

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

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, 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 have sent out registration forms and an outline of GO! Club activities by ParentMail. Chloe May is our GO! Manager and Lily Norman and Tia Scott are our Playworkers. They have been busy meeting the children and planning exciting activities for the club.

DINNER ACCOUNTS/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 further information about this. Please make sure that dinner accounts are cleared by the end of term.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

The defibrillator has arrived and will be positioned in the foyer. Thank you for helping to fund this important piece of equipment.

SWIMMING LESSONS/ SPEED TRIALS

There will not be any swimming lessons next week for children in Years 3 and 4 who normally swim in the morning. Speed trials are being held during the morning of Thursday 4th April for those children interested in swimming in the Swimming Gala.

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.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 873 Rochester 927 Dunvegan 908 Nesbit 899

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Year 6 children set off to Osmington Bay in Dorset on Monday for their School Journey. They have been having an amazing time with super weather. They are returning home today.

VISION & HEARING CHECKS

The vision/hearing checks for **Reception** children took place this week, by the Schools' Nursing Team.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Over 70 KS2 children went to Crown Woods Academy on Wednesday to dance in the Annual Dance Festival. The children's dancing was absolutely superb and we were very proud of them.

FS2 TO GREENWICH PARK

The children in Reception had an amazing Spring Walk in Greenwich Park yesterday. They went there and back by bus and the children had a great time. Thanks to the parents who went with the children.

BEING KIND TO OUR PLANET

Our assembly theme has been caring for our planet. We have been discussing how to Reduce, Re-use and Re-cycle. Children showed the school some fantastic useful items that they had made out of junk, in Friday's Assembly.

MUSIC MARK

We have been awarded the Music Mark for the excellent quality of music teaching in our school. Mrs Calcott received the Certificate in Woolwich last night. This is a prestigious award and we are thrilled to have received it.

FS2 ART WORKSHOP

The children in Amethyst and Aquamarine classes have been busy producing some wonderful artwork inspired by *What the Ladybird Heard*.

DIARY DATES

April

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| Mon 1 st | Year 4 visit to the British Museum |
| Wed 3 rd | Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Stress 9am Gordon Day – Celebration of Music and Singing |
| Thurs 4 th | Decorated Eggs Exhibition |
| Fri 5 th | Year 6 School Journey Assemby (9:10am) FoG Krispy Kreme & Second Hand Book Sale Last day of the Spring Term |
| Tues 23 rd | First day of the Summer Term GO! Before and After School Club opens. 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 – inewlove@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 £4,301. Well done and thank you!

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.

FoG NEWS

The next FoG event will be a **Krispy Kreme and Second Hand Book Sale** on Friday 5th April. A box for book donations is in the foyer – thank you to all those who have donated books. The price will be £1.50 for a doughnut and a drink.

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Hope for taking great care with her observational painting of spring flowers

Amethyst (R): The whole class for a fantastic trip to Greenwich Park

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Citrine (1): Alessia for a great retelling of a story

Coral (1): Teddy for having a great attitude to his learning

Diamond (2): Zac for super reading

Emerald (2): Christopher for always putting a great effort into his writing

Jade (3): Vestina for her perseverance with the chunking method in division

Jasper (3): Albert for great effort in writing creatively in English

Onyx (4): Darci for super enthusiasm in all of her lessons

Opal (4): Oliver for super improvement with grammar

Pearl (5): James for an excellent letter in English written in the role of a character in *The London Eye Mystery*

Sapphire (5): Elana for great work on translation and reflection in maths

Topaz (6): School Journey Week

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ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week's winners are **Sapphire, Onyx and Topaz**. Well done!

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