

Gordon School News

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EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 5 visited Southwark Cathedral this week to learn about how Christianity developed during Roman times. They had a fantastic workshop and enjoyed their visit! **Year 2** went to the London Philharmonic Orchestra's *Bright Sparks* concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday. It was based on the children's book *Zog* and the children had a brilliant time! **Kelpie Class** presented their assembly today and shared their super work on London. Everyone was very impressed!

We received a lovely email from a member of the public this week. They had shared a train carriage with us on one of this week's trips and were very impressed by how well behaved the children were. It's great to know that the children are such good ambassadors for the school!

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** when 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.

To start our Curriculum week we will be having a **Bedtime Story Day** on Monday 11th November. The children can come to school in their bed clothes, including dressing gowns, and bring their slippers to change into.

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 it to Mrs Sanders, our English subject leader: 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!

LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL

We have chosen to be part of **WOW** - an exciting nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. The children will self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel sustainably (walk, cycle or scoot) once a week for a month, they are rewarded with a badge! We hope you will support us by taking up this challenge with your child.

OPEN EVENINGS

The Open Evenings for the children in Nursery and Reception will be taking place on Tuesday 19th November (3:45pm to 7pm) and Thursday 21st November (3:45pm to 6pm). Please look out for the information on how to book appointments that we sent out earlier this week.

WAR POETRY

Year 6 recently wrote poems entitled 'An Animal's Sacrifice' and entered them into the Dogs Trust's 2019 Animals In War poetry competition. A huge number of poems from students across the south of England were entered and two winners were chosen. We are delighted to inform you that one of the winners is Lacey in Centaur Class. We would like to congratulate her for writing such an engaging piece of poetry to mark the sacrifice of animals in war. Lacey has been invited to read her poem at the **Animals In War Memorial Service** which will take place on Park Lane on Friday 8th November.

CHILDREN'S OPERA COMPANY

A number of Gordon pupils recently auditioned to join the Children's Opera Company. This is a very prestigious group which performs at the **Royal Opera House** in central London. We are very proud that two of our Year 6 pupils – Willow and Lacey – were successful and will soon be performing on a West End stage! Congratulations!

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The children's Christmas lunch will be served on Friday 6th December. If your child usually has a packed lunch but would like to have the Christmas lunch, please let us know by Friday 8th November. Thank you.

COATS

Please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day. Thank you!

DIARY DATES

NOVEMBER

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| Wed 6 th | Reception Parent Workshop |
| Thurs 7 th | Year 6 Parent Workshop Book Fair arrives |
| Fri 8 th | Griffin Class Assembly (9:15am / 3pm) FoG Quiz Night (from 7pm) |
| w/b Mon 11 th | Curriculum Week – English focus |
| Mon 11 th | Bedtime Story Day |
| Tues 12 th | Year 1 trip – St Luke's Church Year 4 <i>Eltham Lights Up</i> lantern making workshop |
| Wed 13 th | Freshwater Theatre visiting Year 3 Height / weight measurements - Reception & Year 6 Curriculum Evening (5pm to 6:30pm) |
| Fri 15 th | Hydra Class Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm) Year 4 trip – London Zoo |
| Mon 18 th | Instrumental Gala (evening) |
| Tues 19 th | Open Evening for Nursery & Reception Relationships & Sex Education Drop-In (3:30pm) |
| Wed 20 th | Year 2 Parent Workshop (9:15am) |
| Thurs 21 st | Open Evening for Nursery & Reception <i>Eltham Lights Up</i> (Year 4 will represent our school) |
| Fri 22 nd | Hippogriff Class Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm) |
| Mon 25 th | Year 5 School Journey Meeting (6pm) |
| Tues 26 th | Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6) |
| Wed 27 th | Nursery Parent Workshops (9:15am / 2:45pm) |
| Fri 29 th | Genie Class Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm) |

DECEMBER

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| Tues 3 rd | Year 3 trip to St Luke's Church |
| Wed 4 th | Carol concert – Years 5 & 6 (4pm) |
| Fri 6 th | 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 9 th | Year 2 Carol Singing (afternoon) |
| Tues 10 th | Christmas Production – Years 1 & 2 (9:30am) Christmas Production – Foundation Stage (2pm) |
| Wed 11 th | Christmas Production – Foundation Stage (9:30am) Christmas Production – Years 1 & 2 (2pm) |
| 11 th to 13 th | Year 5 on School Journey to Sayers Croft |
| Thurs 12 th | General Election |
| Tues 17 th | Christmas Production – Years 3 & 4 (9:30am) Christmas Production – Years 3 & 4 (2pm) |
| Tues 17 th | Pantomime for Nursery, Reception & Year 1 |
| Wed 18 th | Class parties for Years 2 to 6 |
| Thurs 19 th | Year 5 Assembly (9:15am) Last day of the Autumn Term (finish at 2pm) |

GENERAL ELECTION

The Sports Hall will be used as a polling station on Thursday 12th December. The school will be open as usual as we will lock the gate between the hall and the school so no members of the public can enter the playground. Please bear in mind that there will be no access to the school for children or parents via the gate on Craigton Road so you will need to use the gate on Earlshall Road instead.



Unicorn (N): Olive for always being a good friend

Sphinx (R): Bridget for her fantastic effort in phonics

Sprite (R): Julius for having an excellent attitude towards learning

Pegasus (1): Tristan for wonderful handwriting

Phoenix (1): Jack for a demonstrating a great attitude to learning

Kelpie (2): The whole class for working hard on their assembly

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

Hippogriff (3): Avry for writing a fantastic diary entry

Hydra (3): Alex for his confident dance performance

Genie (4): Eloise for a really creative clay sculpture

Griffin (4): Taya for excellent effort in all areas of his learning

Damysus (5): Saami for great contributions on the trip to Southwark Cathedral

Dragon (5): Teresa for excellent participation during the trip to Southwark Cathedral

Centaur (6): Lola for fabulous organisation when classifying animals in science

Cyclops (6): Eliza fantastic effort when classifying animals in science

ATTENDANCE

Well done to this week's Attendance Award Winners: **Sprite, Genie** and **Griffin** classes.

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