

# Gordon School News

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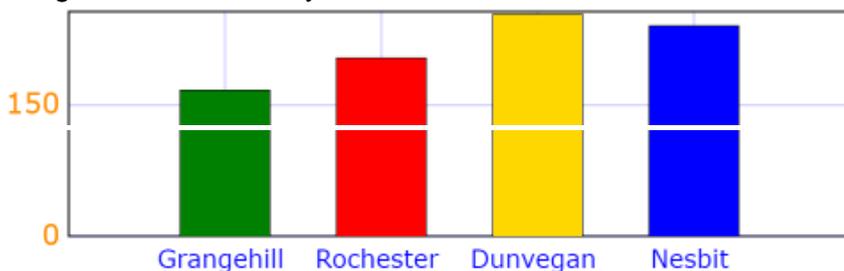
*Be the best you can be!*

## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

The children have settled back into school really well after the Easter break. In Monday's assembly we talked to the children about **Ramadan** and today we shared the story of **St George**. The children took part in **dance workshops** in preparation for a whole-school performance later in the term. Thursday was **Earth Day** and several classes watched an Old Vic streamed performance of Dr Seuss's *The Lorax* which chronicles the plight of the environment. The children in **Nesbit House** celebrated being the House Point Cup winners last term by wearing a top of their choice in their House colour (blue) today.

## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to everyone who earned House Points this week.



## E-SAFETY

We know that keeping children safe whilst they are using the internet is important to all parents and carers. We also know that some children struggle with using social media and online chat in an appropriate way.

If your child is communicating with their friends online, it is important that you regularly monitor their messages. Sometimes, relationships between children become strained, and whilst no parent/carer wants to think that their child would be unkind online, it does happen. Equally, children do not always report when they have received unkind messages – they are often concerned that it will lead to the confiscation of their devices. **Research shows that children are much more likely to adhere to appropriate online behaviour and report incidents if they know that an adult is supervising their online use.** This supervision by parents/carers makes the children feel safer.

For support and advice on 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, please visit:

[internetmatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org)

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

Our Sports Hall will be used as a Polling Station when the local elections take place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. Voters will not be able to access other parts of the site, so the school will remain open and lessons will run as usual. However, please note that you will not be able to use the gate on Craigton Road on this day.

The **GO! Club** will operate in the Lower Hall on this day. Access will be via the main gate on Grangehill Road.

## MATCHBOX CHALLENGE

The Foundation Stage staff team would like to say a huge *thank you* to everyone who took part in the Matchbox Challenge. It was good fun to count and look at all the small items the children managed to squeeze into their matchboxes.

To date, we have raised £1,153 which will be used to add to the Nursery and Reception outside environments. We will be furnishing the new log cabin, making sensory gardens, enabling the children to have planting areas, building a stage area and adding to the construction equipment. Due to your generosity we will also be able to purchase some new reading books. Thank you!

## OPEN EVENING MEETINGS

We will be holding Open Evening meetings during the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> May. These are opportunities for you to discuss your child's learning, progress, attitude and behaviour. The meetings will take place online via Google Classroom (and Zoom for Nursery). Next Thursday we will send you details of how to book appointments.



## Gordon School Anti-Bullying Steering Group

We are looking for parents and carers to join our current Anti-Bullying Steering Group. The group meets once a term, bringing together parents, carers, staff, governors and pupils to share ideas and support and steer the Anti-Bullying work in school.

A diverse and inclusive parent/carer voice is hugely important to us, so please get in touch if this is something you would like to be involved in.

Please contact Ms Newlove for further information.

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**Get involved and make a difference!**

### WELL DONE NADIA



Nadia has donated a whopping 16" of hair to the **Little Princess Trust** – a great charity that provides free real hair to children who have lost their own hair through cancer or other health conditions. She has also raised over £400.

Nadia would like to encourage her school friends to lose their lockdown locks for the benefit of **Little Princess Trust**.

If your child is planning to take part in this or any other charity event, please let us know. We would love to celebrate their commitment to help others!

16" donation

# WELL DONE

**Clownfish (N):** Erin for super independent writing

**Conch (R):** Aria for generating a great question about worms

**Coral (R):** Tara for asking thoughtful questions about worms

**Dolphin (1):** Viyan for an excellent piece of descriptive writing

**Jellyfish (1):** Nina for a super effort during her first week in Jellyfish class

**Lionfish (2):** Anna for writing a great diary entry as a book character

**Lobster (2):** Beatrice for her excellent work on fractions this week

**Mussel (3):** Joseph for excellent effort in learning this week

**Octopus (3):** Peikun for reading analogue and digital time

**Oyster (4):** Amalia for her fantastic setting description about the city of Pompeii

**Penguin (4):** Tian for writing a fantastic description of Pompeii

**Seahorse (5):** Nadia for writing a super letter from a book character

**Stingray (5):** Albert for working hard to understand angles

**Turtle (6):** Giulia for her enthusiasm when learning our class dance

**Whale (6):** Soraya for her enthusiasm in art work this week

### SCHOOL UNIFORM & SHOES

Now that shops are open again, we would like to remind you that your child should be wearing a full school uniform, including school shoes (no trainers). Thank you for your support.



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