

Gordon School News

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BLACK HISTORY

October is Black History Month and we will be marking it in a number of ways as well as using it to launch our work on the Black Lives Matter movement. We will be discussing the lives and achievements of key figures, and our older pupils will be exploring the tragic story of Stephen Lawrence.

During the year, our assemblies are usually based around books and we have been investing in new titles which feature black children as the prominent characters. We plan to use these books throughout the year.

If you have any thoughts and suggestions about people or topics we could explore, please feel free to share them with us by emailing Mr Taylor: headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Please remember that next Friday – 9th October – is an Inset Day. Training will be taking place for the staff so the school will be closed for pupils. Thank you.

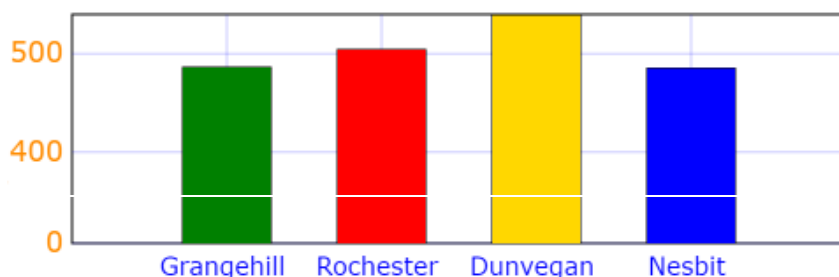
POLICY UPDATES

We have recently reviewed some of our key documents such as the Behaviour & Discipline Policy and the Anti-Bullying Policy. If you would like to view these policies, please go to our website. Click on the **Parents** tab on the home page and go to **Policies & Procedures**.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer visited us on Tuesday. We will let you know when the children's photographs are available for you to purchase.

HOUSE POINTS



GO! CLUB BOOKINGS

To book wraparound care sessions at the GO! Club, please click on: <https://gordonprimary.schoolsbuddy.net/CcaSignup#!/>

For more information about the GO! Club, please visit the school website: www.gordonprimary.co.uk

THIS SCHOOL IS A



In order to best ensure the safety of pupils with nut allergies, we would like to remind you that products containing nuts should not be brought to school. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to this week's Attendance Award winners: **Octopus**, **Oyster** and **Dolphin** classes.

COATS

Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day. If there is light rain, the children still go outside at playtimes. Please also make sure your child's coat has their name in it. Thank you!

FLU VACCINE FORMS

Thank you everyone who has returned the flu vaccine consent form. Please can all outstanding forms be sent back via your child's bookbag as soon as possible? Thank you.



You can help raise funds for our school when you shop online by using **easyfundraising.org.uk**. It's free and simple to use! Just start your online shopping by visiting the easyfundraising site first and then shop as normal. We currently have 113 supporters who have raised over £2500 for us. Please sign up and help raise some money for us. Thank you!

VIDEO RECORDING SCHOOL EVENTS

We are hoping to record our **Harvest Festival** performances onto DVDs (or to find a way to make them available online) which you will be able to purchase.

We are also considering recording a “virtual tour” of the school which we can share with prospective parents. This would include some footage of classes learning and would feature some pupils.



If you do not want your child to appear in some or all of these videos please let us know by contacting the school office: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk and use “video permission” as the title. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON NEWS

Huge thanks go to everyone who attended the online meeting on Tuesday. We re-appointed Natalie Ari and Stefanie Rumpelt-Meyn as joint Chairs and Ray Spiers as Treasure, and they have been joined by Brooke Jackson (administrative tasks) and Radmila Blazheska (social media) in the Secretary role. Many thanks go to our new committee! We also discussed future events so please keep an eye out for information on how we plan to raise funds soon.

HARVEST COLLECTION

We will be collecting food as part of our celebration of harvest. This year, we will be using the food to support Gordon families and sharing some with the Greenwich foodbank which supports the local community. We will be collecting tinned and packets items from Monday 5th October. The children can put their donations into boxes that will be placed at the entrances to the school building. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DAFFODIL BULB COMPETITION



We have sent you some details about the Daffodil Bulb Growing Competition that the London Children's Flower Society organise. If your child would like to take part please return the order form and payment promptly. Thank you!

YEAR 6 WALKING TO / FROM SCHOOL

Some of the Year 6 children have started walking to and from school without being accompanied by an adult. This is an important step in terms of preparing them for the move to secondary school next year. If your child is walking independently, please talk to them about how to keep themselves safe. We have advised them that if they ever encounter a situation that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should distance themselves from it and, if necessary, seek a place of safety such as a shop, café, library, friend's house or come back to school. We have also told them that they need to tell adults at home or in school if anything has worried them.

WELL DONE

Conch (R): Eddie for fantastic maths

Coral (R): Mina for learning how to write her name independently

Dolphin (1): Blake for excellent work in phonics this week

Jellyfish (1): Aoife for brilliant work in English

Lionfish (2): Bailey for a great piece of independent writing on facts about the London Eye

Lobster (2): Elijah for great teamwork and problem solving in PE

Mussel (3): Sophia for her fantastic attitude towards learning

Octopus (3): Summer for persevering with the expanded column method in maths

Oyster (4): Isla for brilliant contributions to class discussions

Penguin (4): Gabriel for fantastic enthusiasm and knowledge in history

Seahorse (5): Hortensia for a super diary entry in RE

Stingray (5): Eloise for great improvements in all areas of her work

Turtle (6): Heather for being a fantastic and supportive learning partner

Whale (6): Kernius for enthusiasm in all areas of the curriculum

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black, Ms Newlove and Ms May. Alternatively, you can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

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