

Gordon School News

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GORDON DAY

Gordon Day, our annual celebration of music and song, will be taking place on **Wednesday 3rd April** in the Sports Hall. You are very welcome to join us.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing at 9:30am.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at 2pm.

GO! BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

From Tuesday 23rd April 2019 the school's self-run Breakfast and After School Club **GO!** will be in operation. We are very excited about this new venture.

We would like to thank the parents and carers who came along to Wednesday's meeting and shared their views with us. If you were unable to attend please don't worry – we will be sending out information about the points we discussed at the beginning of next week.

VISION & HEARING CHECKS - RECEPTION

The vision and hearing checks for the **Reception** children will be taking place next Monday and Tuesday. The Schools' Nursing Team will be administering the checks.

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

The children in **Year 6** will be heading off on their School Journey to Osmington Bay in Dorset on Monday. There is a packed timetable of exciting outdoor activities and we are sure they will have an amazing time. Many thanks go to the staff who will be accompanying them: Ms Deacon, Mrs Olding, Mrs Cuesta, Mr Llewellyn, Ms Mayes and Mr Taylor.

We would like to remind the parents and carers that the children need to assemble in the **Lower Hall at 7:45am on Monday** morning so that we can make a prompt departure.

Mrs Black will be taking the lead in school while Mr Taylor is away and Mrs Sanders will be covering Pearl Class for Mrs Olding.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

We have a long term aim of becoming a cashless school. Our first step is to move payments for school dinners to the online system linked with parentmail. Please look out for information about this next week.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 723 Rochester 787 Dunvegan 819 Nesbit 799

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

The Greenwich Schools' Music Festival took place this week. **GSG** and the **School Band** took part and impressed everyone with the quality of their singing and music. Well done!

Students from Halley Academy came in to present an excellent, thought-provoking anti-bullying assembly on Wednesday for our pupils in **Years 5 and 6**.

Years 5 and 6 went to Crown Woods Academy yesterday to see the pupils perform the musical *Grease*. It was great!

Jade Class presented a super assembly on Healthy Living today. Everyone really enjoyed watching it. Well done!

The children in **Years 2, 3 and 4** enjoyed today's Wild Science workshop. They discovered lots of facts about animals and had the opportunity to handle a variety of interesting and unusual creatures.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Thanks to your generous contributions recently, we have been able to purchase a defibrillator. It is on order and should be with us in the next week or so.

FoG NEWS

The next FoG event will be a **Krispy Kreme and Second Hand Book Sale** on Friday 5th April. We will place a box for book donations in the foyer next week and provide details about doughnut prices in next week's newsletter.

DECORATED EGGS

We will be holding our traditional *Decorated Egg Exhibition* on Thursday 4th April. In the past we've seen some super designs and we cannot wait to see what the children create this year.

DIARY DATES

March

25th to 29th **Year 6** School Journey to Osmington Bay, Dorset
25th & 26th Vision and hearing tests for Reception
Tues 26th **Year 3** photos for Tate Gallery project
Wed 27th Crown Woods Dance Festival

April

Mon 1st **Year 4** visit to the British Museum
Wed 3rd **Greenwich Time to Talk** Workshop: **Stress** 9am
Gordon Day – Celebration of Music and Singing
Decorated Eggs Exhibition
Thurs 4th **Year 6** School Journey Assembly (9:10am)
Fri 5th **FoG** Krispy Kreme & Second Hand Book Sale
Last day of the Spring Term
Tues 23rd **First day of the Summer Term**
Community Dentist to visit **Nursery**

P4P PARENTING COURSE

Parenting for Parents (P4P) is a course which provides opportunities for parents to meet with other parents and address a whole range of issues and subjects related to parenting. Our next P4P course will take place next term.

On Tuesday 30th April, from 9:15am to 10:15am, we will be holding a coffee morning for anyone interested in finding out more.

The course will then run on Mondays on the following dates:

- May 13th and 20th
- June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
- July 1st

Please contact Mrs Newlove – lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk or 020 8850 5486 – to book your place.

THE BIG HALF MARATHON

Donations are still coming in and our brilliant running team have now raised an incredible £4,261. Well done and thank you!

HUTS

Support for the demolition of six of the huts in our playground and the refurbishment of the seventh, has been overwhelming. With 138 supporting comments being submitted and just one objection, we are very optimistic that permission to go ahead with this project will be granted. Thank you everyone!

ABSENCE

Please remember that all absences should be reported to the school office and followed up with a supporting letter. Medical evidence may be required if your child has been absent for a number of days. Thank you.

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Hawa for enthusiastic singing and dancing

Amethyst (R): Alisa for her wonderful detailed map

Aquamarine (R): Nina for fantastic independent writing

Citrine (1): James for brilliant singing

Coral (1): Ruby for making a fantastic effort with her writing

Diamond (2): Emma Y for writing a great letter in role

Emerald (2): Nevaeh for great effort with her handwriting this week

Jade (3): Lucas for his amazing progress in learning to play the clarinet and his performance at the Greenwich Schools' Music Festival

Jasper (3): Aamna for writing an amusing letter

Onyx (4): Henry for his brilliant debating skills

Opal (4): Lexi for creating a beautiful pop art painting of a cat

Pearl (5): Alice for her excellent team leading skills when researching space

Sapphire (5): Xanthe for writing a wonderful news report

Topaz (6): Thomas B for his fantastic efforts in maths this week

Turquoise (6): Angel for making super progress in all of her learning

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week's winners are **Turquoise**, **Opal** and **Topaz**. Well done!

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