

Gordon School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Young Carers Action Day 16th March 2021

We have discussed two important themes in our assemblies this week. On Monday we talked to the children about Young Carers – children and young people under the age of 18 who help care for family members who are unwell, struggle with mental health difficulties or are disabled. The latest figures suggest that there are 700,000 young carers nationally, 10,000 of whom are under 8. If you know a child who is a Young Carer, the NHS have a lot of advice and support which you can find here: <http://bit.ly/2P16Kkg>

In today's assembly, we marked **World Sleep Day**. We talked about sleep and why it is so important. We shared some sleep facts with the children – you might find it useful to remind your child of these facts if they are ever resistant to going to bed!



- It is recommended that children have between 10 and 12 hours sleep a night.
- Sleep helps your mood, it makes you feel happier and helps you make better decisions.
- Your body repairs itself, grows and replenishes its energy levels while you sleep.
- Sleep gives your body energy to help fight off germs.
- Sleep gives your brain a rest and helps you make sense of all the things that have happened during the day. A refreshed brain helps you learn and remember things.
- A regular routine such as a bath before bedtime or a bedtime story can help children settle.
- Screen time before bedtime can cause too much stimulation and make it difficult to fall asleep.

DAFFODIL COMPETITION

Well done to the children who have been growing beautiful daffodils. The judge from the *London Children's Flower Society* was very impressed and awarded many certificates. Congratulations everyone!



30-HOUR NURSERY CODES

If your child is eligible for a 30-hour Nursery place, please see the flyer we attached to last week's newsletter and note that you need to apply for, or reconfirm your 30-hour code by 31st March 2021. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

The winners of last week's attendance awards were **Dolphin**, **Lobster** and **Oyster** classes. Well done, everyone!

PUNCTUALITY

Thank you for following our procedures for staggered starts and ends. We try to get the children in as quickly as we can in the mornings so it is really important that you arrive a few minutes before your child's start time. Thank you for your support.

Please remember that only the parents and carers of the children in Nursery and Reception can enter the school site in the mornings. Also, we do expect the Nursery and Reception children to be escorted to their playgrounds and handed over to a member of staff so please do not drop them off at the gate. Thank you.

QUEUEING

We thank you for adhering to the social distancing rules when you are queueing outside the school gates. We would also ask you not to smoke or vape in the line, and if you are driving to the school, please do not keep your engine idling while you wait. Your cooperation is appreciated.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Please remember that Times Tables Rock Stars is a weekly part of maths homework for the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please contact your child's teacher if you need help accessing it.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR

We are desperate for knickers, socks and pants. If you have any spares that your child has grown out of, please let us have them. Thank you!

DECORATE AN EGG EXHIBITION



It's that time of year again ... it's time to start thinking about designs for our annual **Decorated Egg Exhibition**. Over the years we have had some amazing submissions and we are looking forward to seeing how creative the children will be this year. You can use real, plastic or paper eggs and decorate them in any way you choose. Eggs need to be brought into school on the last day of term – Wednesday 31st March! Good luck!

THE GORDON GREEN TEAM

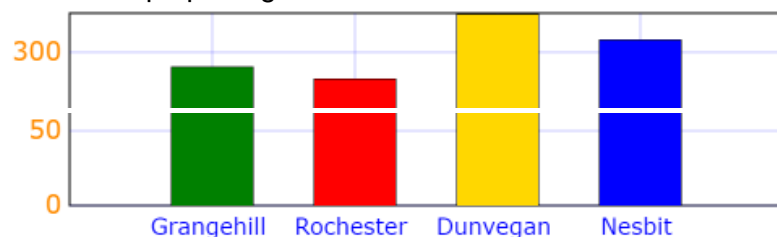
Thank you to the two parents who have volunteered to join the Gordon Green Team. We are looking for a few more volunteers so if you could spare a little time outside of school hours to help us develop and maintain our green areas, we would be very grateful.

We have some exciting plans that we would like your help to implement. We have signed up to a tree-planting project, applied for a grant to fund an "edible playground" and have plans for a Victory Garden as a memorial to the World War 1 huts that stood in our grounds.

To express your interest please contact Mr Camilleri our Premises Manager: dcamilleri@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk
Thank you!

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to everyone who earned House Points this week. Keep up the good work!



ONLINE BEHAVIOUR

Sometimes children struggle with their relationships and how to communicate with each other online. We regularly talk to the children about how they should conduct themselves online and what to do if something upsets them. If your child plays online and messages other children please talk to them about this. Also, please remember to regularly check your child's messages. If you have any concerns or want to report an incident, please contact the class teacher. Thank you.

WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): Eliza for careful spring flower artwork

Conch (R): Kacie for great progress in blending

Coral (R): Catherine for excellent progress in phonics

Dolphin (1): Hazel for the use of exciting adjectives in her writing

Jellyfish (1): Lilly Eve for a fantastic piece of descriptive writing about *The Snail and the Whale*

Lionfish (2): Everyone for working hard and trying their best this week

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

Mussel (3): Sophia for careful work subtracting money in maths

Octopus (3): Lourenco for his improvement in reading and handwriting

Oyster (4): Luigi for his brilliant problem solving in maths

Penguin (4): Luca for excellent participation in music lessons

Seahorse (5): Emma-Jean for excellent reading comprehension work

Stingray (5): Isabella for her interesting contributions when discussing the Solar System in science

Turtle (6): Giulia for great effort in all lessons

Whale (6): Celina for a fantastic effort in maths this week

MEAL SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are currently looking for ad-hoc Meal Supervisors who can cover for staff absences at lunchtime. If you are interested and would like more details, please contact Mrs Hollidge: mhollidge@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

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