

Gordon School News

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Be the bet you can be!

TIME FOR REFLECTION

We took part in a minute of silent reflection on Tuesday to mark one year since the start of the first COVID-19 national lockdown. We thought about the many ways that the pandemic has affected us and gave thanks to all of the incredible frontline workers who have supported the nation during this very difficult time.

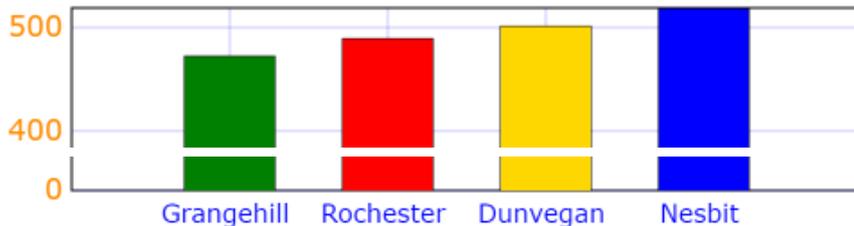
DECORATE AN EGG EXHIBITION



We will be holding our annual **Decorate An Egg** exhibition next week 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 **Wednesday 31st March!** Good luck!

HOUSE POINTS

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



PE LESSONS

We would like to remind you that PE is a statutory part of the National Curriculum and all children are expected to take part. We know there will be times when children are unable to participate, such as when they have a significant injury like a broken bone, but our general rule is that **if children are well enough to be in school they are well enough to take part in PE.** Please support us in keeping the children fit and healthy. Thank you.



ANTI-BULLYING QUESTIONNAIRE



We are working towards the **Anti-Bullying Quality Mark – UK.** On Tuesday, we sent you a questionnaire and your feedback would be very helpful. Please email your completed questionnaires to Ms Newlove: newlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk or send a paper copy to the class teacher. Thank you!

HOLIDAY MEALS

The Council will be providing free meals for children during the Easter holiday. Please visit their website: <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals> for details of venues and times.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

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

ONLINE SAFETY

We know that keeping children safe whilst they are using the internet is important to all parents and carers. We also know that it can feel a little overwhelming at times.

**internet
matters.org**

If you have not heard of the website **internetmatters.org** we would recommend you pay it a visit. From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you will find a range of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world.

You will be able to find advice about a range of online issues that could be affecting your child such as fake news and misinformation, inappropriate content, cyber-bullying and managing screen time.

GOOGLE CLASSROOMS

Whilst daily online learning is hopefully a thing of the past, please remember that we are using Google Classrooms to set weekly homework tasks. If your child has forgotten how to log in, please contact the class teacher.



NSPCC
Speak out. Stay safe.
programme

Next week, Years 1 to 6 will be participating in the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe.** online programme. It consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities, and aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way.



The children will be taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or **Childline**.

If you would like more information about this programme, please see the letter we sent out earlier this week or visit: www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

The children have produced brilliant pieces of artwork and creative writing as part of the **Show Racism the Red Card** project and national schools' competition. We have submitted two entries - well done to **Amalia in Oyster Class** for her beautiful artwork and to **Rosa in Whale Class** for her fantastic poem. We wish them the very best of luck.



Remember everyone's unique,
Exclude any hurtful thoughts,
Difference is a good thing and should be celebrated.

Can you imagine if the world was all the same
And nothing was different? It would be boring and lame.
Racism is wrong and it makes people sad,
Diversity is amazing. What makes it so bad?

Tell if someone says something mean,
Of course they will help, they will always be keen.

Race, religion and culture, there's no excuse to be unkind.
Always remember to be proud of yourself and you'll find
Crue! comments bounce off, you're so strong inside!
If you are kind no one's dreams will be broken,
So raise a red card to racism, it has been spoken.
Many lives will be improved when bullies have gone

EASTER HOLIDAY DATES

Please remember that the school closes next Wednesday (usual times) and re-opens on Monday 19th April.

WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): Paisley for making great progress with writing her name

Conch (R): Ronnie for being really helpful in the classroom

Coral (R): Isaac for improving his use of cutlery fork at lunch time

Dolphin (1): Ruby for a fantastic improvement in her reading

Jellyfish (1): Chloé for excellent participation in phonics

Lionfish (2): Audrey for being a motivated class member who loves learning

Lobster (2): Clara for a fantastic improvement in her writing

Mussel (3): Max for working hard to learn all of his number pairs

Octopus (3): Omer-Ali for recognising the skills needed for different jobs

Oyster (4): Christopher for outstanding work in all areas this week

Penguin (4): Joshua for excellent work in maths this week

Seahorse (5): Sophia for excellent predictions about *The London Eye Mystery* in English

Stingray (5): Ayo for working very hard when calculating percentages in maths

Turtle (6): Gracey for brilliant effort when creating a persuasive piece of writing

Whale (6): Megan for a fantastic effort in writing a letter to Lady Macbeth

SMART WATCHES

Please note that smart watches are not appropriate for use in school due to risks of loss, damage and misuse. We are happy for children to wear a watch in school, but it needs to be a simple wrist watch. Thank you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

With non-essential shops re-opening on Monday 12th April, please remember that the children should return to school on Monday 19th April in full school uniform. Thank you.

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