

Gordon School News

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EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

It has been another busy week. On Monday afternoon, **Year 2** performed carols in Passey Place to raise money for Demelza Hospice. They sang beautifully!

The children in the Foundation Stage (**Nursery and Reception**) and Key Stage 1 (**Years 1 and 2**) performed their Nativity plays on Tuesday and Wednesday. They impressed us all with their wonderful singing, dancing and acting! Well done, children.

Year 5 have been away on their School Journey since Wednesday. They are due back today. We are looking forward to hearing all about their exciting time away. Huge thanks go to Mrs Olding, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Cordery, Mrs Gillham, Mrs King and Mr Llewellyn for giving up their time and accompanying the children.

FOG NEWS

Last Friday's discos were a great success and the children had a fantastic time. Huge thanks go to all the parents, carers and staff members who helped out. Ticket sales for the raffle were excellent and we will let you know how much money we have raised soon.

ATTENDANCE

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

SAVE YOUR STAMPS FOR THE RNIB



We are supporting the Royal National Institute of Blind People by collecting stamps. As Christmas cards (and other letters) pop through your letterbox, please cut around the stamps and bring them into school. The RNIB will use the stamps to raise funds. Thank you for your support.

PARTY FOOD

The class parties will be taking place next week (**Nursery, Reception and Year 1 on Tuesday** and **Years 2 to 6 on Wednesday**). Contributions of party food are appreciated. Please remember that the food must be nut-free. Also, please only send in a small amount of food. Every year, too much food comes in so we would like to have less wastage this time around. Thank you.

CONTACT DETAILS

You may be aware that you can change the contact details linked to your Parentmail account by logging on to the app. Please bear in mind that this does not change the details we have for you in school. Any changes to your contact details held in school must be manually updated by a member of staff to ensure confidentiality. Recently, some parents did not receive emails as they made changes on Parentmail but did not realise they needed to inform us. Thank you.

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 1290	Rochester 1322
Dunvegan 1321	Nesbit 1290

FREE BOOKS FROM THE SUN

We have registered for The Sun's Books For Schools scheme. Tokens will be printed in The Sun newspaper until Saturday 18th 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!

SCHOOL SHOES

Please remember that the children should be wearing black shoes or boots to school. We have noticed that an increasing number of children are leaving their shoes at home and coming to school in trainers. Please make sure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Thank you.

CHARITY DONATIONS

We have been collecting for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity at our Christmas performances this year. Thank you for all your very generous donations.



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

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)
Christmas Jumper Day
Last day of the Autumn Term (finish at 2pm)

JANUARY

Monday 6th First day of the Spring Term

LAST DAY OF TERM

The last day of this term is Thursday 19th December. We will be finishing early so the **children will need to be collected at 2pm**. The GO! Club will operate from 2pm until 5pm.

CODING CLUB

Coding Club will be starting again in the spring term and will take place on Wednesdays for Key Stage 1 and Thursdays for Key Stage 2. Parents and carers can sign up online. Please collect a flier from the school office or contact Ms Carter for details: acarter@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

A refund will be made to parents whose children missed a session of Coding Club earlier this term.

NOROVIRUS

Norovirus is a stomach bug that can cause the sudden onset of severe vomiting and diarrhoea. The virus is highly contagious and is commonly spread through food or drink, contaminated surfaces and close contact with an infected person.

You may have read reports of schools that have had such huge outbreaks of norovirus that they have had to close temporarily for the protection of pupils and staff. We do not want that to happen here, so if your child has norovirus, please keep them off school for two days **after** the sickness and diarrhoea have stopped. We understand that this may be inconvenient, but it makes a massive difference to limiting the spread of the infection. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



There are two more opportunities for the children to wear their Christmas jumpers to school coming up. They can wear them on the day of their party and on the last day of the term.

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, our Lost Property boxes are full to overflowing! Please check if any of your child's belongings are there before the end of term. Thank you.

WELL DONE

Unicorn (N): Isabella for her increased interest and effort with writing and mark making

Sphinx (R) & Sprite (R): Everyone for an amazing Christmas performance and for completing their first full term in school

Pegasus (1): Charlotte for fantastic labelling of a toy

Phoenix (1): Daisy for consistent hard work and determination in all subjects

Kelpie (2): Joseph for being a great member of the class – friendly and hard-working

Kraken (2): Julia for always trying her best

Hippogriff (3): Henry H for great work in maths this week

Hydra (3): Luca for identifying and grouping different types of fossils

Genie (4): Lois for writing an imaginative description in English

Griffin (4): Sophia for super effort in maths lessons

Damysus (5): The whole class for being amazing children to teach

Dragon (5): The whole class for being brilliant representatives of our school whilst on School Journey

Centaur (6): Justin for fantastic effort in maths this week

Cyclops (6): Lola for great participation in class discussions

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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