

Gordon School News

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CLASS ASSMEBLY

Emerald Class presented the first Class Assembly of the new school year today. They shared their fantastic work on *The Gruffalo*. Well done, Emerald Class.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON NEWS

The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Thursday 4th October at 3:45pm in the Lower Hall. We will be electing committee members for the coming year. There will be free crafts for children while the meeting takes place as well as refreshments for everyone. Please come along. We look forward to seeing you.



We have had a very positive response to our plan to participate in the Big Half Marathon on 10th March 2019. It's a great way to set a personal challenge, get fit and raise money for our school. If you are interested in taking part please email friendsofthegordon@gmail.com or speak to a member of the office staff. Monday 1st October 2018 is the deadline for expressions of interest. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

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| Wed 5 th December | Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert (4pm) Methodist Church, Westmount Road |
| Mon 10 th December | Years 3 & 4 (2pm) |
| Tues 11 th December | Years 3 & 4 (9:30am) |
| Tues 18 th December | Years 1 & 2 (9:30am) Nursery & Reception (2pm) |
| Wed 19 th December | Nursery & Reception (9:30am) Years 1 & 2 (2pm) |

With the exception of the Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert, the performances will take place in our Sports Hall.

ANTI-BULLYING

We are working towards the *Anti-Bullying Quality Mark*. One of our first tasks is to review our Anti-Bullying Policy. We would like your input on this so next week we will send you a short questionnaire. Please answer the questions and return the form to the box in the foyer. Thank you.

OPEN EVENINGS

Open Evenings for the children in **Years 1 to 6** will take place on Monday 15th and Wednesday 17th October. If you have signed up to **parentmail** you should have received a link to the online booking portal. You can also book appointments by returning the slip from the letter we sent out yesterday. We look forward to seeing you.

Open Evenings for the children in **Nursery and Reception** will take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November.

FOREST SCHOOL WORKSHOP

- Who?** Parents/carers and children in our Nursery and Reception classes
Where? Our Forest School site at the rear of the Key Stage 2 playground
When? Thursday 11th October 2018 between 3:45pm and 4:45pm

Please come along and see our new site and try out some Forest School activities. The Forest School leaders will be there to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you!

Forest School and Foundation Stage are in need of bowls, colanders, saucepans, kitchen utensils and children's watering cans. If you have any spares at home which you don't need, please hand them in at the Nursery. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

This week we presented attendance awards to **Amethyst, Sapphire** and **Emerald** classes! Well done, children!

YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

The deadline for paying the deposit for the Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay is Friday 5th October. We have to confirm the number of pupils who will be attending on this date so please hand your payment in promptly. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

October

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| Mon 1 st | Florence Nighingale visiting Year 2 (rearranged date) |
| Wed 3 rd | Year 1 Parents; Workshop (9:10am) |
| Thurs 4 th | FoG Annual General Meeting (3:45pm) |
| Fri 5 th | Onyx Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall) Fog Quiz Night (7pm – Sports Hall) |
| 8 th to 11 th | Bikeability cycle training – Year 6 |
| Mon 8 th | Year 2 trip to Bright Sparks concert |
| Wed 10 th | Year 2 Parents' Workshop (9:10am) |
| Thurs 11 th | Reception Autumn Walk (2pm) Secondary School Application Drop-in (2pm to 5pm) Forest School Workshop (3:45pm) |
| Fri 12 th | Inset Day – school closed |
| Mon 15 th | Open Evening (Year 1 to Year 6) |
| Wed 17 th | Year 3 history workshops Open Evening (Year 1 to Year 6) |
| Fri 19 th | Jade Class Assembly (9:10am – Middle Hall) |
| 22 nd to 26 th | Half term holiday |
| Tues 30 th | Year 3 trip to the Ecology Park |
| Wed 31 st | Harvest Assemblies 9:20am ~ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 2pm ~ Years 3 to 6 |

November

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| Fri 2 nd | Diamond Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall) |
| 5 th to 9 th | Bikeability cycle training - Year 6 |
| Wed 7 th | Reception Parents' Workshop (9:10am) Year 4 visit to London Zoo 3:45pm - Opportunity for parents to view SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) resources |
| Fri 9 th | Jasper Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall) Year 6 to the Buddhist Centre, Bethnal Green |
| 12 th to 16 th | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 15 th to 21 st | Book Fair |
| Fri 16 th | Book Fair dress-up day (bedtime stories theme) Opal Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall) |
| Wed 21 st | London Museum workshops for Year 3 (in school) Year 4 visit to the National Gallery |
| Thurs 22 nd | Year 5 School Journey / Sayers Croft meeting (6pm) |
| Fri 30 th | Inset Day – school closed |

December

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| Tues 4 th | Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 5) |
| 12 th to 14 th | Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft |
| Thurs 20 th | Last day of term for Nursery |
| Fri 21 st | Last day of term - School closes at 2pm |

HOUSEPOINTS

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| Grangehill 428 | Rochester 434 |
| Dunvegan 467 | Nesbit 509 |

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be visiting us on Tuesday for individual and family shots.



PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Amethyst (R): Lara for excellent work in phonics

Aquamarine (R): Wilf for fantastic effort in phonics

Citrine (1): Summer for great sounding out when writing independently

Coral (1): Candide for excellent independent writing

Diamond (2): Rosina for an excellent Gruffalo "wanted" poster

Emerald (2): the whole class for practising hard for their assembly

Jade (3): Daniel for his enthusiastic attitude in History lessons

Jasper (3): Holly-May for a great first swimming lesson

Onyx (4): Lorna for working hard researching the digestive system

Opal (4): Maggie for settling into the class so well

Pearl (5): Harry for a super retelling of the "kidnapping of Sita" story

Sapphire (5): Jack for always giving his best in all lessons

Topaz (6): Amelie for her fantastic effort in all lessons and for always challenging herself

Turquoise (6): Vicky for excellent problem solving in maths

STAFF ABSENCE

Mrs Smyth (Year 4, Opal Class) has been unwell this week. We are expecting her to return on Monday.

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