

# Gordon School News

**Headteacher:** Jason Taylor

**Assistant Head (Curriculum):** Amanda Black

**Assistant Head (Inclusion):** Hannah Cuesta



***Be the best you can be!***

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

The children from **Reception to Year 6** had flu vaccinations on Tuesday. The vaccines are administered as a quick and easy nasal spray and all went well. On Wednesday, we welcomed parents and carers of the **Nursery** children to workshops on early literacy. We hope that everyone found the workshops useful. Finally, **Genie Class** presented a great assembly today and shared super work based on the book *Mouse Bird Snake Wolf*. Well done, children!

## YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY

We would like to thank all of the **Year 5** parents and carers who attended the School Journey meeting on Monday evening. With just a week and a half to go until the children head off to Sayers Croft, please ensure that all payments have been made, all forms have been completed and returned and all other items (pocket money, medication, letters, etc.) have been handed in. Thank you!

## ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY UPDATE

We are well on our way with collecting evidence for the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark and plan to apply for the bronze award soon. We have a steering group consisting of senior school leaders, teachers, support staff, governors, parents, pupils, police and a representative from a neighbouring school which has already achieved the bronze award. The steering group lead on anti-bullying developments and as a school we have:

- carried out questionnaires and surveys
- reviewed and revised our anti-bullying policy
- worked with the anti-bullying charity The Diana Award and trained 20 Year 5 and 6 pupils to be Rainbow Ambassadors
- created class charters of combatting bullying behaviour
- promoted anti-bullying themes such as kindness and being a good friend in PSHE lessons

We are always keen to receive your feedback and suggestions. If you have anything you would like to share with us please send an email to Mrs Newlove our Learning Mentor: [newlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:newlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As you are aware, we issue tickets for our Christmas performances to ensure that the hall does not become over crowded. Please note that we have no more tickets available for the **Years 1 & 2** performance Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. There are still tickets available for the **Years 1 & 2** performance on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## CHARITY DONATIONS

There are hundreds of great charitable causes around today. As a school, we believe that we have a duty to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We don't tend to support huge, national fundraising events as we prefer to keep things a little closer to home and offer support to people in our local community who need it instead.

Each year we nominate a charity to support and this year the children in our School Council have chosen the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. One of our pupils is currently under the care of the Royal Marsden Hospital and the School Council thought this would be a great way to show we care.

We will be collecting contributions at our Christmas performances and we hope you will be able to find a few coins (or maybe even a note) to drop into our collection boxes. Thank you!



To help raise funds for our school while you do your online shopping, please visit the **easyfundraising** website or download the app. Then, when you shop via easyfundraising you'll earn commission for our school. It's quick, easy and costs you nothing!

If you have not signed up yet, go to the *Gordon School App*, click on *links* and you'll see the easyfundraising website listed. Alternatively, you can access the website here: <http://bit.ly/2QvjEG5>

## HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 921	Rochester 930
Dunvegan 960	Nesbit 907

## DIARY DATES

### DECEMBER

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

## RECEPTION APPLICATIONS

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 are due to start primary school in September 2020. Applications need to be made to the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Guidance and the application form can be found on the Royal Borough of Greenwich website: [www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

## RAFFLE TICKETS

You should have received a booklet of five raffle tickets this week. This is for the FOG Christmas raffle, and will raise money for additional resources for the school. You can buy as few or as many as you wish, and then send the money with the ticket stubs (along with any unsold tickets) to the school office by 6<sup>th</sup> December. There are additional raffle tickets at the school office for anyone who wishes to buy more.

This year there are lots of fantastic and varied raffle prizes, ranging from Gym membership and fitbits, to food hampers and restaurant vouchers, to hair and beauty vouchers.

## ATTENDANCE

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



We have registered for The Sun's Books For Schools scheme. Tokens will be printed in The Sun newspaper until 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):** Isabella for her careful work on her *Starry Night* artwork

**Sphinx (R):** Eleanor for fabulous reading

**Sprite (R):** Olivia for great work in Christmas performance rehearsals

**Pegasus (1):** Bailey for fantastic maths

**Phoenix (1):** Gustave for great progress in reading

**Kelpie (2):** Olivia for working hard and making great progress in maths and reading

**Kraken (2):** Dylan for writing a brilliant letter in role as a character

**Hippogriff (3):** Joshua for great problem solving in maths

**Hydra (3):** Reya for being an amazingly supportive friend

**Genie (4):** The whole class for presenting an excellent assembly

**Griffin (4):** Abdul for super problem solving in maths

**Damysus (5):** Prashansa for being a wonderful "expert helper" in maths

**Dragon (5):** Teddy for being very thoughtful and sensible when helping to resolve an argument in the playground

**Centaur (6):** Daniel for always having a fantastic attitude to learning

**Cyclops (6):** Grace for always trying her best in all lessons

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.

School office: 020 8850 5486

e-mail: [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

Facebook:

Friends of Gordon  
Primary School

Website:

[www.gordonprimary.co.uk](http://www.gordonprimary.co.uk)