

Gordon School News

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EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

GSG (Gordon Singing Group) performed with over 8,000 other pupils in the *Young Voices* concert at the O2 Arena on Tuesday night. It was an amazing event and all the staff and parents who attended were so impressed and proud! GSG's singing was incredible and their behaviour was impeccable.

On Wednesday, **Year 3** visited the Prince Philip Maritime Collections Centre in Kidbrooke. They had a fantastic time, continuing their work on maps and mappings. The children took stories they had written and these have now become part of the maritime collection!

This week has been **Children's Mental Health Week** and to raise the children's understanding of empathy we wore an item of clothing inside-out on Thursday. This reminded us all that we can't always tell how someone is feeling and we should show each other kindness.

Pegasus presented their first ever Class Assembly today. They did a wonderful job sharing work based on the book *Ten Things I Can Do to Help My World*. Well done!

DEMOLITION WORK ON THE HUTS

We are delighted that the demolition work on the seven huts in the playground is expected to begin during the February half-term holiday. A specialist company has been appointed to remove the asbestos before six of the huts are completely removed and the seventh is renovated.

You will have the opportunity to meet the team managing this project and to raise questions. We anticipate that the meeting will take place during the evening of Thursday 13th February, but we are unable to confirm this at the moment. Please look out for more announcements soon.

SWIMMING

There will be no swimming lessons for **Hippogriff**, **Hydra** and **Genie** classes next Thursday morning as we are using the pool for swimming gala speed trials. The lesson for **Griffin** will go ahead in the afternoon as usual.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Maths homework for **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** has changed and we are now asking for the children to carry out five minutes of times table practise on the *Times Tables Rock Stars* app every day. Please support us with this. Thank you!

FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY MEALS



Delicious, healthy and free meals are being served at 12 locations across the borough during the half-term break. The meals are a great chance for children and young people to get together over some good food and have a chat. Meals include wraps that kids make themselves or a hot meal to boost energy levels for the afternoon or evening! Veggie options are available too! Please look out for the flyer we will send out next week.



ANTI-BULLYING STRATEGY

Our Anti-Bullying Steering Group, which consists of teachers, support staff, pupils, parents and governors, met this week. They discussed changes we have made to our Anti-Bullying Policy, training that staff and pupils have received, assemblies we have held and events that have taken place.

We will be submitting evidence for the **Anti-Bullying Quality Mark** next week and then assessors will visit us to speak with the children and see our initiatives in action.

We have sent you a questionnaire so we can gather your thoughts about our Anti-Bullying Strategy. You may find it helpful to refer to the Anti-Bullying Newsletter we sent out two weeks ago, when answering some of the questions. We would appreciate if you could return the questionnaire to the box in the foyer by Monday 10th February. Thank you!

BIG HALF MARATHON – FOG FUND-RAISER



In just over three weeks our fantastic team of runners will be taking part in the **Big Half Marathon**. They've taken on the challenge of running 13.1 miles through the streets of London in aid of **Friends of the Gordon**. If you would like to donate some money, please follow the link below. Thank you for all your support and generosity!

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gordonprimary2020>

DIARY DATES

FEBRUARY

Mon 10th Open Evening (**all year groups**)
Tues 11th **Year 3** Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Wed 12th Open Evening (**all year groups**)
Fri 14th **Hydra** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop
17th to 21st Half Term break
Thurs 27th Internet Safety Evening (5pm to 6:30pm)

MARCH

Sun 1st Big Half Marathon
Mon 2nd **Year 6** School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Tues 3rd **Year 2** SATs Information Evening (6pm)
Wed 4th Crown Woods Dance Festival (evening)
Thurs 5th World Book Day
Fri 6th **Dragon** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Tues 10th **Year 4** Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Year 5 visit to Royal Observatory
Wed 11th **Genie** Class visit to the Tate Gallery
Thurs 12th **Year 2** visit to the Maritime Museum
Griffin Class visit to the Tate Gallery
Fri 13th **Damysus** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
16th to 18th GSMA Music Festival
Fri 20th **Phoenix** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
23rd to 27th **Year 6** School Journey to Osmington Bay
Wed 25th **Year 5** Parent Workshop (9:10am)
Thurs 26th **Year 1** visit to the Cutty Sark
Fri 27th **Hippogriff** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Reception Spring Walk

APRIL

Wed 1st Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing
Fri 3rd **Year 6** School Journey Assembly (9:10am)
Last day of the Spring Term – finish at 3:30pm
Mon 20th First day of the Summer Term

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 967 Rochester 914 Dunvegan 989 Nesbit 942

ATTENDANCE

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

WELL DONE

Unicorn (N): Jasmine for having a great attitude to learning

Sphinx (R): Beau for writing a fantastic letter to Jack Frost

Sprite (R): Anna for excellent work in phonics sessions

Pegasus (1): The whole class work working hard on their fabulous assembly

Phoenix (1): Clara for a brilliant attitude to learning

Kelpie (2): Olivia for putting superb effort into all subjects

Kraken (2): Aylin for making great progress with her handwriting

Hippogriff (3): Ruby O for lovely use of colour and tone when painting her balloon globe

Hydra (3): Sienna for wonderful effort in reading

Genie (4): Selena for writing a fantastic newspaper article

Griffin (4): Connor for working hard on fractions in maths

Damysus (5): Alfie P for super effort in all areas of his learning

Dragon (5): Peter for excellent investigation and data analysis skills in science

Centaur (6): Tia for working hard in maths lessons

Cyclops (6): Noah M for improved 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 0808 800 5000.

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