

# Gordon School News

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## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Thank you to everyone who came along to see our **Art Exhibition** this week. The standard of the children's work was incredible and we know from all the feedback we have received that you were all very impressed!

Our children impressed again on Monday evening when **GSG** performed in the Singing Spectacular at Blackheath Halls. Our pupils really stood out and their performance of "Make Your Own Kind of Music" was just beautiful! Well done, everyone!

We had a brilliant turn out for Wednesday's **Open Afternoon**. We hope you enjoyed the chance to spend some quality time sharing your child's learning with them.

The **Year 2** SATs tests have now been completed although the teachers will continue to use on-going assessment to support their final judgments on the standard of the children's work.

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Transport for London (TfL) are promoting active travel. They are highlighting the unexpected joys of London that can be uncovered when we make the choice to step outside and walk, cycle or scoot to school. As part of their campaign, TfL are asking schools to take part in a poster competition to strengthen the active travel message. We have decided to set this as the children's half-term holiday task.

**Tip for taking part** - use a blank sheet of A4 paper. Use the whole sheet and work right up to the edges of the paper and use the paper in the 'Landscape' orientation. Use clear messages, bright colours and bold designs to make it easy for people to read. and understand the message. Include the school, pupil name and class number in pencil on the back of the sheet and hand it to the class teacher by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Good luck, everyone!

## CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

Orders for class photographs need to be in by 12<sup>th</sup> June. Photographs can still be purchased after this date but you will have order them directly from the company. Thank you.

## LONG HAIR

Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back. Thank you!

## GORDON ELECTIONS

As part of our work on British Values, we have been talking about democracy this week. On Wednesday, we held an election with the children voting for the theme for next year's class names.

We set up voting booths in the Sports Hall and turned it into a polling station. Some of the Year 6 pupils acted as Presiding Officers who were responsible for conducting the ballot fairly. They checked the children's voting cards and explained the voting process to them. Finally, once all votes had been cast they counted the ballot papers.

The children have decided that the theme for class names for next year will be: **mythical beasts**.

## HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations **Dunvegan** for winning the House Points Cup for this half term. To celebrate their win the children can wear a top in their House colour (yellow) on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

## ONLINE / GAME SAFETY

We are aware that some of our pupils use apps such as WhatsApp (age rated 16). This is not appropriate for primary aged children and has caused a number of friendship difficulties in school. This is why we encourage parents not to allow their children to use these apps. We also know that children often do not report upsetting messages as they are worried that it may lead to their phone being confiscated. Advice on parental controls and security settings can be found via the **Internet Matters** link on our website. You will find it (and many other online safety resources) in the **Keeping Children Safe** section.

## DIARY DATES

### June

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

### July

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

### ROYAL GREENWICH YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The RGYO is holding a half-term music course at Mycenae House, Blackheath, SE3 7SE on Tuesday 28th May (10am to 3pm) and Wednesday 29th May (10am to 5pm). This is for any child who plays an orchestral instrument and is Grade 3 and above. The course is supported by musicians from the London Symphony Orchestra and is FREE!

For more information and to apply visit: [www.rgyo.co.uk](http://www.rgyo.co.uk)



**Amber (N):** Christopher-Lee for great work on adding numbers

**Amethyst (R):** Gia for an excellent attitude to learning

**Aquamarine (R):** Tristan for fantastic improvements in maths

**Citrine (1):** Ardhani for fabulous independent maths

**Coral (1):** Isabelle for super work on her reading

**Diamond (2):** Max for a great retelling of a *Paddington Bear* story

**Emerald (2):** The whole class for fantastic behaviour when they had a supply teacher on Tuesday

**Jade (3):** Connor for being able to recognise acute, obtuse and right angles

**Jasper (3):** Layla for great enthusiasm when writing her own Greek myth

**Onyx (4):** Juliette for giving her best effort in all subjects

**Opal (4):** Sophie for lovely writing in role as Lenny from *The Lion and the Unicorn*

**Pearl (5):** Justin for super participation and concentration during French lessons

**Sapphire (5):** Tilly for always being a hardworking, enthusiastic and positive member of the class

**Topaz:** Alastair for his enthusiasm in all areas of learning

**Turquoise:** Frankie for excellent problem solving skills in maths

### SPARE UNIFORMS

If you have any spare, outgrown uniform items at home, please send them in to us. They are really useful if a child has an accident in school.

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