

Gordon School News

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SUMMER BARBEQUE & DISCO

Friday 5th July, 7pm to 10pm.

Barbeque tickets will go on sale for one week between Monday 10th and Friday 14th June in the Sports Hall foyer at 9:05am and 3:15pm. Ticket numbers are limited due to council licencing rules, so please come along early to avoid disappointment. We operate on a first-come-first-served basis. If you are unable to get to the school during the week you can email us: friendsofthegordon@gmail.com. We will be accessing this from 9am Monday 10th June. Please only email if you cannot get to the school.

Ticket options:

- Family ticket £10 – permits 2 adults and 2 children **or** 1 adult and 3 children
- Adult ticket £5
- Child ticket £2
- Under 4s are free

The ticket price covers entry to the barbeque and disco only. It does not include food or refreshments. You can only consume food and drink purchased at the barbeque. This is a fundraising event and all money raised will be used for the benefit of the children.

To ensure the evening runs smoothly we need a large number of volunteers to help out for just half an hour slots on the bar, sweets stall or barbeque, so please sign up when buying tickets, or email us. Without our kind volunteers this event cannot go ahead.

NEW WEBSITE

We are in the process of redesigning our website and hope the new one will go live within the next few weeks. We are also planning to launch a Gordon School app for smartphones which will make receiving information from us even easier. Please look out for notifications.

GO! CLUB INSET DAY COVER

Monday 2nd September will be an inset day and the GO! Club will be offering a full day's childcare from 8am to 6pm for £30. We have spaces for 30 children. These places are open to all children and will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. If you would like to book a place, please send an email the GO! Club Team: go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

ATTENDANCE

Well done to this week's Attendance Award winners: **Topaz, Jasper** and **Emerald** classes.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Well done to **Citrine** Class for presenting a wonderful assembly today. The children shared their fantastic learning about *Stars* and *Plants*. As well as great science facts, writing and art they also impressed us with music and dance!

NURSERY UNIFORM

We are considering making a change to our uniform policy for the children in our nursery. At present the nursery uniform is optional and some children wear it but we feel there are benefits to all children wearing a uniform:

- A nursery uniform (sweatshirt with jogging bottoms / leggings) would be easy for the children to manage independently.
- Uniform gives the children a sense of belonging and equality.
- Uniform is practical and easy to wash. There are no concerns about getting a favourite outfit dirty or messy.

If you would like to share your opinion on the introduction of a compulsory nursery uniform please either speak to our nursery teacher Mrs Miller or email us at office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

TERM DATES

Please remember that the last day of the Summer Term is Friday 19th July. We will finish at 3:30pm as usual. The Autumn Term begins on Tuesday 3rd September.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property boxes are overflowing again. Please check them if your child has recently mislaid any items. Thank you.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JUNE

- 10th to 14th Phonics Screening Checks for **Year 1**
Mon 10th FoG barbeque and disco tickets go on sale
Swimming Gala heats – Girls
Wed 12th Swimming Gala heats – Boys
Nursery visit to Maritime Museum
Deadline for class photograph orders
Thurs 13th **Pearl** Class trip to Royal Institute
Fri 14th **Year 3** visit to Woodlands Farm
Reception visit to Sea Life London Aquarium



All tickets are now on sale for the fifth Greenwich Book Festival, and it's the best line-up yet! Headlining authors and events for children include **Cressida Cowell**, **Axel Scheffler**, **Robin Stevens**, **Derek Landy** (Skulduggery Pleasant), a **Harry Potter** party and **Roald Dahl's** Rotsome and Repulsant Words. Younger kids can enjoy a **Tiger Who Came to Tea** storytelling party, **Moomins** crafting and **Chiff Chaff** theatre presenting Jill Murphy classics. You can also discover the secrets of Sharna Jackson's **High Rise Mystery**, learn how a **Beano** illustrator draws Dennis and Gnasher, and attend other creative workshops led by award-winning author-illustrators.

We haven't forgotten the parents, either. Adult highlights include appearances by **Michael Palin**, **Tracey Thorn**, **Billy Bragg**, literary authors **Joseph O'Connor**, **Linda Grant** and **Bernardine Evaristo**, poetry from **Jay Bernard**, activism from **Caroline Criado Perez** and **Kerry Hudson**, an **Andrea Levy** tribute and **New Daughters of Africa** showcase.

Tickets start at £4. Free activities abound too, with drop-in sessions on Saturday with **Manga** artist Inko and **WeMakeBooks**. Try your luck with the free poetry jukebox or drop into The Platform: A Showcase for Greenwich Writers. Street food vans will be there to satisfy rumbling tummies. In addition to all that, we support brilliant free outreach work for Greenwich primaries, secondaries and libraries. Hope to see you there!

For full line-up and tickets greenwichbookfest.com You can also follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Daner for great artwork on *The Sea*

Amethyst (R): Teo for an excellent effort in English

Aquamarine (R): Audrey for fantastic work in maths

Citrine (1): Sammie for great independent writing

Coral (1): Alica for her enthusiasm about wildlife in our pond

Diamond (2): Esme for a great attitude to her learning and always trying her best.

Emerald (2): The whole class for working really hard on their writing this week

Jade (3): Marietta for writing a super poem

Jasper (3): Albert for a fantastic role-play of our story

Onyx (4): Stanley for super determination when solving fraction problems

Opal (4): David for fabulous fractions work

Pearl (5): Willow for her interesting and thoughtful contributions in science

Sapphire (5): George for his persistence in decoding Viking riddles

Topaz: Louis for writing a brilliant letter as *Macbeth*

Turquoise: Tom for working hard to learn his lines for the Year 6 production

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