

Gordon School News

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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

Year 4 had a wonderful time on Monday when they visited the British Museum as part of their topic on the Egyptians!

Gordon Day, our annual celebration of music and song, was a fantastic success! As always, the children performed brilliantly and impressed us all with their talent. Well done, everyone! Many thanks go to Mrs Calcott, our amazing music teacher, and all of the other staff who helped the children with their singing and music.

The children's design and artistic skills were in evidence on Thursday when they showcased a super array of **decorated eggs**. Thank you to everyone who took part!

24 children from **Years 5 and 6** took part in swimming gala speed trials yesterday. We sent letters out today to those children who have been offered a place at our swimming club training sessions. If your child has been selected, please note that the first session is Tuesday 23rd April – the first day of the Summer term – and the permission slip will need to be returned on that day.

Year 6 presented a great assembly all about last week's School Journey to Osmington Bay in Dorset. The children had an amazing week away and took part in a huge range of outdoor pursuits including quad biking, abseiling, archery, wall climbing, raft building, zip wire, aeroball (best described as basketball on a trampoline), rifle shooting and beach games to name but a few! Well done, Year 6!

GO! BREAKFAST & AFTER SCHOOL CARE STAFF VACANCIES

The response for places at GO! has been overwhelming and we are delighted that so many families want to use the club! We have recruited a fantastic team of staff, and in order to accommodate all of our applicants we are now looking for some part time Play Workers to join the GO! team. If you have experience of caring for children and want to be part of this exciting, new venture, please call the office on 020 8850 5486 or email GO@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk More details are on our website.

HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations **Rochester** for winning the House Points Cup for this half term. To celebrate their win the children can wear a top in their House colour (red) on Friday 26th April.

DINNER ACCOUNTS AND 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. To get this system off to a good start please make sure that any outstanding dinner accounts are cleared when we return on Tuesday 23rd April. Thank you.

PUNCTUALITY

Arriving at school on time helps the children to establish a very important lifelong habit. They should arrive before the bells are rung at 8.55am so that they can make the best start to the day. Learning begins as soon as the children reach the classrooms so it is vital they arrive promptly. Thank you for supporting us with this.

MUSIC TUITION FEES

Music is an enormous part of Gordon life and we have always strived to have high quality music tutors who provide excellent instrumental lessons at reasonable prices. However, these prices have been static for some considerable time and it is now time to increase them. Therefore, from the beginning of next term, instrumental rates will increase from £28 per hour to £30 per hour. Most sessions are 20 minutes long so they will cost £10 each.

THANK YOU

Time seems to be flying by at quite an incredible rate and it is hard to believe that we have reached the end of another term. We would like to thank every parent and carer for their support during this term. We see the education of your children as a partnership between home and school and we are very grateful for everything you do to help us!

DIARY DATES

April

Tues 23rd First day of the Summer Term
GO! Before and After School Club opens.
Community Dentist to visit **Nursery**
Fri 26th **Rochester House** to wear their House colour (red)
Tues 30th **Jade Class** visit to the Old Royal Naval College

May

Wed 1st **Jasper Class** visit to the Old Royal Naval College
Mon 6th Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 7th **Year 4** to attend the London Philharmonic
Orchestra's Bright Sparks Concert
Wed 8th **Pear Class** visit to Pizza Hut
Mon 13th **Year 6 SATs** test – Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
Tues 14th **Year 6 SATs** test – Reading
Wed 15th **Year 6 SATs** test – Maths (papers 1 & 2)
Thur 16th **Year 6 SATS** test – Maths (paper 3)
20th to 24th Gordon Exhibition
Mon 20th **GSG** perform in the Singing Spectacular
Wed 22nd Open Afternoon
27th to 31st Half term break

More dates will be added next term so please remember to check future newsletters.

EPIPENS

According to the website <http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk>, after a national shortage, there is now a "good availability" of EpiPen 0.3mg and EpiPen Jr 0.15mg Adrenaline Auto-Injectors. We presently have a number of pupils with allergies who either only have one EpiPen or none at all in school. If the national shortage has impacted on your ability to access EpiPens for your child, please could you now try and source them for us? Thank you.

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.

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Ada for always being kind and helpful

Amethyst (R): Lexi for working hard to improve her writing

Aquamarine (R): Anna for fantastic independent writing

Citrine (1): Prwsha for super enthusiasm in all of her lessons

Coral (1): Olivia for working hard in phonics and reading

Diamond (2): Reya for her effort and enthusiasm in all of her lessons

Emerald (2): Julia for always showing great effort in maths

Jade (3): Ruby May for her detailed drawing of a daffodil

Jasper (3): Sidney for excellent effort in solving word problems in maths

Onyx (4): everyone for their amazing behaviour and enthusiasm on the trip to the British Museum

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Pearl (5): Beau for working hard to find out facts about Anglo-Saxon life

Sapphire (5): Ava for great effort and progress in all subjects

Topaz (6): Charlie for his enthusiasm when practising for the Year 6 assembly

Turquoise (6): Dylan for his consideration towards others on School Journey

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week's winners are **Sapphire**, **Coral** and **Diamond**. Well done!

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