

Gordon School News

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RECENT EVENTS IN SCHOOL

Last Friday evening our fantastic **swimming** team took third place in the Greenwich Schools' Swimming Gala. We are very proud of them! On Saturday, we had a fantastic turn out at our picnic for **new Reception** families. Thank you to everyone who came along.

This week, **GSG** took part in an acapella workshop. They sounded amazing! On Tuesday, **Year 4** hosted a super instrumental concert for their families, and the children in **Year 2** had a great DT day being creative and learning to cook! On Thursday, **Year 6** went on a trip to the Museum of London where they learned about the history of the city, and **Opal Class** were visited by one of their penfriends who had travelled all the way over from America. Finally, **Diamond Class** presented a super assembly today and shared what they have been learning about London.

FOG BARBEQUE & DISCO

The **Barbeque & Disco** are happening this evening! This event is sold out and we have no more tickets available. Please remember to bring your tickets with you so we can admit you quickly.

Recycling: If you have your own garden wine or beer glasses please bring them along (no glass please). We will be "renting out" reusable wine glasses for a £1 deposit. You will get this refunded when you return them at the end of the night!

Children: Parents / carers must take responsibility for their children at all times and must ensure they are supervised. Unaccompanied children will not be admitted.

Refreshments: The ticket price covers entry only. It does not cover the cost of refreshments. You can only consume food and drink purchased on site as it is a licensed event.

This is a fundraising event and the money raised will be used for the benefit of the children.

INTRUDERS

We have recently had some intruders playing in the school grounds and causing damage. If you notice any young people in our playground outside of school hours, please help us by contacting the police. Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you receive certain benefits such as:

- **Income Support**
- **Working Tax Credit**
- **Job Seekers Allowance**
- **Employment Support Allowance**
- **Pensions Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit**
- **Support under Part 6 of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999**

your family may be able to receive free school meals, school clothing grants or School Journey grants. More information can be found on the council's website: www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk. Alternatively, we have copies of the form in the office and we can help you with your application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR YEAR 2:

Your automatic entitlement to free school meals will end at the end of this term. If you receive the benefits listed above you will need to apply for free school meals – they will not continue unless you complete and submit the form.

SPONSORED FUN RUN

We handed out bronze, silver and gold medals to the fastest boys and girls in each year group in Monday's assembly!

Thanks go to everyone who has brought in their sponsorship money! If you have not brought yours in yet, please take it along to the office by Friday 12th July.

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. They have already started planning for the day and are looking to take the children out on a trip. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please email: go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

July

Mon 8 th	Nursery closed - Welcome Meeting at 9:30am / 2pm
Tues 9 th	Steel Band perform in the bandstand (3:30pm)
Wed 10 th	School Band perform in the bandstand (3:30pm)
Thurs 11 th	Nursery & Reception Sports (morning)
Fri 12 th	Emerald Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm) Police Safety Talks with Year 6 Violin Concert (Year 3) – Sports Hall (3:30pm)
Tues 16 th	Year 6 Leavers' Production (6:30pm)
Thurs 18 th	Year 6 disco (7pm to 9:30pm)
Fri 19 th	Last day of term – school ends at 3:30pm

UPDATE ON THE HUTS

Following the application for the demolition / refurbishment of the Grade-2 Listed huts in our playground, the Local Authority have been meeting with Historic England. We hope that there will be a positive recommendation from Historic England that the Local Authority will be able to work with. When we receive more information, we will let you know.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 1099 Rochester 1156 Dunvegan 1109 Nesbit 1112

ANNUAL REPORTS & CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

The children's annual reports will be given out on Friday 12th July. Information about your child's teacher and class name for next year will be in Friday's newsletter. However, if you have downloaded the **school app** you will receive the new class and teacher information a day early as we will be sending it out on Thursday 11th July.

To download the app, please search for **School Jotter**.



GOODBYE & HELLO

It is with great sadness that we have to say "goodbye" to some staff members. After years of dedication, Mrs Hollingum has decided to retire; Mrs Gray and her family are leaving London and relocating to another part of the country, and Ms Ticehurst has found a new job nearer her home. Ms Dilkes, our Music TA, has a teaching post at a Music College and will also be taking to the road on a musical tour! All of these staff members have been great assets to our school and we shall miss them enormously.

We are delighted to announce that we have some new teachers joining us in September. We are very excited to welcome Mrs Beattie, Ms Morton and Ms Whiting to The Gordon team. We wish them a long and happy time at our school.

VACANCIES

We are looking to appoint some ad hoc meal supervisors who we can call upon to cover staff absence. If you have daytime availability and the flexibility to come in at short notice please contact us for an application form.

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Ronnie V for his enthusiasm at Forest School

Amethyst (R): Mia for always being so helpful in the classroom

Aquamarine (R): Tristan and Harley for super teamwork in PE

Citrine (1): Avneet for brilliant writing

Coral (1): Lily for working hard on her reading

Diamond (2): the whole class for working well on their assembly

Emerald (2): Dulcie for putting her best effort into all her learning

Jade (3): Agatha for her positive attitude to using the column method in maths

Jasper (3): Isabella for writing a detailed set of instructions

Onyx (4): Giulia for impressing us with her amazing flute solo

Opal (4): the whole class for a brilliant music performance

Pearl (5): Kieran for a super piece of writing in role as a character

Sapphire (5): Sofia for careful observations in science

Topaz: Tyler for great behaviour on the trip to the Museum of London

Turquoise: Ruby for being polite, friendly and helpful

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Congratulations go to Diamond, Pearl and Amethyst classes for winning this week's awards!

ANTI-BULLYING SURVEY

You will be receiving a letter requesting permission for your child to take part in an anti-bullying survey. Please complete and return the reply slip by 10th July. Thanks.

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