

# Goodrich Community Primary School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015

*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:

## **Year 1 Trip to the Toy Museum**

Year 1 went to the Bethnal Green Toy Museum on Thursday. After working from the text '*Lost in the Toy Museum*' the classes were thrilled to find bunting and the other toys from the book at the museum! The children loved having the chance to ride on the old fashioned rocking horses, play in the sand pit and create their own Punch and Judy show. They saw different toys which can be made to move by hand, by wind, with a motor and by winding them. It was exciting to see the giant robot called Robbie! The year 1 children had a great day and were tired but happy on their way back home.



## **School Council**

The Year 5 and 6 School Council members have recently become Lunch Supporters in the Upper Hall. They are doing an excellent job helping other children with cutlery and water and their presence has had a calming influence. This new phase of developing the children's independence at Goodrich adds to our existing Play Supporters, who work in the Quiet Playground and the Special Helpers who work with Year 3 and 4. We also have

a team of children from Year 5 & 6 who work with KS1 children at lunchtime, some who help to manage and supervise play and some who work in KS1 classrooms hearing and encouraging children to read.

The School Council have completed audio recordings of their anti-bullying campaign and their poems and testimonies about acts of kindness and bullying that they have witnessed are being used to create animations by Year 6 and Year 4 during 'Options' each Friday afternoon. The whole project will be finished by the Summer Term when we hope to launch the campaign across the school. We hope that the children's observations and experiences will provoke discussion and help the whole community to think about how to make Goodrich an even safer and happier place for everyone.

## **Goodrich Parents/Carers Cricket - Season 2115**

Yep it's nearly that time of the year again, when the parents/carers of Goodrich dust off their pads, put their backs in traction, and prepare face the gauntlet thrown down by similarly unfit and injury prone grown-ups from the other local schools. This may not make much sense to everyone but for the last seven years we have been running an adult cricket team which plays in a league against Dulwich Hamlet, Heber, and Ivydale. We're always keen to attract new parents and lack of talent, as will be agonisingly demonstrated throughout the summer, is absolutely no impediment to participation. It's not even that time consuming as, unlike the other teams, practicing is expressly forbidden by Goodrich as we continue to adhere to the Corinthian ethos of the gentleman amateur. Or something like that.

Last season was our most successful to date with us emerging unbeaten in 5 games and crowned league champions for the first time. More importantly, after four years of failure, shame, and humiliation, we beat our bitterest rivals Heber School, not just once, but twice. The second was won through a

controversial Duckworth-Lewis decision and proved that victory is never sweeter than when it's handed to you on a plate by an algorithm that nobody really understands.

Other news is that we have a new captain this year with Luke Conduit-Smith agreeing to take up the poisoned chalice that is trying to get fielders to remain where they were asked to stand for more than five minutes. New captain, new email address, so can anyone interested in playing (even existing players) get in contact on [goodrichcricketers@gmail.com](mailto:goodrichcricketers@gmail.com) We're planning on having a pre-season get-together before Easter at an as yet undecided venue, but almost certainly a pub within walking distance of my house, so if people could clock in ASAP that would be great.

Cheers

David

### **Friends of Goodrich News**

Dates for your diary:

**Easter Cake Sale** - Friday 27th March 2.30pm

**Friends of Goodrich Committee Meeting** -Tuesday 28th April

**Fun Run** - Sunday 10th May

**Goodrich Rocks** - 2nd July

### **Easter Cake Sale Poster Competition**

We are looking for budding young artists to design our Easter Cake Sale poster! We'd love to see your designs, entries must be handed into the office by Wednesday 18th March. Please ensure that your design is on A4 paper. The cake sale will be held on 27th March at 2.30pm. The winning design will be put up around the school and on our website! <http://www.goodrich.org.uk/>

We'll also be asking you to make/buy cakes for our sale, we'll be including a recipe in the newsletter next week....

### **Committee Meeting**

Thanks to everyone who came to our Committee Meeting last night, our next meeting will be on 28th April. We discussed some of our future events as we have the Fun Run, Goodrich Rocks and The Summer Fair coming up.

We touched on the subject of finding a new Treasurer for Friends of Goodrich. Our current Treasurer, Alison Young will be stepping down at our next AGM and so we are keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in joining us in this pivotal role. The Treasurers role would suit someone who comes from an Accounting

background and although it has historically been one of the Parents from school who have taken on this role we would love to hear from Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles etc who may be interested in supporting the school as well. Please do get in touch with Alison Young [atfriendsofgoodrich@gmail.com](mailto:atfriendsofgoodrich@gmail.com) if you'd like to find out more.

We are also looking for Volunteers to help us with the second hand uniform sales which run alongside the cakes sales and for someone who would be able to organise coffee mornings at school. Do get in touch if you feel that you may be able to help.

We are hoping to create a catalogue of pictures that can be used to help promote events. If you are a Photographer and you would be able to help by taking pictures at our events then please do email [friendsofgoodrich@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofgoodrich@gmail.com)

### **FoG shed clear out**

We will be clearing out and reorganising the FoG shed on Friday 27th March after drop off. If you can spare an hour to help that would be amazing! Thank you.

### **Bag to School**

Bag to School is a great way to support Friends of Goodrich, all you need to do is pick up one of their bags from school, fill it with reusable clothing, paired shoes, handbags etc. and bring it back to school. The bags are then weighed and we will receive a cheque in the post. The bags are being delivered on 25th March and will be collected on 30th April. Unfortunately we don't have storage space for all the bags so they would need to be brought to school as close to 30th April as possible. For more information about what you can include in the bag please do take a look at their website [http://www.bag2school.com/u/k/what\\_we\\_collect/](http://www.bag2school.com/u/k/what_we_collect/)

**Have a great weekend everyone.**

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