

# Gordon School News

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*Be the best you can be!*

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

All of the **Reception** children have now started and today was their first full day in school. They have settled in really well. We had a great turn out for our **Reception** Welcome Meeting yesterday and we hope everyone found it useful.

We had a very exciting visit from a tortoise on Wednesday. The children in **Year 1** loved finding out about her!

## INSET DAY CHILD CARE COVER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October will be an Inset Day and the school will be closed. The GO! Club are looking to provide childcare between 8am and 6pm if there is enough demand. The cost of this childcare is £30 per child and includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. The GO! Club are planning to take the children out for a local trip for part of the day. If you are interested in this childcare, please send an email to [go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September. We will then confirm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September if we have received enough interest to make this childcare viable.

## GOVERNING BODY VACANCY

Being a member of the Governing Body is a great way to be involved in the life of the school and to have input into strategic decision making. We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor which we would like to fill. We will soon be sending out information about what being a Governor entails and how you can put yourself forward if you are interested.

## CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for some additional help in the classrooms. If you have some time you could spare and would like to become a classroom volunteer, we'd love to hear from you! Please speak to your child's teacher or one of the office staff. Thank you.

## SECONDARY TRANSFER

There will be meetings on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 9:10am and 6:30pm for the parents of the children in **Year 6**. Mr Taylor will talk through the process for applying for secondary school places. There will also be an opportunity to discuss the School Journey to Osmington Bay which will take place in March 2020 and Year 6 SATS tests.

## ALLERGIES

If your child has an allergy please make sure you inform us. We have a growing number of children with allergies and we need to know how to manage their conditions so we can ensure their safety in school.



Several children in the school are allergic to nuts. This is why we ask you not to put nuts or food containing nuts in your child's packed lunch. Thank you for helping us keep the children safe.

## HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 378	Rochester 343
Dunvegan 333	Nesbit 319

## HUTS UPDATE

The Eltham and Kidbrooke Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at The Town Hall, Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6PW at 6.30pm. The demolition / refurbishment of the huts is an agenda item and will be discussed. We are hoping that a final decision will be made and we can start preparing for the work to take place. This is an open meeting and we would be delighted if some parents could come along to show their support.

## FOG (PTA) MEETING

The next FOG meeting will take place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Lower Hall. Everyone is welcome!

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to this week's Attendance Award winners: **Hydra, Phoenix** and **Cyclops** classes.

## DIARY DATES

### SEPTEMBER

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Secondary Transfer Meeting for **Year 6** parents  
9:10am / 6:30pm  
w/b Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Cycle Training for **Year 6**

### OCTOBER

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> School photographer – individual and sibling shots  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> **Kraken Class** Assembly (9:15am / 3pm)  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Health Assessments  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Health Assessments  
Friends of the Gordon Meeting (7pm)  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Inset Day – school closed to children  
w/b Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Cycle Training for **Year 6**  
Mon 14<sup>th</sup> **Hydra Class** trip – Rocks & Soils  
Open Evening for **Years 1 to 6**  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup> **Hippogriff Class** trip – Rocks & Soils  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Assemblies  
9:15am ~ **Reception, Year 1 & Year 2**  
2:00pm ~ **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**  
Open Evening for **Years 1 to 6**  
Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> **Reception** trip – Autumn Walk  
21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Half Term break  
Wed 30<sup>th</sup> **Year 2** trip – Bright Sparks Concert

### NOVEMBER

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> **Kelpie Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)  
Wed 6<sup>th</sup> **Reception** Parent Workshop  
Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** Parent Workshop  
Book Fair arrives  
Fri 8<sup>th</sup> **Griffin Class** Assembly (9:15am / 3pm)  
w/b Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Week – English focus  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> **Year 1** trip – St Luke's Church  
Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Freshwater Theatre visiting **Year 3**  
Curriculum Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> **Hydra Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)  
**Year 4** trip – London Zoo  
Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Instrumental Gala (evening)  
Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Open Evening for **Nursery & Reception**  
Wed 20<sup>th</sup> **Year 2** Parent Workshop (9:15am)  
Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Open Evening for **Nursery & Reception**  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> **Hippogriff Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)  
Mon 25<sup>th</sup> **Year 5** School Journey Meeting (6pm)  
Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccinations (**Reception to Year 6**)  
Fri 29<sup>th</sup> **Genie Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

### DECEMBER

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Last day of the Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)

## FLU VACCINATIONS

All children from Reception to Year 6 are eligible for the annual flu vaccination. If you would like your child to receive the vaccine (administered via a nasal spray) please return the form to the office by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

**WELL DONE**

**Sphinx (R):** Jenson for his imaginative use of mixed media whilst junk-modelling

**Sprite (R):** Albie for being a wonderful role model in the classroom

**Pegasus (1):** Matthew for thinking of really good adjectives to describe a tortoise

**Phoenix (1):** Mia for becoming more confident at coming to school

**Kelpie (2):** Pavel for great work in maths this week

**Kraken (2):** Summer for a great attitude to all her learning

**Hippogriff (3):** Tyler for brilliant concentration and effort in grammar lessons this week

**Hydra (3):** Tian for his attention to detail in art lessons

**Genie (4):** Ade for making good contributions to PSHE discussions

**Griffin (4):** Daniel for excellent work on rounding in maths

**Damysus (5):** Matthew for amazing use of description in English

**Dragon (5):** Terry for super map work when locating Roman roads

**Centaur (6):** Harry for using excellent rainforest vocabulary in his writing

**Cyclops (6):** Maxime for demonstrating a brilliant attitude towards all his learning

**WELL DONE**

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