

Gordon School News

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HARVEST COLLECTION

Huge thanks go to everyone who has donated food to our harvest appeal. This year, we will be supporting Gordon families and the Greenwich foodbank. We are collecting tinned and packets items and the children can put their donations into boxes placed at the entrances to the school building. Thank you for your generosity.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

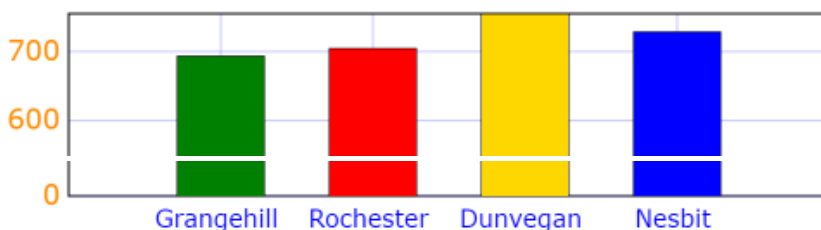
We have been focusing on Black History this week. With the younger children we have been sharing books that have black children as the main characters in assemblies. The older children are learning about Harriet Tubman in their assemblies. We are accessing some online performances of Anansi stories by the Unicorn Theatre and each class has chosen a key figure from the world of the Arts to study. Each class will record a short video about the person they are studying and we will compile these into a Black History assembly for the whole school.

Thank you to everyone who has suggested people, books and themes we could explore. We have incorporated some of these into our teaching.

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TOMORROW

Please remember that we have an Inset Day tomorrow. We will be holding our annual Child Protection and Safeguarding training so the school will be closed to pupils. Thank you.

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

PHOTOGRAPHS

Please make sure that your order forms are returned by Tuesday 13th October. Thank you.

DAFFODIL BULB COMPETITION

If you would like to purchase bulbs and take part in the daffodil bulb growing competition, please return the order form and payment promptly. Thank you.

COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

Thank you for supporting us with the new routines we have put in place to help keep everyone safe. To date, we have not had a positive Covid-19 case in our school. We want this to continue as we will have to close bubbles for a two week period if a pupil or staff member has a positive test.

Please continue to support us. There seems to be an increasing number of adults not wearing masks when they queue outside the school gates. Also, there seems to be less adherence to the social distancing rules. Please help us avoid any further school closures. Thank you.

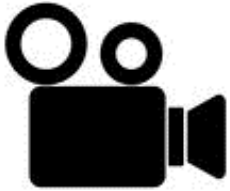
FLU VACCINE

The school nursing team will be visiting us on Wednesday 9th December to administer nasal flu vaccines to children from Reception to Year 6. This is a consent based immunisation programme and your child will only receive the flu vaccine if you have returned the permission slip to us. If you have mislaid your letter, please contact the school office: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

OPEN EVENINGS

We are missing the contact that we normally have with you and we know that some of you are finding this difficult too. Therefore, we are exploring how we can run virtual Open Evenings so that you have the opportunity to find out how your child has settled back into school and the areas of learning we are focusing on. Meetings will hopefully take place during the evenings in the week beginning 19th October. These meetings will be held via Google Meet and more details will be sent out soon.

HARVEST PERFORMANCES



We have just about completed the filming for our Harvest Celebration DVD and Mrs Hagerty is busy editing the videos together. We can't wait to see the finished product!

Please remember that if you would like to purchase a copy of the DVD, you need to complete an order form – please look out for this. DVDs cost £3 each.

Thank you to everyone who informed us that they do not want their child to appear on the DVD. To make sure we didn't miss anyone, we checked through our records for families who had previously not consented to the publication of images of their child and made some calls home.

We would like to remind everyone that by returning the order form, you are agreeing that you will only use the DVD for your family's personal use and that you will not share it in any way. Without this agreement we will not be able to share any future performances with you.

SCHOOL STREETS – ROAD CLOSURES

In September 2018 the Royal Borough of Greenwich implemented the **School Streets** scheme as part of its plan to promote healthy travel by encouraging families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.

We were one of the pilot schools and weekday closures of Grangehill Road took place. When the lockdown began we put a pause on this scheme, but now that we have established new routines at the start and end of the school day, the closure of Grangehill Road will be re-introduced. Please note that from Monday 2nd November Grangehill Road will be closed between 8am and 9:30am and between 3pm and 4pm.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON NEWS

We have some fund raising events in the pipeline! Firstly, we are planning to hold a virtual **quiz evening** on Friday 13th November. We are at the beginning stages of this, so please look out for more information.

Additionally, we are planning to run the Christmas Card project again this year. Each child will create a design which can be professionally printed as cards, wrapping paper and tags for you to buy. We hope you will be able to support us with both of these projects.

PREMISES UPDATE

The work on the Reception playground and the Key Stage 1 playground has been completed and we are very excited about the increase in space we have. Work on the Nursey shelter roof and the multi-use games area in the Key Stage 2 playground will begin next week. The refurbishment of the hut will start in the next few weeks.



Conch (R): Emma for brilliant writing and identifying sounds this week

Coral (R): Heath for being a very kind and helpful friend

Dolphin (1): Freddie for a fantastic attitude to all areas of his learning

Jellyfish (1): Amber for settling in so brilliantly

Lionfish (2): Edith for creating a fantastic fact sheet about St Paul's Cathedral.

Lobster (2): George for great contributions to class discussions

Mussel (3): Floyd for being a very kind and helpful member of the class

Octopus (3): Sveva for showing fabulous timing and rhythm with the Cup Song in music

Oyster (4): Liberty for always being a supportive and caring learning partner

Penguin (4): Reya for fantastic attitude for learning this week

Seahorse (5): Connor for writing a super letter of complaint in English

Stingray (5): Selena for writing a superb letter of apology in the role of a book character

Turtle (6): Teresa for fantastic participation in class discussions

Whale (6): Prashansa for a detailed letter from a book character showing emotion and a dilemma

ATTENDANCE

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

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