

# Gordon School News

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## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

The **Year 6** SATs took place this week. The children took six tests covering Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, Reading and Maths. The tests have now been sent away to external markers. Writing and Science are assessed in school by the teachers. To mark the end of a very busy week, the children went to the park this morning for a well-deserved break!

Thank you to everyone who attended the **FoG** meeting on Wednesday. We planned events for this term, received a report on FoG finances and discussed how funds will be spent. There was also an agenda item about succession planning as the current committee will be standing down at the end of this term and handing over to a new committee. If you would like to be a member of the FoG committee, help the school and make new friends, please let us know!

## SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

As well as the swimming gala and the Sportathon, there are some other inter-school sports tournaments coming up that we are preparing for. Children from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be taking part in a tennis competition next week and children from Years 5 and 6 will be competing in a cricket tournament in June. We wish them all the best of luck.

## GORDON ART EXHIBITION

Our annual art exhibition will be on display in the Middle Hall from **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. This year we have a space theme linked to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Moon landing. You have until the morning of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May to pop along and see the children's fabulous work! You will be impressed!

## OPEN AFTERNOON

On **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** we will be holding an Open Afternoon. This is your opportunity to spend time looking through your child's learning and discussing it with them. Our classroom doors will be open from 2pm until 5pm. Please be aware that this is an informal drop-in session rather than a time to meet with teachers. You will be able to talk to your child's teacher on July 16<sup>th</sup> after you have received your child's annual report.

If you have siblings in the school please start with your oldest child and see each child individually. The younger children are more likely to become upset if you pop in and then leave them to go to another class. Once you have seen your children's work you are welcome to take them home.

## FOG "LEND A HAND" BAKE SALE

We will be holding a bake sale after school in the Junior playground next **Friday – 24<sup>th</sup> May**. The "Lend A Hand" theme means we would like donations of homemade (or shop bought) bakes that would fit in the palm of your hand. These can be anything along the lines of cupcakes, doughnuts, muffins, cookies, scones, pastries, etc.

Please take your donations to the Sports Hall on Friday morning. If possible, please bring your bakes on disposable recyclable plates or trays so we can easily clear these away after the sale! If not your containers can be collected at or after the sale. Thank you for your support.

Please remember that we are a nut free school, so please no nuts!

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be visiting us on Monday to take whole class photos.

## POLLING STATION

Our Sports Hall will be used as a polling station on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We will be open as usual but you will not be able to gain entry to the school via Craigton Road. The green gate between the Sports Hall and the car park will be locked so that members of the public cannot come into the playground.

## MOBILE PHONES

It is our policy that children do not bring mobile phones to school. There have been incidents of primary-aged children having mobile phones stolen from them on the way to and from school. Mobile phones can also cause a distraction when children cross roads and we do not want to put our pupils at risk. Please support us with this policy.

## DIARY DATES

### May

1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Year 2 SATs tests  
 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> Gordon Exhibition (all Year groups)  
 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Class photographs  
**GSG** perform in the *Singing Spectacular*  
 Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Open Afternoon (2pm to 5pm)  
 Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Sports Hall used for European elections  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> **Sapphire** Class Assembly (9:10am) **Sorry. We have had to cancel the 3pm showing of the assembly.**  
**FoG** "Lend A Hand" Cake Sale (after school)  
 27<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> Half term break

### June

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> **Citrine** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Phonics Screening Checks for **Year 1**  
 Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala heats – Girls  
 Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala heats – Boys  
**Nursery** visit to Maritime Museum  
 Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> **Pearl** Class trip to Royal Institute  
 Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **Year 3** visit to Woodlands Farm  
**Reception** visit to Sea Life London Aquarium  
 Wed 19<sup>th</sup> **GSG** perform at the Tower of London  
 Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> **Sapphire** trip to Royal Institute  
 Fri 21<sup>st</sup> **Year 6 Junior Citizen** project  
**Year 4** World War II Evacuation Day  
**Coral** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
 Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sportathon – **Jasper** Class  
 Sports Day – **Years 1 and 2** (morning)  
**RSPB outdoor learning workshops – Year 6 and Diamond Class**  
 Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Sports Day – **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** (morning) tbc  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> **New Reception** Welcome Meetings (9:30am / 2pm)  
 Fri 28<sup>th</sup> **Year 4** Assembly (9:10am)  
**FoG** Fun Run  
 Swimming Gala finals (evening)  
 Sat 29<sup>th</sup> **New Reception** Picnic (12pm)

### July

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> **Year 4** Instrumental Concert (2pm)  
 Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** visit to Museum of London  
 Fri 5<sup>th</sup> **Diamond** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2pm)  
**FoG** Barbeque & Disco (evening)  
 Mon 8<sup>th</sup> **Nursery** closed - Welcome Meeting for new starters  
 Tues 9<sup>th</sup> **Steel Band** perform in the bandstand (3:30pm)  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> **School Band** perform in the bandstand (3:30pm)  
 Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> **Nursery & Reception** Sports (morning)  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> **Emerald** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
**Police Safety Talks with Year 6**  
 Tues 16<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Leavers' Production (6:30pm)  
 Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** disco (7pm to 9:30pm)  
 Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term – school ends at 3:30pm

**WELL DONE**

**Amber (N):** Bridget for great effort during the tennis session.

**Amethyst (R):** Jack H for brilliant work on subtraction in maths

**Aquamarine (R):** Charlotte for an interesting and exciting *Show & Tell*

**Citrine (1):** Lacie for always putting great effort into her work

**Coral (1):** Max for trying hard with all activities

**Diamond (2):** Eliza for a great effort with her writing

**Emerald (2):** Ruby V for writing fantastic instructions on how to look after *Paddington Bear*

**Jade (3):** Ralph for his knowledgeable contributions in science lessons

**Jasper (3):** Holly for a superb improvement in swimming

**Onyx (4):** Teddy for writing a great story inspired by *The Lion & The Unicorn*

**Opal (4):** Georgie for showing persistence with long division

**Pearl (5):** Taite for super writing of an e-mail in role

**Sapphire (5):** Elana for fantastic writing demonstrating bias

**Year 6:** everyone for all their hard work and effort this week

### YEAR 6 YEARBOOK PHOTOS

Photographs for the Year 6 leavers' Yearbook will be taken on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please ensure your child is in school uniform. Thank you.

### MISSING COAT

Francesca, in Year 1, cannot find her coat. Can you check at home in case your child has accidentally picked it up by mistake? The coat is labelled. Thank you!

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