

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!

HOUSE POINTS & ATTENDANCE

Congratulations go to **DUNVEGAN** House for winning the House Points Cup this half term. To celebrate they can wear their house colour (yellow) to school on Friday 11th June. Well done, everyone in Dunvegan House.

Last week's attendance awards went to the following classes: **Dolphin (100%)**, **Lionfish (99%)**, and **Octopus (98.6%)**. Our whole-school attendance was **96.7%**. Excellent attendance is the key to effective learning – well done, everyone!

RETURNING TO THE UK FROM ABROAD

We would like to remind you that if you are planning to travel abroad during the half term holiday, you must adhere to COVID-19 restrictions.

- If you return from a **RED** list country, you must quarantine in a managed hotel.
- If you return from an **AMBER** list country, you must quarantine at home for 10 days.
- If you return from a **GREEN** list country, you do not need to quarantine unless you test positive for COVID-19 on your return or you are contacted by NHS Test & Trace.

These restrictions also apply to children. If your children did not travel abroad with you, they can come to school so long as you have not tested positive or you are not showing symptoms. However, you are not permitted to leave your home to bring your children to school, so please arrange for another adult to bring your children in. If there is no one who can bring your children to school for you, your children must stay at home with you until your period of quarantine is over.

INSET DAY

Please remember that **Monday 7th June is an INSET Day** and the school will be closed. The children return from the half term holiday on Tuesday 8th June.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON - FUND RAISING

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

For more information please follow this link:

<https://friendsofthegordon.wixsite.com/schoolpta/balloonrace>

To enter the race of the **Friends of the Gordon Primary School** directly, please follow this link:

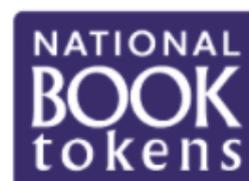
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BOOK COMPETITION

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, you need to click on the following link: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> and fill in a short form. Please forward the link to your friends, family members, neighbours, co-workers, etc. as the more entrants we have, the greater our chance of winning. Thank you!



CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

We are currently running two consultations with you:

- **proposed changes to lunch times and the end of the school day** (ends 9th June)
- **Relationships, Sex & Health Education Policy** (ends 18th June)

Please look through your parentmail messages to see documents linked to these consultations. You can also find them on the school website. If you have any feedback please email Mr Taylor: headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk or Mrs Cuesta: hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk



Also this week, we circulated a link to our annual **parent and carer survey**. If you haven't completed it yet, please do so by 7th June 2021. It only takes a couple of minutes and your responses will inform our action planning for the coming year. Please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/3yD8LWg> Thank you.

FREE HOLIDAY MEALS

Free meals will be available for children across the borough during the half term holiday.

From **Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th June**, healthy grab-and-go lunches can be collected at libraries, leisure centres and adventure play areas. For more information, including serving times and a list of locations, please follow this link: <https://bit.ly/2RQIVyv>

E-SCOOTERS

The police and local authority are asking schools and families to support them in discouraging the use of e-scooters by children and young people.

Not only is there a real concern around how e-scooters may be used in terms of road safety, but many people may not be aware that the use of e-scooters is illegal when driven in public places and on roads, with exemptions only applying to authorised hire-schemes and use on private land with the land owner's permission.

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles so riders must comply with Road Traffic legislation including:

- driving with a licence
- having insurance
- being taxed

If stopped whilst using an e-scooter, the rider (even if it is a young person) could receive fixed penalties, penalty points or possibly face prosecution. Vehicles are also likely to be seized and potentially destroyed.

As well as trying to keep our community safe, we are keen to stop anyone, regardless of age, being subject to criminal action. We would therefore welcome any support in terms of raising awareness of this issue. Thank you.

WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): Kaythan for super effort when writing his name

Conch (R): Isabelle for great sentence writing in phonics

Coral (R): Rodion for excellent progress in writing

Dolphin (1): Jessica for writing an excellent biography of Mary Anning

Jellyfish (1): Charlie for an excellent improvement with his number formation

Lionfish (2): Jessica for always being kind and hardworking

Lobster (2): Jack for excellent sewing during our Design Technology Day

Mussel (3): Daisy for excellent effort and improvement in maths

Octopus (3): Prwsha for being able to simplify fractions

Oyster (4): Henry U for creating beautiful poetry this week.

Penguin (4): Rosina for excellent work on measurement in maths

Seahorse (5): Bobby for writing an excellent letter from a character based on *The London Eye Mystery* book

Stingray (5): Flo for excellent contributions in maths lessons

Turtle (6): Ria for using brilliant descriptions in her story writing

Whale (6): Isabella for great work with angles in maths

SEND INFORMATION

We are currently updating the SEND (special educational needs & disabilities) Notice Board on our website. You will find it in the **Parents** section under **General Information**.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Instructions for ordering photographs are included with the proofs we sent home a few days ago. You have until **Friday 11th June** to place your order. After this date you will have to order directly from the photographer and you will have to pay for postage and packaging.

GROWING AREA – PLEASE SPONSOR A SUNFLOWER



You may recall reading in recent newsletters that we have plans for a growing area in the Key Stage 2 playground. We have been awarded a grant towards this project and a few parents have been able to help us with free soil for which we are extremely grateful.



The next step is to buy railway sleepers that we can turn into raised beds. Unfortunately, due to price increases in building materials, the costs are now greater than our funding. We are hoping that you might be able to help us find the difference.

Claire, a parent and member of our **Green Team**, has very kindly donated sunflower seeds and spent many hours putting seeds into envelopes for every child in the school. We gave these out today and we hope that every child will grow their seeds and collect some sponsorship money from family and friends. When we return in September the children can submit photos and we will have a competition to see who has grown the tallest sunflower and which class has the greatest combined height of all their sunflowers.

Here are our plans for how the growing area will look. It will also provide a calm, quiet area where children can sit, relax and chat with their friends.



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