

Gordon School News

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SCHOOL STREETS

The School Streets initiative, which involves closing Grangehill Road between Earlsall Road and Craigton Road, came into effect on Tuesday. Please remember that bollards will be in place between 8am and 9:30am in the morning and between 3pm and 4pm in the afternoon.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be joining us from 15th to 21st November. We hope you will be able to support the Book Fair as every sale earns us commission on books for the classrooms.

To celebrate the joy of story-telling we are having a Dressing-Up Day on **Friday 16th November**. The theme is Bedtime Stories and the children can wear their night clothes and dressing gowns to school. They can even bring their slippers to change into when they get here! The dressing-up is not a fundraising event – it is just for fun!

MYMATHS HOMEWORK

MyMaths is an interactive online teaching and homework website that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. We are using it to set homework tasks for the children in Years 1 to 6. Your child will receive a letter with log-in details today. If you have any difficulties accessing the site, please let your child's teacher know.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Citrine, Jasper** and **Diamond** classes! Well done, children! Currently, whole school attendance is 96.4%. We are aiming for 97% - please help us reach our target!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Last year, each child all created their own Christmas design which could then be made into cards, tags and wrapping paper. We will be doing this project again this year. We will send out information to you next week, together with your child's design so you can see what the finished items will look like before you decide to order. As well as being a fantastic way for your child to make high quality, individualised Christmas Cards, it also raises money for FoG! Thank you for your support.

SEX & RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION (SRE)

There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to speak with teachers about SRE on Wednesday 7th November. We will have copies of our plans and examples of resources available. This will take place in the Lower Hall from 3:45pm. We hope you will be able to attend.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Our outdoor gym equipment was installed during the half term holiday and is proving to be a great success with the children.

On Tuesday, **Year 3** visited the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park. They learned about Rocks and Soils. Also on Tuesday, **Year 4** took part in a lantern-making workshop in preparation for *Eltham Lights Up*. We hope lots of our Year 4 pupils and families will represent us in the parade on Thursday 15th November.

Wednesday's Harvest Assemblies were very well attended. We hope you were impressed by the children's wonderful performances. We would like to thank everyone who donated food or toiletries to the Greenwich Foodbank. Thanks also go to Ayres Bakery for donating a beautiful Harvest Loaf for our display!

Diamond Class presented a fantastic assembly today. They shared their learning about Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Well done, children.

MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

If your child has been prescribed medication which they have to take during the school day, you need to inform us and complete an *Administration of Medication* form. Under no circumstances should children have medication with them and please do not send cough / sore throat sweets in to school. Thank you.

GOODBYE MR DONO

We were sad to say goodbye to Mr Dono this week. He has dutifully carried out premises, teaching assistant and meal supervisor roles during the past few years for which we are very grateful. We wish him the best of luck in his new job.

RECEPTION PARENTS' WORKSHOP

The focus of this workshop will be phonics. It will take place on Wednesday 7th November at 9:10am in the classrooms. We look forward to seeing you.

DIARY DATES

November

5 th to 8 th	Bikeability cycle training - Year 6
Wed 7 th	Reception Parents' Workshop (9:10am) Year 4 visit to London Zoo SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) drop-in
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
Wed 14 th	Year 1 trip to St Luke's Church Year 3 trip to St John the Baptist Church
Thurs 15 th	Year 4 children in the Eltham Lights Up parade
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)
Tues 20 th	Open Evening (Nursery & Reception)
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) Open Evening (Nursery & Reception)
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 Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch and 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	Theatre group (for Nursery, Reception and Year 1) Class Parties (Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) Last day of term for Nursery
Fri 21 st	Last day of Autumn Term - School closes at 2pm

MINI-TENNIS CLUB

We now have a Mini-Tennis Club between 4:45pm to 5:45pm on Thursdays. The sessions are for children aged 5 to 7 and are run by TwistFizz C.I.C. who deliver all the tennis coaching at our school. Children will have fun learning all the skills necessary to get them rallying, serving and playing the game of tennis. Each session costs £8 and there are six more sessions this term so the total cost is £48. Please contact the office if you are interested.

BE SAFE BE SEEN

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors will be holding a 'Be Bright Be Seen' stall in the playgrounds after school next Friday where reflective items will be sold for 50p or £1. This is a great way to make your child more visible as the darker winter days approach.

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

- Amethyst (R):** Gustave for excellent work and enthusiasm in phonics sessions
- Aquamarine (R):** Audrey for fantastic writing
- Citrine (1):** Monty for great enthusiasm in science lessons
- Coral (1):** Floyd for sharing his amazing knowledge about animals
- Diamond (2):** Ella for using lovely ideas in her writing
- Emerald (2):** Isaac for pushing himself in maths
- Jade (3):** Oliver for super work on finding fractions of amounts
- Jasper (3):** Harry M for a great improvement in English lessons
- Onyx (4):** Taylor-May for being a super partner during the lantern making workshop
- Opal (4):** Emily for writing a fabulous poem
- Pearl (5):** Kieran for his improved attitude to learning
- Sapphire (5):** Harrison for great illustrations of a bird life-cycle
- Topaz (6):** Charlotte for her brilliant work on negative numbers
- Turquoise (6):** Edward for solving negative number problems in maths

PE IN COLD WEATHER

Please remember that your child can wear a navy blue or black tracksuit for outdoor PE lessons now that colder weather has arrived.

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