

# Gordon School News

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## 100 GREAT BLACK BRITONS COMPETITION

If you are looking for an inspiring and educational activity to do at home, this competition is for you! The 100 Great Black Britons competition created in partnership with Patrick Vernon OBE and sponsored by NEU (National Education Union), is open to all age groups. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the legacy and achievements of Black people in Britain and to encourage your child to explore Black British History and how it has helped shape our country.

The organisers would like children to create a unique piece of work such as a drawing, slideshow, short story, video, poem, song, sculpture, dance or painting based on the biographies of the Great Black Britons nominated on [www.100greatblackbritons.com](http://www.100greatblackbritons.com) The deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> September and there are some super prizes to be won.

Please use this link for more details: <https://bit.ly/2An3N6D>

## CLASS NAMES FOR 20/21

Every year we use voting for class names as a way of teaching the children about democracy. We turn the hall into a polling station, set up individual booths, provide voting cards and have some of the Year 6 children acting as the officers responsible for counting the votes and announcing the outcome. Unfortunately we can't do that this year so we will be asking the children to vote online instead. Please look out for the links to Survey Monkey which we will send out via parentmail. We have shortlisted the following themes:

- inspirational people from minority backgrounds
- seas, oceans and rivers
- children's authors
- underground stations
- star constellations
- composers / musicians
- colours
- artists
- bridges
- sea life

## PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER

We now know the Government has confirmed that the wider opening of primary schools is not feasible at present. Understandably, this has prompted many questions about when the children will return, what safety measures will be in place and what our curriculum will look like. Some of these questions cannot be answered yet, although we want to reassure you that we plan to spend time addressing the children's mental health and emotional needs whilst focusing on the core aspects of English and maths. The children in the Foundation Stage and the new Year 1 children will continue to work on the Early Learning Goals and all children will cover the key objectives that have been missed before moving onto the next year's learning.

## UPDATE ON RE-OPENING

We have increased the number of pupils coming into school this week and we are particularly pleased with how well the **Year 1** children have settled into the new routines.

The **Year 6** bubbles are full and so we now have a waiting list. We will only be able to accommodate more **Year 6** pupils if some parents decide that they no longer want their child to attend. If parents change their minds about attending it would help us and other families enormously if they could inform us.

We have six places available in the **Year 1** bubbles. If parents would like a place for their child, they need to let us know.

The **Key Worker / EHC plan** bubbles are also full. The children in these groups are the government's highest priority and we are looking for ways to expand the number of places we can offer. Parents need to contact us if they are eligible and require this childcare.

As we explained in last week's newsletter, we are not able to open bubbles for **Foundation Stage** children currently. However, the situation is constantly changing and we are looking at ways that we might be able to offer provision to a small number of children in the near future. We will contact parents when we know more.

From now on, please send new enquiries about places in the **Year 6, Year 1** and **Key Worker/EHC plan** bubbles to Mrs Black: [ablack@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:ablack@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

## EVACUATION PROCEDURES

The school is looking very different at the moment and many of the children are working in rooms that were previously unfamiliar to them. To make sure we can all leave the building safely in the event of an emergency we will practice an evacuation next week.

## ART & NATURE PROJECT

Here is the second gallery of beautiful Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork that the children have produced. Well done, everyone!



Julia (Hippogriff)



Audrey (Hydra)



Ozzie (Kelpie)



Zoe (Genie)  
& Jessica (Pegasus)



Zachary (Centaur) & Zahra (Genie)



Sveva – Kraken



Amelia (Genie) & Joshua (Sprite)



Emma (Unicorn)



Agatha – Griffin



Sophia (Sprite)

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