

Gordon Primary School News

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SPORTS WEEK: 5TH – 9TH JULY

Next week is Sports Week and we have planned lots of activities for the children. Please remember that the children do not need to wear their school uniform for Sports Week; they can wear their PE kit or other sportswear instead. We will be spending lots of time outside so please apply sunscreen to your child before school and make sure their shoulders are covered – no vest tops please. We also ask that you send in a sun hat, sunglasses and a filled water bottle. Thank you!

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

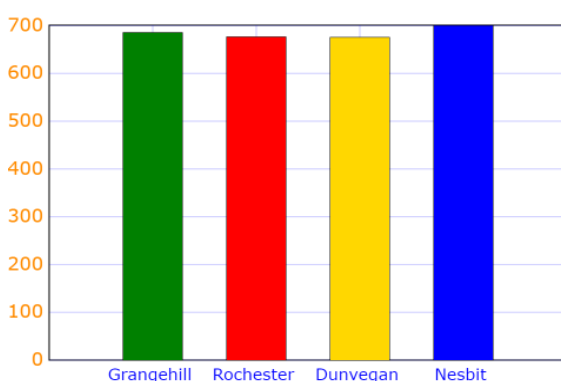
We hope you have had the opportunity to take a look at the fantastic **Gordon Exhibition of Art** that we have posted in our Google Classrooms and on ILD for the Nursery. The children's work is very impressive! We held our first round of **Welcome Meetings** for families of the children joining Reception in September as well as an Open Day for new nursery children. We are following the social distancing guidance and limiting numbers to these meetings. **Octopus Class** visited Woodlands Farm as part of their learning about plants and **Year 5** took part in World War II workshops today. The **Pizza Evening** organised by FoG is taking place today and if you ordered a kit have a fun time making your pizza!

ABSENCE AND THE SETTING OF HOME LEARNING

We appreciate you keeping your children at home if they are unwell. They need this time to recuperate and potentially prevent an illness from spreading in school. However, please note that we only provide home learning for children who have been directed to stay at home and self-isolate. Teachers have received a number of requests for home learning recently for children who have non-COVID illnesses. In most cases the teachers cannot just upload their classroom lessons to the Google classroom as they would lack the detailed teacher explanations and resources needed for the children to access the learning. Our view is that if a child is well enough to be able to learn, they should be in school. Thank you.

PARKING

Many thanks go to everyone who walks, scoots or cycles to school. If these options are not always possible for you, please remember to be considerate when you park. Stopping on the yellow zigzag lines or near junctions puts the children who need to cross roads at risk. Please also ensure that you are not parking across our neighbours' driveways. If you do need to come to school by car, please try to park a short distance away and walk the remainder of your journey. Your cooperation is appreciated.



HOUSEPOINTS & ATTENDANCE

Congratulations go to **Stingray, Penguin** and **Jellyfish** classes for their excellent attendance last week.

CAN YOU HELP US WITH OUR GROWING AREA?

Mr Camilleri has done an amazing job creating our new growing area. The railway sleepers have been transformed into fantastic raised beds. We are now ready to fill them! If you have any compost, mulch, bark or wood chippings you could donate, we'd be very grateful. Thank you!

SCHOOL MEALS

We are pleased to announce that from September 2021 we will move to a new school meals provider – Chartwells. If your child currently has packed lunches, please consider trying the new school menu that will be in place from September.

School meals are free to the children who are in Reception Year 1 and Year 2. From Year 3 to Year 6 the meals cost £2.75 per day or £13.75 per week (unless you are eligible for free school meals – please see below). Payment is required in advance, via Parentmail (Pluspay).

We have attached a copy of the menu to this newsletter and a Medical Diet Request form that we ask you to complete if it is relevant for your child. Please return this to the school office.

DIARY DATES

July

w/b Monday 5 th	Sports Week
Thursday 8 th	New Reception Meetings
Friday 9 th	Mussel Class trip to Woodlands Farm
Monday 12 th	Freshwater Theatre visiting Year 2
Thursday 15 th	Annual Reports will be distributed
Friday 16 th	New classes for 21/22 announced
Monday 19 th	Year 6 Performance – 6:00pm
Tuesday 20 th	Year 6 Performance – 9:45am
Thursday 22 nd	Year 6 Leavers' Party – outdoor event
Friday 23 rd	Last Day – school closes at 2pm

September

Friday 3 rd	Autumn Term begins and children return to school
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FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If you receive certain benefits such as:

- **Income Support**
- **Working Tax Credits**
- **Job Seekers Allowance**
- **Employment Support Allowance**
- **Support under Part 6 of the Immigration Asylum Act 1999**
- **Pensions Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit**

your family may be able to receive free school meals, school clothing grants or school journey grants. More information can be found on the Royal Borough of Greenwich website: www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk. If you need help with the application form, please speak to a member of the office staff.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR YEAR TWO: Please remember that your automatic entitlement to free school meals will end at the end of this term. If you receive the benefits listed above you will need to apply for free school meals – they will not continue unless you complete and submit the form. **PLEASE DO THIS NOW.** You will be charged for any meals that your child has next term if the Local Authority has not confirmed your eligibility. Free school meals entitlement cannot be backdated and you will have to pay for the meals.



Clownfish (N): Kaythan for great enthusiasm and determination when practising our sports activities

Conch (R): Domantas for a super attitude to learning

Coral (R): Tara for being organised and looking after her belongings

Dolphin (1): Mara for great improvement in comprehension

Jellyfish (1): Orla for fantastic subtraction using the Numicon equipment

Lionfish (2): Matilda for a super letter in role as a character from the story *"The Princess and the White Bear King"*

Lobster (2): Jayden for working hard at his writing and spellings

Mussel (3): Summer for putting in good effort into her learning this week

Octopus (3): Scott for his team playing and strategy skills in PE

Oyster (4): Isaac for brilliant work on movement and position in maths

Penguin (4): Ema for an excellent scientific explanation in our gases investigation

Seahorse (5): Jimmy for excellent investigative skills in Science.

Stingray (5): Darin for his excellent contributions to class discussions

Turtle (6): Heather for her professionalism during our rehearsals of *Peter Pan*

Whale (6): Emily for her enthusiasm and huge efforts in our rehearsals of *Peter Pan*