

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!

OPEN EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended an Open Evening appointment this week. We hope you found it useful. If you missed this opportunity to discuss your child's learning, it is not too late. Please email your child's teacher and they will arrange a time to call you.

STAYING SAFE

We have been talking with the Year 6 children about how to keep themselves safe when they are walking to and from school unaccompanied by an adult. We reminded them to take the shortest route, walk with a friend and go to a safe place such as a shop, café, library or the school if they are worried about someone or something. Please discuss these points with your child if they walk to school independently.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

We have been talking about mental health and focusing on "connecting with nature" this week. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors recorded a special assembly about the role they play in school in helping others with worries and friendship difficulties. Thank you Ambassadors!

PACKED LUNCHES

We would like to remind you that we are a **Healthy School** and the children should not be having sugary fruit flavoured drinks or fruit juice in their packed lunches. Water is the healthiest drink for the children and it is available at lunchtimes. Please also remember there must be no nuts in packed lunches either. Thank you.

HIRING THE GREEN

We would like to start hiring out The Green – our new astroturf pitch in the Key Stage 2 playground. It measures 27.5m by 18m and has football markings. The cost for hiring it out is £30 per hour. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Hollidge: mhollidge@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

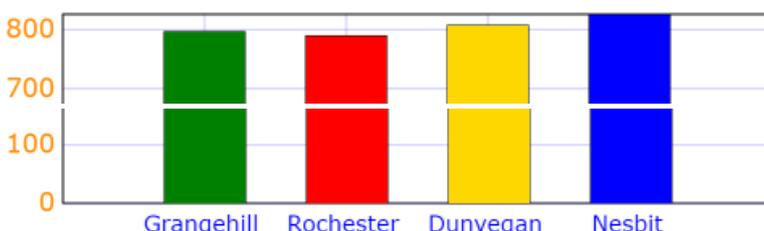
A meeting for the parents and carers of the children who are attending the School Journey to Marchants Hill in June will be taking place on Tuesday 18th May at 6pm. This is a virtual meeting and the Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81570641585?pwd=N2o4TXdCUXNZSUIvSW9jcXBLWWZxUT09>. Please note that the deadline for full payment is **Friday 28th May 2021**.

QUEUEING ETIQUETTE – BEGINNING AND END OF THE DAY

- Please do not cut into the line. Everyone needs to join the end of the line. Your patience is appreciated.
- Please do not wait in your car with the engine running.
- At the end of the day the only point of entry for adults collecting children from Reception to Year 6 is the gate on Earls Hall Road (by the bandstand). Please do not enter through the car park.
- We have asked the Ice Cream Van driver to park on the opposite side of the road. If you are waiting to buy ice creams, please make sure you leave space for people to pass.

Your support with these matters is very much appreciated. Thank you!

HOUSE POINTS & ATTENDANCE



Congratulations go to everyone who has earned House Points this week. Please keep up the good work!

Last week's attendance awards went to the following classes: **Dolphin (100%)**, **Coral (99.1%)** and **Whale (99.1%)**. Our overall attendance was 97.3%.



WIN £5,000

of National Book Tokens
for your school library



National Book Tokens are running a competition to win £5000 of vouchers for schools. To enter on behalf of our school, all you have to do is follow this link:

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> and fill in a short form. Please forward the link to your friends and family – the more entrants we have, the greater our chance of winning.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA) NEWS

NEXT MEETING – The next FoG meeting will take place on Thursday 20th May 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom. The link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89348511668?pwd=K01JY1g4TnU1bXg3Z2pEQ3hjNGcrdz09>

UNIFORM SALE – We sent details of the “Pre-Loved Uniform Sale” as an attachment to last week’s newsletter. You can order via email: The.Gordon.Uniform@outlook.com Please support this project – it is a great way to help Gordon families, raise money for the school and look after the environment! Thank you.

BALLOON RACE – The next FoG fundraiser is a virtual Balloon Race. Please check Parentmail and your child’s bookbag for more information.

Virtual Balloon Race

Start: 2nd June 12pm
End: 9th June 12pm

Balloons are £3 each
customize your balloons and
compete against family and friends

Prizes for furthest flying balloons in whole race
1) £500 Cash – 2) Apple iPad – 3) 10 x £10 Book Token
Additional prizes for furthest Gordon School balloons

More information
friendsofthegordon.wixsite.com/schoolpta/balloonrace

To enter the race of **Friends of the Gordon Primary School**
directly, visit <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/1687>

WIN



Clownfish (N): Isabella for great participation in the games with the sports coach this week

Conch (R): Aashna for great participation in the daily mile walk

Coral (R): Heloisa for progressing well in phonics

Dolphin (1): Oliver for fantastic work on Numbers to 100

Jellyfish (1): Avery for her fabulous participation in our story role-play

Lionfish (2): Salma for super work on solving problems about money

Lobster (2): Jeremy for excellent descriptions in his writing

Mussel (3): Olivia for writing a great description and facts about wolves

Octopus (3): Morgan for adding fractions with the same denominator

Oyster (4): Henry G for writing a beautiful descriptive story inspired by our book ‘*Escape from Pompeii*’

Penguin (4): Neve for writing a lovely descriptive story in English

Seahorse (5): Daniel for excellent work on calculating angles

Stingray (5): Ade for super ideas for his story about travelling to Mars

Turtle (6): Ben for taking great effort with his maths work

Whale (6): Matthew for his enthusiastic contributions to all class discussions

GOODBYE MRS RICHARDSON

We said goodbye to a long-standing member of our kitchen staff today. Mrs Richardson has worked at the school for 35 years and has decided it is now time to retire. We shall miss her and we wish her a very long, happy and healthy retirement.

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