

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!

HARVEST ASSEMBLIES ~ 31ST OCTOBER

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will perform at 9:20am. **Years 3 to 6** will perform at 2pm. Both performances will be in the Sports Hall. We will be supporting the Greenwich Foodbank again this year and hope you will be able to donate items from their shopping list shown below. Please take items to your child's classroom. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

HELP SUPPORT YOUR FOODBANK WITH FOOD AND TOILETRIES THIS HARVEST

DONATE FOOD

Help by donating an item or two from our shopping list to ensure we can provide food to help people in crisis



DONATE TOILETRIES

Help by donating toiletries, these can be just as vital to those in crisis



SHOPPING LIST
Any Tin of:
Peas
Carrots
Fruit
Custard
Rice Pudding
Fish
Meat
Or Long-life:
Milk
Fruit Juice
Or Toiletries

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Amethyst, Opal and Diamond** classes! Well done, children!

SCHOOL STREETS

The School Streets initiative we informed you about recently, which involves closing Grangehill Road between Earlsall Road and Craigton Road, will commence on Tuesday 30th October. Bollards will be in place between 8am and 9:30am in the morning and between 3pm and 4pm in the afternoon.

ONLINE / GAME SAFETY

We are aware that some children are using apps such as WhatsApp (age rated 16) and games such as Fortnite (age rated 12). These are not appropriate for primary aged children and we encourage parents not to allow their children to use them. Advice on parental controls and security settings can be found via the **Internet Matters** link on our website. You will find it (and many other online safety resources) in the **Keeping Children Safe** section.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Open Evenings for **Year 1 to Year 6** this week. If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher will happily arrange an appointment for you. The Open Evenings for Nursery and Reception will take place on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November.

Year 3 enjoyed a history workshop on Wednesday and learned lots of interesting facts about the Stone Age.

Jade Class presented a great assembly this morning. The children shared their superb work on the Stone Age. Well done, everyone!

Year 4 went for an autumn walk in the Pleasance today and had a great time using fallen leaves and twigs to make animal pictures. **Year 5** visited a Hindu Temple in Woolwich today to help them to gain a better understanding of the Hindu religion.

HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations go to **Nesbit** House for winning the House Points Cup for this half term. They collected an impressive 1462 points! They will be able to celebrate their success by wearing their house colour (blue) on Friday 2nd November.

OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT

We found out this week that we have been granted permission to install some outdoor gym equipment in the Key Stage 2 playground. This project is being funded through a health and well-being grant and we're hoping that the equipment will be installed next week!

WEDDING NEWS

We are delighted to announce that Miss Knibbs is getting married during the half term holiday! We wish her every happiness. When she returns she will be known as Mrs Gray.

DIARY DATES

October

Tues 30th Year 3 trip to the Ecology Park
Wed 31st Harvest Assemblies
9:20am ~ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
2pm ~ Years 3 to 6

November

Fri 2nd Diamond Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
5th to 9th Bikeability cycle training - Year 6
Wed 7th 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 9th Jasper Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
Year 6 to the Buddhist Centre, Bethnal Green
12th to 16th Anti-Bullying Week
Thurs 15th Eltham Lights Up
15th to 21st Book Fair
Fri 16th Book Fair dress-up day (bedtime stories theme)
Opal Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm – Middle Hall)
Tues 20th Open Evening (Nursery & Reception)
Wed 21st London Museum workshops for Year 3 (in school)
Year 4 visit to the National Gallery
Thurs 22nd Year 5 School Journey / Sayers Croft meeting (6pm)
Open Evening (Nursery & Reception)
Fri 30th Inset Day – school closed

December

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

YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY TO SAYERS CROFT

The remaining balance for the Year 5 School Journey to Sayers Croft must be paid by Monday 3rd December. We will be holding an information evening on 22nd November at 6pm in the Middle Hall. We look forward to seeing you.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The deadline for submitting secondary school admission forms is Wednesday 31st October. Please let us know if you need any help accessing the form or website.

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Amethyst (R): George for a brilliant attitude to all areas of learning

Aquamarine (R): Molly for fantastic writing

Citrine (1): Morgan for excellent tennis skills

Coral (1): Alica & Sophia for excellent paired work in maths

Diamond (2): Sienna for a superb attitude to learning

Emerald (2): Tyler for writing a great diary entry as Mary Seacole

Jade (3): Agatha for an improvement in her handwriting

Jasper (3): Zoe for her enthusiasm in her handwriting

Onyx (4): Eme for producing a very creative story map

Opal (4): Kernius for a fantastic graphic story map of *Mouse Bird Snake Wolf* story

Pearl (5): Saffy for her beautiful oil pastel Diwali artwork

Sapphire (5): Xanthe for her growing confidence and great work in maths

Topaz (6): Ruby for writing an excellent chapter for the book *Journey to the River Sea*

Turquoise (6): Zac for excellent work on classifying animals in science

SAVE THE CHILDREN

Huge thanks go to everyone who supported the **Save the Children** Indonesia Tsunami Appeal. We will let you know how much your donations on our non-uniform day raised in our next newsletter.

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