

Gordon Primary School News

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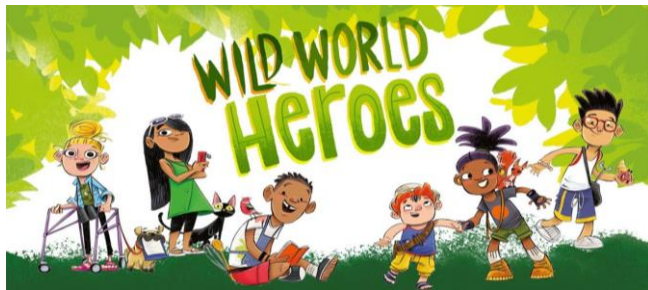
THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We were delighted to welcome back **Lionfish** and **Stingray** classes on Tuesday but unfortunately, the **Reception** bubble had to close. **Seahorse** and **Lobster** classes have also been self-isolating this week. **Seahorse** and **Lobster** classes will return next Monday and **Reception** will return on Tuesday.

Year 2 had a visit from Florence Nightingale on Wednesday – “in person” for **Lionfish** class and online for **Lobster** class. The children had a great time and looked fantastic in their costumes!

Annual reports were handed out to the children who were in school yesterday. We will give out the reports for the children who are self-isolating when they return next week. If you have any questions or comments about your child’s report, please complete the reply form. Thank you.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



The theme for this year’s Summer Reading Challenge is **Wild World Heroes**. It is running at local libraries and online. This nature-themed challenge will inspire the children to read lots of amazing books and learn about how to look after our planet. For more information please visit your nearest library or click here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

The children voted for **Outer Space** as the theme for next year’s class names. Here are the class names that the teachers have chosen:



Year Group	New Class Name	Current Class Name	New Teacher
Nursery	Moon	Clownfish + new children	Mrs Miller
Reception	Comet		Mrs Cullum
	Rocket		Mrs King & Mrs Beattie
One	Europa	Conch	Miss Kemp
	Halo	Coral	Mrs Hill & Mrs Bishop
Two	Apollo	Jellyfish	Mrs Abrey & Mrs Cuesta
	Zodiac	Dolphin	Ms Whiting
Three	Cosmos Redshift 7	Lionfish	Ms Carter
	Asteroid	Lobster	Mrs Altiparmaki
Four	Andromeda	Octopus	Mrs Faiers
	Discovery	Mussel	Ms Deacon
Five	Supernova	Penguin	Mrs Sanders & Mrs Bishop
	Orion	Oyster	Mrs Olding
Six	Scorpius	Seahorse	Miss White
	Mars	Stingray	Ms Morton



The children will be meeting their new teachers out in the playground next week.

TERM DATES FOR NEXT YEAR

Autumn Term 2021

- **First half** ~ Friday 3rd September to Friday 22nd October
- **Inset Day - Friday 1st October (school closed)**
- **Half-term holiday** ~ Monday 25th to Friday 29th October
- **Second half** ~ Monday 1st November to Thursday 16th December

Please remember that next **Friday is the last day of term** and we finish at **2pm**.

Spring Term 2022

- **First half** ~ Wednesday 5th January to Friday 11th February
- **Half-term holiday** ~ Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February
- **Second half** ~ Monday 21st February to Friday 1st April

Just before 2pm we will open the gates and Group A parents and carers will be able to come in. Once most of Group A have been collected, the parents and carers of Group B will be able to come in.

Summer Term 2022

- **First half** ~ Monday 19th April to Friday 27th May
- **Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May (school closed)**
- **Half-term holiday** ~ Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
- **Second half** ~ Monday 6th June to Thursday 21st July

Nursery Start Information

The Nursery will re-open on Friday 10th September after home visits for new families have taken place.

Reception Start Information

The children moving up from our nursery will have a *Play & Stay* session on Friday 3rd September. They will begin (mornings and lunchtimes only initially) on Monday 6th September. Full time days will begin on Thursday 23rd September.

HOLIDAY FOOD & FUN 2021

This summer, the Royal Borough of Greenwich are funding free holiday club spaces for children aged between 4 and 16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

To register a place for your child, browse the interactive map on the Royal Borough of Greenwich website: <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun> You can see what's on offer and use the contact details provided to book your child's place!

PARENT & CARER SURVEY RESULTS 2021

We would like to say thank you to everyone who responded to the recent Parent and Carer survey. We had 84 responses and would like to share the headlines with you.

Your feedback has been presented to the Governors and ways of incorporating your suggestions into our School Development Plan for next year are being explored.

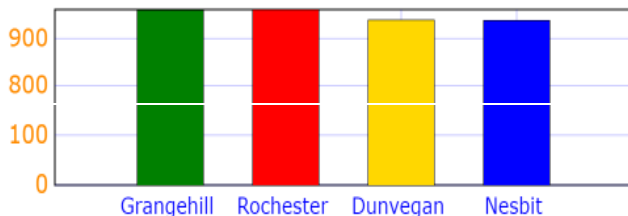
	Strongly agree / agree
My child is happy at Gordon Primary School	96.4%
My child feels safe at Gordon Primary School	100%
My child is making progress at Gordon Primary School	96.4%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child	97.6%
The teaching is effective at Gordon Primary School	96.4%
Gordon Primary School supports my child's needs	95.2%
The school supports my child's wider development	95.1%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	95.2%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	98.8%
The school helps me to support my child's learning	92.8%
I am kept informed about events and developments	100%

	Strongly agree / agree / no experience of	Would you recommend the school to another parent?	
The school deals effectively with bullying	92.8%	Yes	96.4%
When I have raised concerns, they have been dealt with	96.4%		

EASYFUNDRAISING

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for our school through **easyfundraising!** If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 5,800 shops and sites will donate to us when you use **easyfundraising** to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Please sign up and share the link today: <https://bit.ly/3xquqso>

HOUSEPOINTS



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Thank you to everyone who has supported the pre-loved uniform sale; all purchases and donations have been gratefully received. Please do send in any uniform that you will no longer require at the end of this term. We plan on holding another sale towards the end of August in preparation for the children's return to school in September. Further details will follow soon.

