

Gordon School News

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EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 6 pupils have been taking part in cycle training this week; building their skills and confidence in cycling on roads. The **school photographer** took individual and sibling shots on Tuesday. Please look out for the order forms that will be coming your way soon. Wednesday was a very exciting day for us; a group of girls from **Years 5 and 6** took part in an inter-school rugby competition and won! The whole team played brilliantly and the champions' cup they were awarded is huge and very shiny! Well done! Finally, **Kraken Class** presented our first class assembly of the year today and impressed us all with some super drama based on *Paddington Bear*! What a great end to the week!

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLIES

Our Harvest Assemblies will take place on Wednesday 16th October. **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will perform at 9:15am. **Years 3 to 6** will perform at 2pm. Both performances will be in the Sports Hall. We will be supporting the **Greenwich Foodbank** and hope you will be able to donate items from their shopping list. Please send items to the classrooms. Thank you for your generosity.

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis



DONATE TOILETRIES

Help by donating toiletries, these can be just as vital to those in crisis



SHOPPING LIST
Any Tin of:
Peas
Carrots
Fruit
Custard
Rice Pudding
Fish
Meat
Or Long-life:
Milk
Fruit Juice
Or Toiletries

ATTENDANCE

Well done to this week's Attendance Award Winners: **Sphinx, Cyclops and Pegasus** classes.

CODING CLUB

We have a few places left in our Coding Club. If your child is interested in learning the skills needed to create and manipulate computer software, apps and websites and would like to come along to the Coding Club, please contact the school office.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON NEWS

The Friends of the Gordon (PTA) Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7pm** in the Lower Hall. During this meeting we need to elect members to the PTA committee. After several years of arranging fantastic events and raising thousands of pounds, the current committee are looking to step down from their roles. They will continue to provide support but are looking for new parents to form the committee. This is a great way to support the school and really make a difference for our children. Please see the letter we sent out earlier this week for more information. Thank you!

NUT ALLERGIES



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 509	Rochester 494
Dunvegan 473	Nesbit 478

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 last 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.

INSET DAY

Please remember that Friday 11th October is an Inset Day and the school will be closed.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

October is Black History Month and we are celebrating this by exploring key figures in Black history and culture. In our whole school assembly on Monday we began to tell the story of Nelson Mandela and how he led the struggle to replace the apartheid regime in South Africa with a multi-racial democracy.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

Mon 7th Year 6 trip to the Buddhist Centre
Tues 8th Dogs Trust visiting Year 6
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
Mon 18th Instrumental Gala (evening)
Tues 19th Open Evening for Nursery & Reception
Wed 20th Year 2 Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Thurs 21st Open Evening for Nursery & Reception
Fri 22nd Hippogriff Class Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)
Mon 25th Year 5 School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Tues 26th Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6)
Fri 29th Genie Class Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

DECEMBER

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



Sphinx (R): Hope for creating a fabulous repeating pattern in maths
Sprite (R): Max for excellent work in phonics sessions
Pegasus (1): Nina for brilliant writing
Phoenix (1): Maia for lovely descriptive writing of our African story setting
Kelpie (2): Harrison for writing a fantastic diary entry in role as *Paddington Bear*
Kraken (2): The whole class for working hard on their assembly
Hippogriff (3): Gracie for careful work on column addition in maths
Hydra (3): Eliza for increased confidence and enthusiasm when swimming
Genie (4): Ayo for writing an amazing poem
Griffin (4): Keeley for trying her best in all subjects
Damysus (5): Alex for great use of direct and indirect speech in his writing
Dragon (5): Sophie for super thinking and explaining in maths
Centaur (6): Lacey for writing a superb playscript
Cyclops (6): Madalene for her brilliant effort in maths lessons

MATERNITY NEWS

We are delighted to share some very exciting news with you! Mrs Hill, Hippogriff's class teacher, is pregnant! The baby is due just before Christmas and we know you will join us in wishing Mrs Hill and her growing family the best of luck!

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