skoolkit.co.uk](http://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 15 July – Friday 21 July: 10% off all uniform purchased from the Fareham Store.
  - Saturday 22 July – Saturday 29 July: Free delivery on online orders using code SUMMER2023 at the checkout.
- All online orders will need to be placed by Wednesday 9 August at the latest for delivery before the start of the 2023/2024 school year.

**SPECIAL MAN LUNCH** has been organised for Friday 16 June, so that children can share lunch with that 'special man' in their life - father, carer, grandparent, godfather, uncle, family friend etc. Please complete this [Google form](#) if you would like to take part in this event by **Friday 2 June** (during half term week). Meals are charged at £2.65 with payments to be made online via SCOPAY, under PRODUCTS. Alternatively, you can bring a packed lunch. Children's meals can be ordered on the day as usual and paid for online, at the current cost of £2.65. To accommodate our special visitors, we will have staggered lunch sittings as follows:-

<b>Year 3</b> - 11.45am	<b>Year 4</b> - 12.00 noon	<b>Year 5</b> - 12.15pm	<b>Year 6</b> - 12.30pm
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If you have child in lower school and upper school, please attend the **YOUNGEST** child's sitting

On arrival to school, please make your way to the school hall by the picnic area door (5 minutes ahead of your child's sitting) so we can have you signed-in and seated ahead of your child joining you. You will be required to wear a visitors sticker and asked to hand this in when you leave so we can account for you being off-site.

The menu will be as follows:-

- Red Option - Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas
- Green Option - Vegan Quorn Fishless Fingers, Chips and Peas
- Jacket Potato - Served with Baked Beans and Cheese

Please note that meal choices CANNOT BE CHANGED on the day once ordered. If you are unable to attend, you may like to organise a friend or relative to sit with your child. Once you and your child have eaten, you are encouraged to stay and play outside if the weather is fine and you have time. If we experience a wet play, we may have to ask 'Special Men' to leave after you have eaten due to limited space inside the school.

**SPORTS DAY** is on Tuesday 13 June (weather permitting) at 13.00 for arrival and a 13.15 anticipated start. We do hope that you can attend. Whole school to wear PE kit to school. Detailed letter of how the event will run to follow.

**STAFF MATTER** and we are delighted to welcome back Mrs Bateman, Mrs Shadbolt and Mrs Wilden from their maternity leave. Mrs Wilden returns to us as our Inclusion Manager and Mrs Shadbolt has returned to her Teaching Assistant role in lower school and intends to return to GClub also. From September, Mrs Bateman will be teaching in Year 5 and Mrs Wilden will be teaching in lower school when not working in her Inclusion Manager role. We are delighted to inform you of our Year Group staffing for September. Children will be informed of who their class teacher is and their class friends in July - the day before transition. Our class teachers are as follows:

<b>Year 3</b>	Mrs Gardner and Mrs West are the class teachers and for three mornings a week the classes will be split into three with Mrs Carre providing the additional capacity.
<b>Year 4</b>	Miss Annison and Mrs Wheal are the class teachers.
<b>Year 5</b>	Mrs Bateman and Mr Merrfield are our class teachers. We welcome back Mrs Bateman from her maternity leave and Miss Tuckley will teach the class on a Thursday.
<b>Year 6</b>	Mrs Fry and Miss Ingram are our class teachers. Mrs Guyett-Smith teaches the Y6 workshops from Monday-Thursday mornings.

**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. Aware that some sessions have been missed this term, we are looking to see if we can reschedule these.

**TERM DATES 2023/2024** for all GFM schools and Gomer Junior INSET days, as shared in April can all be found [here](#).

**WATER BOTTLES** Please please please ensure your child has their **plastic** water bottle in school every day - especially with the hot weather we have been experiencing! More and more children are coming to the office to ask to 'borrow' a bottle, of which we have very few. It is really important that children are kept hydrated.

**WISHING** you all a relaxing and safe half term. The weather is set to be fine. 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** Thank you to those of you who replied to our survey about contributions to some of our school based learning. The vast majority of the replies were very positive regarding the contributions. 14 parents/carers completed the survey with some of the following responses:

- *"Happy to contribute to enriching our children's knowledge and happiness!"*
- *"Readathon coincided with a cubs sponsored event, so we only supported that this year. But I feel those events are up to the parents discretion as to whether they support or not, and I don't feel financially pressured by them."*  
**School response:** Agreed - perhaps not ideal but we are pleased families recognised that the Readathon was optional and there was no stigma attached to a child who could not support this - we are aware it can be difficult to support all causes.
- *"Thankful for the extra curricular opportunities - with due notice so that money can be put aside."*  
**School response:** We have updated the website with anticipated contribution requests for the next academic year.
- *"Thank you. Without contributions I recognise you would just not be able to have as many fabulous learning opportunities available. My child is always keen to support school fundraising and support charities also - thank you for encouraging this - such an important part of Character Education."*
- *"The cost of the non uniform days is more than the donation. Sometimes we have to find an item of dress up or coloured item and this is where the cost comes in. Something like Victorian dress up or Egyptian dress up can cost up to £20 in costumes too. And it all adds up. I would happily donate our last year's costume for Victorian or Egypt day if I knew it could help someone in the following years."*  
**School response:** The children do typically love to dress-up. So, we will continue sharing ideas for making costumes at home to reduce the need for buying costumes, providing an opportunity for sharing across the school and to give as much notice as possible to source affordable items.

We are really grateful for your contributions to the school curriculum - without opportunities such as residential and off-site visits just would not be possible. Aware of the challenges of cost of living, please see our [website](#) for anticipated contributions for 2023-2024, to give you as much financial planning time as possible. If challenged by contribution requests, please do talk to the school office, regarding work-arounds.