

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!



PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday 1st October to take individual and sibling shots. Please make sure that your child is in full school uniform.

INSET DAY CHILD CARE COVER

Last week we mentioned that Friday 11th 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. We have extended the date by which you need to let us know if you are interested to noon on Monday 30th September. We will then confirm later that day if we have received enough interest to make this childcare viable. If you are interested in this childcare, please send an email to go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

It is a long way off yet, but we thought you would like to know when we will be presenting our Christmas performances. Please put these dates in your diary:

Wednesday 4 th December	Years 5 & 6 (4pm) - tbc
Tuesday 10 th December	Years 1 & 2 (9:30am) Foundation Stage (2pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	Foundation Stage (9:30am) Years 1 & 2 (2pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 & 4 (9:30am) Years 3 & 4 (2pm)

PARENT GOVERNORS

We have vacancies on our Governing Body and we are looking to increase the number of Parent Governors. If you are interested, please see the letter we sent out earlier in the week and complete the nomination form which can be found on our website. The deadline for returning the form is 9am on Friday 11th October 2019.

CODING CLUB

Coding Club will be starting next week. Please see the flyer we have sent out for details about how to sign up your child.

HUTS UPDATE

We are very excited to share with you the wonderful news that permission has been granted for the demolition of the four linked huts in the Key Stage 2 playground, the Toddler Hut and the hut in the Key Stage 1 playground as well as the renovation of the hut behind the Sports Hall. This is where the GO! Club and the Toddler Group will be re-located and we also plan for it to be a dedicated learning space for practical art and science lessons. Huge thanks go to everyone who supported the application. We are now waiting to meet with officers from the Royal Borough of Greenwich to arrange the programme of work. We will keep you updated on developments.

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 509	Rochester 494
Dunvegan 473	Nesbit 478

MUSIC NEWS

We have recently acquired seven p-bones (plastic trombones) from the sale of a trombone which was bequeathed to us by Roy Maskell. Roy was a semi-professional Jazz trombonist who lived in the local area. He was keen for more children to play the trombone so his wife, Annette, organised the sale of the trombone and gave us the money to buy the p-bones. These instruments are smaller, lighter and more accessible for children, and mean that we can fulfil Roy's wishes. We are very grateful for this generous addition to our stock of instruments and thank the Maskell family for their support.

If your child had instrument lessons last term, it is assumed that they will continue this term. If your child no longer wants to play an instrument please inform the instrument tutor so that we can offer the place to another child.

DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

w/b Mon 30th Cycle Training for **Year 6**

OCTOBER

Tues 1st School photographer – individual and sibling shots

Fri 4th **Kraken Class** Assembly (9:15am / 3pm)

Mon 7th **Year 6** trip to the Buddhist Centre

Wed 9th **Year 6** Health Assessments

Thurs 10th **Year 6** Health Assessments

Friends of the Gordon Meeting (7pm)

Fri 11th Inset Day – school closed to children

w/b Mon 14th Cycle Training for **Year 6**

Mon 14th **Hydra Class** trip – Rocks & Soils

Open Evening for **Years 1 to 6**

Tues 15th **Hippogriff Class** trip – Rocks & Soils

Wed 16th 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 17th **Reception** trip – Autumn Walk

21st to 25th Half Term break

Tues 29th **Dragon Class** trip – Southwark Cathedral

Wed 30th **Year 2** trip – Bright Sparks Concert

Damysus Class trip – Southwark cathedral

Thurs 31st Secondary school admissions application deadline

NOVEMBER

Fri 1st **Kelpie Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

Wed 6th **Reception** Parent Workshop

Thurs 7th **Year 6** Parent Workshop

Book Fair arrives

Fri 8th **Griffin Class** Assembly (9:15am / 3pm)

w/b Mon 11th Curriculum Week – English focus

Tues 12th **Year 1** trip – St Luke's Church

Wed 13th Freshwater Theatre visiting **Year 3**

Height / weight measurement programme for

Reception and Year 6

Curriculum Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)

Fri 15th **Hydra Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

Year 4 trip – London Zoo

Instrumental Gala (evening)

Mon 18th Open Evening for **Nursery & Reception**

Tues 19th **Year 2** Parent Workshop (9:15am)

Wed 20th Open Evening for **Nursery & Reception**

Thurs 21st **Hippogriff Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

Fri 22nd **Year 5** School Journey Meeting (6pm)

Mon 25th Flu Vaccinations (**Reception to Year 6**)

Tues 26th **Genie Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

DECEMBER

Thurs 19th Last day of the Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)

WELL DONE

Sphinx (R): Oliver for fantastic listening and contributions in phonics sessions

Sprite (R): Sophia for having a brilliant attitude to learning

Pegasus (1): Leo for asking really interesting questions

Phoenix (1): Jayden for working hard on making good decisions in school

Kelpie (2): Georgina for writing lovely instructions for looking after Paddington Bear

Kraken (2): James for great ideas in gymnastics lessons

Hippogriff (3): Maggie for excellent effort in maths this week

Hydra (3): Sofia for her excellent work on addition in maths

Genie (4): Jeremiah for showing fantastic enthusiasm in science

Griffin (4): Bobby for writing an excellent balanced argument

Damysus (5): Amy for great thinking and amazing explanations in maths

Dragon (5): Heather for excellent use of descriptive language

Centaur (6): Lily for making wonderful contributions to group discussions

Cyclops (6): George for fantastic effort when learning about micro-organisms in science

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations go to this week's Attendance Award Winners: **Hippogriff, Centaur and Sprite** classes.

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