

# Gordon School News

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## CURRICULUM WEEK

We had a great start to our Curriculum Week on reading when nearly everyone came to school ready for a Bed Time story/Pyjama Day on Monday. We had visits from some inspirational authors, great workshops with theatre groups and a fantastic play-in-a-day! Lots of classes went to Eltham library. It was lovely to see so many children and family members at our Curriculum Evening on Wednesday. The Book Fair was very well supported and we will soon find out how much commission you raised for us. It's been a fantastic week. Enormous thanks go to Mrs Sanders, our English Subject Leader, for organising such an amazing week!

Congratulations go to our **Extreme Reading Competition** winners: Felix (Sphinx), Alice (Kelpie), Emily (Damysus) and Peter (Dragon). They received a voucher to spend at the Book Fair. Well done!

## FoG (PTA) NEWS

We had a fantastic turnout at last Friday's Quiz Night and are delighted to inform you that we raised a very impressive £875. What a great start to this year's fund-raising! Well done, everyone!

There will be two children's discos on 6<sup>th</sup> December. Information will be distributed next week, so please look out for this.

By the end of this week you should have received your child's Christmas / winter artwork and details about how to order cards, wrapping paper and tags. Orders need to be made by 25<sup>th</sup> November. The items will be ready by 5<sup>th</sup> December and will be given to your child to take home. FoG receives commission on all sales so this is a great way to celebrate your child's creativity and help make some money. Thank you for your support.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Christmas lunch will be served on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and children who usually have a packed lunch can have the Christmas meal if they choose for a cost of £2:50. We have extended the deadline for accepting orders until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the office staff. Thank you.

## BEFORE SCHOOL

The school gates open at 8:45am in the morning as this is the time we begin to supervise the playground. If you arrive before 8:45am, please do not ask the staff entering the premises to let you in. Thank you.

## MOBILE APP

The Gordon School app is a very easy way to keep up-to-date with school news and events.



**Android users** – Go to Google Play, search for **School Jotter**

**iOS users** – Go to the App Store and search for **School Jotter**

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We have had such a busy week! As well as lots of Curriculum Week activities and visitors (see opposite) we marked Remembrance Day with a special assembly and a minute's silence on Monday. On Tuesday, **Year 1** visited St Luke's Church and pupils from **Year 4** took part in a lantern making workshop in preparation for the *Eltham Lights Up* parade. On Wednesday, the Freshwater Theatre group held workshops about the Stone Age for **Year 3**. The school nursing team came in on Wednesday to carry out height and weight measurements of the children in **Reception** and **Year 6**. On Thursday we wore odd-socks as part of National Anti-Bullying Week to help us remember that we are all individuals and different. The week ended with a very exciting trip to London Zoo for **Year 4** and a fact-filled assembly on the Stone Age by **Hydra Class**. Phew! We are all exhausted and in need of a restful weekend!

## HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 335	Rochester 345
Dunvegan 368	Nesbit 335

## GO! CLUB

If your child is booked in for a GO! Club session but will not be attending, please email [go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) and let us know. Thank you!

## DIARY DATES

### NOVEMBER

Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Instrumental Gala (evening)
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for <b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> Relationships & Sex Education Drop-In (3:30pm)
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2</b> Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup>	Open Evening for <b>Nursery &amp; Reception</b> Eltham Lights Up ( <b>Year 4</b> will represent our school)
Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Hippogriff Class</b> Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccinations ( <b>Reception to Year 6</b> )
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Parent Workshops (9:15am / 2:45pm)
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Genie Class</b> Assembly (9:15pm / 3pm)

### DECEMBER

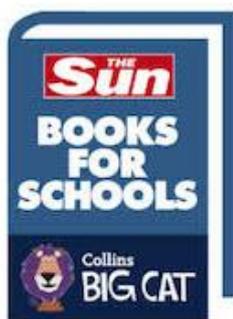
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 3</b> trip to St Luke's Church
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Carol concert – <b>Years 5 &amp; 6</b> (4pm)
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day Disco for <b>Years 1, 2 &amp; 3</b> (4pm to 5pm) Disco for <b>Years 4, 5 &amp; 6</b> (6pm to 7:30pm)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2</b> Carol Singing (afternoon)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Production – <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> (9:30am) Christmas Production – <b>Foundation Stage</b> (2pm)
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Production – <b>Foundation Stage</b> (9:30am) Christmas Production – <b>Years 1 &amp; 2</b> (2pm)
11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> on School Journey to Sayers Croft
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	General Election (school open)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Production – <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> (9:30am) Christmas Production – <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b> (2pm)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime for <b>Nursery, Reception &amp; Year 1</b>
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Class parties for <b>Years 2 to 6</b>
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> Assembly (9:15am) Last day of the Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)

### RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION (RSE)

Please remember that this term's RSE lessons (Years 1 to 6) will be taught during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> November. On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November you will have the opportunity to view our resources and ask us questions about the objectives we will be covering. Please pop along to the Lower Hall at 3:30pm. Thank you.

### ATTENDANCE

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



We have registered for The Sun's Books For Schools scheme. Tokens will be printed in The Sun newspaper between Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019 and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We need to collect 3,500 tokens to claim £600 worth of books. If you, your family or friends read The Sun, please bring the tokens in for us. Thank you for your support!

# WELL DONE

**Unicorn (N):** Everyone for observing the two minutes' silence on remembrance day

**Sphinx (R):** Zhirui for his fantastic writing

**Sprite (R):** Joshua for his great enthusiasm during our *Alice In Wonderland* workshop

**Pegasus (1):** Ethan for lovely artwork

**Phoenix (1):** Gia for improvements in maths

**Kelpie (2):** Alice for super work in our Midsummer Night's Dream workshop

**Kraken (2):** Mali for always listening well and trying her best

**Hippogriff (3):** Isla for always having an enthusiastic attitude to learning

**Hydra (3):** Albert for using a variety of methods for calculating the 4x table

**Genie (4):** Layla for writing a wonderful traditional tale for the Reception children

**Griffin (4):** Ruby B for great engagement during the author visit

**Damysus (5):** Everyone for their superb behaviour during the visit to Eltham library

**Dragon (5):** Darci for working hard on different methods of addition

**Centaur (6):** Guste for great work on fractions

**Cyclops (6):** Ryan for writing a brilliant first person narrative

If you have concerns regarding a child's well-being, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our **Child Protection Team**: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black or Mrs Newlove. Alternatively, call the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000.

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