EID AL ADHA

We would like to send our best wishes to the families who will be celebrating Eid Al-Adha next week. If your child will be observing this occasion and will be absent from school, please let us know so we can authorise the absence. Thank you.

UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER

School uniform is compulsory for all children from the Nursery up to Year 6. We have a gender-neutral approach to school uniform and all children can choose from the items listed below:

Uniform list (Nursery):

- black, navy or dark grey jogging bottoms/leggings
- white or navy polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, navy or dark grey skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes / trainers - no laces please
- blue check dresses (during warmer weather)
- navy or dark grey school shorts (during warmer weather)
- black boots can be worn in the winter

Uniform list (Reception to Year 6):

- black or dark grey trousers
- white shirt or polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, dark grey or navy skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes - no trainers or shoes with coloured soles / laces
- blue check dresses (during warmer weather)
- navy or grey school shorts (during warmer weather)
- brown, navy or black sandals (during warmer weather), but they must cover the children's toes and be firmly attached at the heel
- black boots can be worn in the winter

PE kit:

- plain white t-shirt
- navy blue shorts
- trainers or plimsolls
- a tracksuit may be worn in winter

Swimming kit: (Years 4 & 5 only)

- close fitting trunks (no beach shorts)
- one-piece costume (no bikinis)
- a swimming hat
- a towel

Bags Only book bags and drawstring PE bags can come into school. No back packs or ruck sacks please as there isn't enough room on our coat trolleys for them.

We respect the religion and culture of all our children. If you have any religious or cultural requests about uniform, please contact Mr Taylor.

It is very important to mark your child's clothing clearly either by sewn-in / ironed-on labels or with an indelible pen. A great deal of parents' time is wasted trying to find unlabelled items.

Uniform items with the school logo, book bags and drawstring PE bags can be obtained from:

JK Clothing, Well Hall Road

You can also buy non-logo items from other stores.

There will be opportunities for you to purchase pre-loved uniform items soon. Please look out for more information.

We can offer some free school uniform items to children who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Please contact the office.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As we all know, the government has announced that restrictions will be lifted on Monday 19th July. We would like to clarify that despite this, we will not be making any changes to our procedures at this point. We will continue to have staggered starts and ends and we will keep the children in bubbles. There are two reasons for this:

- the children have spent a whole year working under the current procedures and it would be confusing for many of them if we make changes for one final week
- children still need to self-isolate if they have been in close contact with someone who has had a positive PCR test. Bubbles enable us to limit how many children are affected

Cases in the local area are continuing to rise and therefore we will still expect visitors (including parents) to wear masks and adhere to social distancing rules when they enter the school site. Please support us by respecting our requests.

More guidance is expected during the coming weeks and we will update you with information regarding September's return to school as soon as we can. We are anticipating that we will no longer be operating staggered starts and ends and that there will be no need for bubbles. If this is the case, please remember that school will end at 3:15pm for all year groups.

SCHOOL MEALS

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 contact the school office for details of how to apply). Payment is required in advance, via Parentmail (Pluspay).

Please make sure that if there is an outstanding balance on your child's school meals account you make payment before the end of the term. Thank you.

GREEN TEAM UPDATE



This week the Green Team have laid turf in the Key Stage 2 playground so the children will have some lovely soft grass to sit on during their breaks. We have also been working in our new garden which has

now had bark spread over the ground by **Penguin Class**. There are lots of cucumbers, tomatoes and potatoes which are being harvested by the children. They have helped with the watering and are learning how to grow vegetables. The Green Team are so proud of what has been achieved this term, with the help of our very talented Premises Manager Mr. Camilleri, and it has been so rewarding to see the children enjoying the new and improved areas.

WELL DONE

Clownfish (N): Fin for great participation in all activities with the sports coach

Conch (R): All the children who engaged in Google classrooms and showed their brilliant DT skills

Coral (R): Everyone who took part in the fairy tale challenge and demonstrated creativity, perseverance and humour!

Dolphin (1): Musa for his creativity and enthusiasm on DT Day

Jellyfish (1): Alice and Hawa for their fabulous fairy tale character puppets

Lionfish (2): Isabelle for fantastic progress with her reading this year

Lobster (2): Zara for a great effort with her online learning

Mussel (3): Charlie for putting great effort into improving his tennis skills

Octopus (3): Summer for her lovely descriptive writing and Gabby for reading time accurately.

Oyster (4): Mael for recognising and writing Roman numerals

Penguin (4): The whole class for excellent team work in DT this week

Seahorse (5): George for excellent pieces of writing on Google Classroom.

Stingray (5): Digby for his excellent use of description and powerful vocabulary in his creative writing

Turtle (6): To the whole class for being so professional in learning their lines and taking directions in our rehearsals for *Peter Pan*

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