

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!

ANTI-BULLYING

We are working towards the *Anti-Bullying Quality Mark*. One of the first tasks we need to do is review our Anti-Bullying Policy and we would like your input. We have circulated a questionnaire and would appreciate if you could return it to the box in the foyer by Friday 12th October. Thank you.

SEN NOTICE BOARD

We have a new section on our website called **SEN Notice Board**. It is under the *Parent Information* tab on the home page. We will be posting information about how to support children with Special Educational Needs. Please take a look. We will post new information when we receive it.

END OF THE DAY PICK-UP

Please remember to inform the school office or the class teacher in advance if there is going to be a change in who is collecting your child at the end of the day. Thank you.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT MEASUREMENT PROGRAMME

We sent letters to the parent and carers of the children in Reception and Year 6 about the Height and Weight Measurement Programme recently. This will be taking place on Monday 26th November. If you do not want your child to take part, please let us know.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON NEWS

The committee members were re-elected at yesterday's meeting and they are now looking for other parents and carers to support their great fundraising efforts by acting as year group representatives. The reps are needed to help communicate information within their year group. Helping FoG doesn't have to be a huge commitment but from time-to-time extra support is needed to help organise, prepare and run events. This includes supervising children at the discos, marshalling fun runs, selling at cake sales, etc. If you're interested, we can add you to a FOG WhatsApp group to relay information - it's as simple as that! Without all your extra support we couldn't run these events and raise much needed funds for the children. If you would like to help please email friendsofthegordon@gmail.com Thank you!

COLLECTING / TRADING CARDS

We have told the children that collecting / trading cards such as Pokemon and Lego are not to be brought into school from now on. Unfortunately, the cards have started to cause some arguments and upset. We would appreciate if you can remind your child about this. Thank you.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Year 2 had a fantastic time when Florence Nightingale came to visit them on Monday. She told them all about the advances in healthcare and nursing that took place during the Crimean War.

We had a fantastic turnout for the **Year 1** maths workshop for parents and carers on Wednesday. We received lots of great feedback about how useful the session was. Many thanks go to everyone who came along and to the Year 1 teachers for hosting this event.

Onyx Class presented a superb assembly today. The other children, staff and family members were all very impressed! Well done, Onyx Class.

ATTENDANCE

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

DRESSING UP CLOTHES

Our collection of dressing-up clothes in the Foundation Stage needs updating! We would be delighted to receive donations of pieces of fabric which the children could use as capes and cloaks or any hats you might have at home. Please take them along to the Nursery / Reception or hand them in at the office. Thank you.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 702	Rochester 706
Dunvegan 732	Nesbit 755

DYSLEXIA AWARENESS WEEK

We have been talking with the children about dyslexia this week. We have been explaining that dyslexia is not linked to intelligence but that it describes the way some people's brains works. We have also been recognising that everyone has strengths and weaknesses; we all need to practice skills and we all have talents.

DIARY DATES

October

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

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 - SRE meetings for parents
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)
Mon 26 th	Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight Measurement
Fri 30 th	Inset Day – school closed

December

Tues 4 th	Nasal flu vaccinations (Reception to Year 5)
Wed 5 th	Years 5 & 6 Carol Concert (4pm)
Fri 7 th	Christmas Lunch – Jumpers – Discos
Mon 10 th	Years 3 & 4 Performance (2pm)
Tues 11 th	Years 3 & 4 Performance (9:30am)
12 th to 14 th	Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft
Tues 18 th	Years 1 & 2 Performance (9:30am) Nursery & Reception Performance (2pm)
Wed 19 th	Nursery & Reception Performance (9:30am) Years 1 & 2 Performance (2pm)
Thurs 20 th	Last day of term for Nursery Class Parties
Fri 21 st	Last day of term - School closes at 2pm



PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Amethyst (R): Jeremy for fantastic work in phonics

Aquamarine (R): Salma for being able to count to 10 in four different languages

Citrine (1): Morgan for great science work

Coral (1): Ozzie for making a good effort in his independent writing

Diamond (2): Ema D for writing a detailed diary entry

Emerald (2): Isla for super writing about Florence Nightingale

Jade (3): Marietta for her careful *Aboriginal creation story* artwork

Jasper (3): Ade for sharing his great knowledge of rocks and soils

Onyx (4): the whole class for a brilliant class assembly

Opal (4): Alfie F and Alfie P for writing a fabulous song about the digestive system

Pearl (5): Lily for her descriptive story about Ganesh in RE

Sapphire (5): Ted for being reliable, kind and helpful

Topaz (6): Fiona for her fantastic work in science

Turquoise (6): Fernanda for an excellent leaflet on Wesak in RE

SCHOOL STREET CLOSURES

Please see the letter we sent out today regarding the council's plans for street closures around our school.

INSET DAY

Next Friday (12th October) is an inset day and the **school will be closed to pupils.**

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