

# Gordon School News

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## LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL



To promote environmentally friendly and healthy travel, we are participating in **WOW**, the year-round **walk to school** challenge. The children record their daily journeys to school and earn monthly **WOW** badges.

**WOW** are launching a competition for children to design a badge with the theme: *Wonders of the World*. We have given the children a sheet so they can design a badge as part of their homework. All designs need to be returned to the class teachers by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS & NUMBOTS

We have sent home login details for our new online times tables and division resource called *Times Tables Rock Stars*. As well as using it in lessons for **Years 3 to 6**, *Times Tables Rock Stars* will be replacing the weekly homework activities for maths in **Years 3, 4 & 5** and will be supplementing homework tasks set in **Year 6**.

Additionally, we also have access to *NumBots* – an online resource for addition and subtraction, suitable for all children. Please check your child's book bag today for details of their *NumBots* and *Times Tables Rock Stars* accounts.

## CROWN WOODS DANCE FESTIVAL

The **Crown Woods Dance Festival** will be taking place during the evening of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets (two per family) will be on sale nearer the time for those involved. Please keep an eye out for more information.

## 2020 TERM DATES

### Spring Term 2020

First half ~ Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January to Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February

Half-term holiday ~ Mon 17<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> February

Second half ~ Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February to Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Summer Term 2020

First half ~ Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holiday ~ Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May (school closed)

Half-term holiday ~ Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May

Second half ~ Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July

### Autumn Term 2020

First half ~ Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> September to Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Half-term holiday ~ Mon 26<sup>th</sup> October to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October

Second half ~ Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Fri 18<sup>th</sup> December

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who came along to the phonics workshop for **Year 1** parents and carers on Wednesday. We hope you found it useful.

**Year 3** were visited by representatives from the Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre today. They worked on maps with the children.

## SCHOOL SHOES

Wearing plain black school shoes is part of our school uniform policy. Children should not be coming to school in trainers or casual shoes with coloured soles. At this time of year your child can also wear boots. As with shoes, they must be black. If you have any questions about our school uniform policy, please contact us.

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Centaur**, **Cyclops** and **Emerald** classes! Well done, children!

## ANTI-BULLYING QUALITY MARK

We are working towards achieving the Anti-Bullying Quality Mark. This week, we sent out the first edition of our **Anti-Bullying Newsletter** so you can read about the things we have been doing! We hope you find it interesting.

## OPEN EVENINGS

We sent out information about Open Evenings this week. They will be taking place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please either book your appointments online or return the reply slip to the office by **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. Thank you.

## POSTAGE STAMPS

We are still collecting postage stamps in aid of the RNIB. Please cut around them, leaving a small margin of the envelope and take them to the office. Thank you!

## HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 434    Rochester 436    Dunvegan 465    Nesbit 418

## DIARY DATES

### FEBRUARY

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>    **GSG** perform at Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup>    Prince Philip Maritime Museum Centre to visit **Year 3**  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup>    **Pegasus** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
Mon 10<sup>th</sup>    Open Evening (**all year groups**)  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup>    **Year 3** Parent Workshop (9:15am)  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup>    Open Evening (**all year groups**)  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup>    **Hydra** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
              **Year 4** Ancient Egypt Workshop  
17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>    Half Term break  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>    Internet Safety Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)

### MARCH

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>    Big Half Marathon  
Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>    **Year 6** School Journey Meeting (6pm)  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>    **Year 2** SATs Information Evening (6pm)  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup>    Crown Woods Dance Festival (evening)  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>    World Book Day  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup>    **Dragon** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup>    **Year 4** Parent Workshop (9:15am)  
              **Year 5** visit to Royal Observatory  
Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>    **Year 2** visit to Maritime Museum  
Fri 13<sup>th</sup>    **Damysus** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>    GSMA Music Festival  
Fri 20<sup>th</sup>    **Phoenix** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>    **Year 6** School Journey to Osmington Bay  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup>    **Year 5** Parent Workshop (9:10am)  
Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>    **Year 1** visit to the Cutty Sark  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup>    **Hippogriff** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
              **Reception** Spring Walk

### APRIL

Wed 1<sup>st</sup>    Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>    **Year 6** School Journey Assembly (9:10am)  
              Last day of the Spring Term  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup>    First day of the Summer Term

## BIG HALF MARATHON – FOG FUND-RAISER



We now have twenty-two amazing parents, carers and staff members who have volunteered to take part in the 2020 Big Half Marathon on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March in support of the Friends of the Gordon. Details of our online fund-raising page will be available soon. If you, a family member or a friend would like to take part, we have a few places still available. To register your interest, please email your details to: [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

# WELL DONE

**Unicorn (N):** Violet for a great attitude to WriteDance activities

**Sphinx (R):** Ruby for excellent work on learning her sounds

**Sprite (R):** Callum for fantastic work with money in maths

**Pegasus (1):** Keaton for brilliant mathematical problem solving

**Phoenix (1):** Lexi for making great progress in maths

**Kelpie (2):** Megan for super effort and great work in phonics

**Kraken (2):** Sammy for always trying her best

**Hippogriff (3):** Henry G for wonderful use of body language and expression during role play

**Hydra (3):** Esme for recognising future tense verbs

**Genie (4):** Sidney for excellent maths work this week

**Griffin (4):** George for super effort with division this week

**Damysus (5):** Shae for excellent effort in tennis

**Dragon (5):** Oscar for excellent work and concentration in French lessons

**Centaur (6):** Harrison for making great progress with his writing

**Cyclops (6):** Kera for fantastic effort in dance 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 0808 800 5000.

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