

Gordon School

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EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We've had a very busy week! Another group of **Year 6** pupils completed their cycle training; **Year 3** went to the Ecology Park in Greenwich to support their work on *Rocks & Soils* and the **Reception** children went to the Pleasaunce for an Autumn Walk in the rain! Thank you to everyone who came along to the Harvest Assemblies on Wednesday. The children performed brilliantly; we hope you were impressed by their wonderful singing and music! We were overwhelmed by your generous donations to the Greenwich Foodbank – thank you!. The week ended with our Black History Assembly where the children shared their learning about key historical and cultural figures.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON NEWS

The Friends of the Gordon Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 10th October. Agenda items included the election of a new committee, upcoming events and how funds have been spent.

As mentioned previously, last year's committee members decided to step down. We would like to thank Natalie Henson, Stephanie Garside, Kirsten Halle, Yeliz Bayram and Ruth Woods for their time, hard work and dedication. Over the past three years they organised many very successful events. The extra funds raised for the school have been spent on a wide range of resources and activities that have enriched the children's learning.

A new committee was elected consisting of:

- Co-chairs: Stefanie Rumpelt-Meyn and Natalie Ari
- Vice-chair: Jodie Ablett
- Secretary: Imogene Inge
- Treasurer: Ray Spiers

The next FoG event is the Quiz Night on Friday 8th November. Tickets are £5 per person – maximum team size is six people. Tickets will be on sale from Monday 28th October until Friday 1st November at 9am and 3:15pm in the Sports Hall Foyer. If you are unable to come into the school to buy tickets, please e-mail: friendsofthegordon@gmail.com

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

A few parents were disappointed by their child's photograph so we have arranged for the company to come back on Tuesday 29th October. If you would like your child to have their photo taken again (or missed out the first time around) please email us at office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

OPEN EVENINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended the Open Evenings for the children in **Years 1 to 6** this week. We hope you found the meetings useful. **Nursery and Reception** Open Evenings are scheduled for 19th and 21st November. Details of how to book appointments will be available after the half-term holiday.

CURRICULUM WEEK

Our Curriculum Week will be taking place from 11th to 15th November. This year we are focusing on reading. The week includes a Curriculum Evening on **Wednesday 13th November** where the staff will provide lots of fun things for the children to do whilst offering advice on how you can support your child's reading at home. The Curriculum Evening will run from 5pm until 6:30pm in the Sports Hall.

EXTREME READING

As part of our **Curriculum Week** on reading, we are setting you the challenge of finding the most extreme (and safe) place your child can read a book. Please take a photo and either print off a copy or email: ksanders@gordon.greenwich.co.uk by Monday 4th November.

There will be a prize for the most extreme reader in each year group! Good luck!

NEW PARENT GOVERNORS

We had two vacancies for Parent Governors and received two nominations. Therefore, we do not need to hold an election. We are delighted to inform you that Natalie Henson and Rachel Hand will be joining the Governing Body! We look forward to working with them.

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations go to **GRANGEHILL** House for winning the House Points Cup for this half term. To celebrate, they can wear a top in their House Colour (GREEN) on Friday 1st November.

DIARY DATES

OCTOBER

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)
FoG Quiz Night (from 7pm)
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 & Year 6
Curriculum Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)
Fri 15th **Hydra Class** Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)
Year 4 trip – London Zoo
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

Tues 3rd **Year 3** trip to St Luke's Church
Wed 4th Carol concert – **Years 5 & 6** (4pm)
Fri 6th Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Disco for **Years 1, 2 & 3** (4pm to 5pm)
Disco for **Years 4, 5 & 6** (6pm to 7:30pm)
Monday 9th **Year 2** Carol Signing (afternoon)
Tues 10th Christmas Production – **Years 1 & 2** (9:30am)
Christmas Production – **Foundation Stage** (2pm)
Wed 11th Christmas Production – **Foundation Stage** (9:30am)
Christmas Production – **Years 1 & 2** (2pm)
11th to 13th **Year 5** on School Journey to Sayers Croft
Tues 17th Christmas Production – **Years 3 & 4** (9:30am)
Christmas Production – **Years 3 & 4** (2pm)
Tues 17th Pantomime for **Nursery, Reception & Year 1**
Wed 18th Class parties for **Years 2 to 6**
Thurs 19th **Year 5** Assembly (9:15am)
Last day of the Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)

ATTENDANCE

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

WELL DONE

Sphinx (R): Ada for demonstrating fantastic creativity and imagination

Sprite (R): Jess for excellent work in phonics

Pegasus (1): Summer for brilliant writing

Phoenix (1): Kore for demonstrating positive behaviour

Kelpie (2): Ruby for fantastic artwork

Kraken (2): Ardhani for a super piece of artwork about the Great Fire of London

Hippogriff (3): Isaac for excellent behaviour and enthusiasm on the trip to the Ecology Park

Hydra (3): Henry for his enthusiasm and knowledgeable answers at the Ecology Park

Genie (4): Jeevan for super progress in swimming

Griffin (4): Ralph for excellent problem solving in maths

Damysus (5): Celina for great reasoning and use of strategies in maths

Dragon (5): Gracey for her super research into Black History Month

Centaur (6): Drew for a beautiful *animals at war* poem

Cyclops (6): Macie for brilliant effort when learning about common multiples in maths

CROWN WOODS DANCE

Please note that the Crown Woods Dance Club held on Wednesdays will resume on 6th November. This is due to Crown Woods Academy having a two-week half term.

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