

Gordon School News

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BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair is with us until Wednesday 21st November. We hope you will be able to support the Book Fair as every sale earns us commission on books for the classrooms.

The children really enjoyed our Bedtime Stories themed dressing-up day today and looked very cosy in their night clothes, dressing gowns and slippers!

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING

The staff received their annual Child Protection and Safeguarding training on Tuesday. We focused on three aspects: **recognising** possible indicators of abuse and neglect; **responding** to concerns and **referring** matters on to other agencies.

Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has recently been reviewed and ratified by Governors. You can find it on our website in the **Keeping Children Safe** section. If you ever have any safeguarding concerns please speak to us. Mr Taylor is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). We also have four deputy DSLs – Mrs Black, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Newlove and Mrs Ardley. However, you can speak to any member of staff if something is worrying you.

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

We are launching the *Walk on Wednesday* challenge next week. We would like the children to walk to school as often as they can, but particularly on every Wednesday for the next four weeks. Each class will have a wall chart where those who have walked to school on a Wednesday will be recorded. The class with the most children walking over the next four Wednesdays will be able to wear their own choice of shoes to school on the last day of term. Good luck.



We recently introduced MyMaths homework tasks for Years 1 to 6. MyMaths is an interactive game-based resource which is designed to support learning whilst being fun. The tasks should only take a few minutes. Please remember to log into your child's account each week and check what has been set. If your child needs help there are short introductory lessons which are very helpful. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any difficulties or if you need a paper copy of the homework instead.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week we marked Anti-Bullying Week with assemblies and activities in the classrooms. 20 children from **Years 5 and 6** took part in an Anti-Bullying conference with children from other Greenwich schools on Monday and we celebrated everyone's individuality and uniqueness by wearing odd socks!

Thankfully, the rain held off just long enough for **Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6** to perform our World War I medley in the playground at the end of the day on Monday. They were accompanied by our brilliant band!

Year 1 had a trip to St Luke's Church and **Year 3** visited St John the Baptist Church on Wednesday. Both year groups are currently studying Christianity in their RE lessons.

Last week's workshop for **Reception** parents and carers had to be postponed because of a burst pipe. We would like to say "thank you" to everyone who was able to attend the rescheduled workshop this Thursday. We hope you found it useful.

A huge number of children from **Year 4** represented us in the Eltham Lights Up parade on Thursday evening. The lanterns they had made looked great! Well done!

Opal Class presented a super assembly today. They impressed everyone with their knowledge of animals! Well done!

ATTENDANCE

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

OPEN EVENINGS

There are Open Evenings for the parents and carers of the Nursery and Reception children on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd November. Please see the class teacher if you have not made an appointment yet.



To help raise funds for our school while you do your online shopping, please visit the **easyfundraising** website or download the app. Then, when you shop via easyfundraising you'll earn commission for our school. It's quick, easy and costs you nothing!

We now have 93 supporters who have raised over £1600 for the school. What an amazing effort! Thank you for your support.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gordonprimaryschool/>

DIARY DATES

November

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**)
Mon 26th Height & weight measurement programme (**Reception and Year 6**)
Wed 28th **Year 6** Health Assessments
Fri 30th Inset Day – school closed

December

Mon 3rd Band playing at Passey Place, 2pm
Tues 4th Nasal flu vaccinations (**Reception to Year 5**)
Wed 5th **Years 5 & 6** Carol Concert (4pm)
Fri 7th Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Lunch / Discos
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 Theatre group (for **Nursery, Reception and Year 1**)
Class Parties (**Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6**)
Last day of term for **Nursery**
Fri 21st Last day of Autumn Term - School closes at 2pm

January

Mon 7th First day of the Spring Term 2019

CHRISTMAS DISCOS – YEARS 1 TO 6

FoG sent out information about the forthcoming Christmas Discos yesterday. If you would like your child to attend you will need to order tickets by 7th December. The letter is on our website if you did not receive a copy.



PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Amber (N): Jenson for participating well at Forest School

Amethyst (R): Winston for a great attitude to learning

Aquamarine (R): Nina for super writing

Citrine (1): Ola for always being kind to other children

Coral (1): Maisey for working hard on learning "tricky" words

Diamond (2): Gabriel for great effort with his independent writing

Emerald (2): Henry G for great improvements in his reading

Jade (3): Ella for working hard to calculate equivalent fractions

Jasper (3): Niamh for fantastic work on calculating fractions of amounts

Onyx (4): Daniel for impressive responses during discussions

Opal (4): everyone for a superb job on the Class Assembly

Pearl (5): Roxanne for her excellent concentration and learning in maths

Sapphire (5): Zac for inspired contributions to class discussions

Topaz (6): Zoe for her brilliant effort in explaining her maths work

Turquoise (6): Darcey for excellent work on fractions

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 327 Rochester 345
Dunvegan 357 Nesbit 367

SPEAKING WITH TEACHERS

If you need to have a quick chat with your child's teacher, please try to catch them at the end of the day rather than first thing in the morning. Messages can be left in the office or, in an emergency, you could see one of the senior members of staff.

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