

# Gordon School News

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## *Be the best you can be!*

### EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Well done **GSG** for bringing some festive cheer to Eltham station on Monday when they sang carols for evening commuters and raised money for charity. **Years 3 and 4** presented their amazing pantomime *Cinderella* on Tuesday and impressed everyone with two outstanding performances. These rounded off a series of wonderful Christmas performances from every year group – we are so proud of all of the children! Well done, everyone!

A visiting theatre group entertained the **Nursery, Reception and Year 1** children with a great performance of *“The Shining Star”* on Tuesday. The rest of the school had fun at their end-of-term parties.

**Year 5** brought the term to an end by presenting a great assembly today. They shared stories about last week’s residential visit to *Sayers Croft Outdoor Activity Centre*. Well done, **Damysus** and **Dragon** 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.

### SOCIAL MEDIA

Please remember that you must not upload photos or videos from school events onto social media sites. There is a very important reason for this. We have a number of fostered and adopted children whose birth families must not know their whereabouts.

If you have shared a post publicly, please remove it immediately – even if you have advanced privacy settings. If you know of someone in our school community who has shared a post, please either ask them to remove it or contact Mr Taylor: [headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk). We all have a duty to protect our most vulnerable pupils.

We would hate to stop all families from taking photos of important school events, so please make sure you are following this reasonable request.

### HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations go to Rochester House for winning the House Points Cup for this half term. To celebrate, they can wear a top in their House colour (red) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We were very pleased to find out this week that we made £902.15 commission at the recent Scholastic book fair. Thank you for your incredible support – we can now buy lots of new books and reading resources for the children.

### THE GO! CLUB - CHILDCARE

We have sent out lots of information recently about the new online booking and payment system for the GO! Club. If you use the GO! Club please remember that you must book all sessions through the **SchoolsBuddy** portal from now on. We are unable to carry over any existing bookings so please do not assume that your child will automatically be on next term’s register. Only children who are booked in through **SchoolsBuddy** will be able to attend GO! Club sessions.

If you have any difficulties with making a booking please contact Mrs Hollidge in the school office who will be able to help you: [mhollidge@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:mhollidge@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

### 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. We will let you know how much we have raised in the first newsletter of 2020.



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MARSDEN  
Cancer Charity

## DIARY DATES

### JANUARY

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	First day of the Spring Term – children return
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Showround for prospective families (9:15am)
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Showround for prospective families (9:15am)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline for Reception 2020 applications
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	FoG meeting (7pm)
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3</b> visit to Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre

### FEBRUARY

Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GSG</b> perform at Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre to visit <b>Year 3</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pegasus</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening ( <b>all year groups</b> )
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3</b> Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening ( <b>all year groups</b> )
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hydra</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Half Term break

### MARCH

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Big Half Marathon
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dragon</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2</b> visit to Maritime Museum
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Damysus</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
16 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup>	GSMA Music Festival
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Phoenix</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> School Journey to Osmington Bay
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> Parent Workshop (9:10am)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1</b> visit to the Cutty Sark
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Hippogriff</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)

### APRIL

Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> School Journey Assembly (9:10am) Last day of the Spring Term

## HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

It has been a long term and the children are exhausted! We think they all deserve a well-earned rest and therefore, we have decided not to set any holiday homework. Please encourage your child to keep up with their reading – a little time with a book each day would be great!

## FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS



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!

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 0808 800 5000.

## UPDATE ON THE HUTS

Good progress is being made with the proposed demolition of six of the huts in our playgrounds and the refurbishment of the hut behind the Sports Hall. Meetings are taking place, plans are being drawn up, consultants have been appointed, the various works are being put out to tender and everything is happening within the expected time frame. The council plan to hold a meeting with parents in the New Year to explain the demolition process and we will let you know when this will take place as soon as a date is agreed. Demolition is planned to begin in the spring.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank all parents, carers and family members for the wonderful support we have received this term. We appreciate everything you do to help us and we hope you all have a relaxing and restful break. We wish you a healthy, happy and successful 2020!

Merry Christmas

## SPRING TERM

Please remember that the next school term begins on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

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