

Gordon School News

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RAIL SAFETY

We shared a rail safety video with the children in Years 3 to 6 this week. The video, made by Network Rail, explains the dangers of trespassing on the railways and tells children how to keep themselves safe. Please reinforce these important messages at home. There is a link to the video on our website. You can find it in the **Keeping Children Safe** section. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

You should have now received your child's Christmas Card design. The label on the back of the design explains how you can order cards, tags and wrapping paper. You have until **Tuesday 27th November** to place orders and you can only order online. Items will be printed and then sent to us. You should receive them by 3rd December. Thank you!

YEAR 5 SCHOOL JOURNEY

Thursday's School Journey meeting for **Year 5** parents and carers was very well attended. If you were unable to come along please look out for the information pack we have sent home. Please remember that we need to have the **medical form and full payment in by 3rd December**. Thank you.

OFFICE STAFF

Mrs Ardley will be absent for the rest of this term. With one less person in the office it may take us slightly longer than usual to deal with questions and tasks. We apologise for any inconvenience.

LINING UP IN THE PLAYGROUND

The teachers would find it very helpful if parents and carers could step away from the children when they are lining up in the morning. This will help us get the children in quickly. Thank you for your assistance.

NURSERY REFURBISHMENT

The shelter in the Nursery is being refurbished at the moment. The building work should be completed next week. We will then have sliding doors fitted so that the children can use the shelter area whatever the weather conditions.

ANTI-BULLYING CONFERENCE

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week and you may recall that 20 children from Years 5 and 6 represented our school at an Anti-Bullying Conference for Greenwich pupils. One of the activities that the children took part in was a poetry writing competition and we are delighted to tell you that Lily in Sapphire Class won second prize! We presented her with a book token in assembly today. Well done, Lily!

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week's Book Fair was very well supported – thank you! When we know the value of books you have earned for us through commission we will let you know.

Many thanks go to the parents and carers who attended the **Nursery** and **Reception** Open Evenings this week. We hope you found them useful and informative.

An archeologist from the Museum of London led workshops for **Year 3** on Wednesday. She helped the children understand the importance of trading and bartering in London's history.

Year 4 had a brilliant visit to the National Gallery on Wednesday. They looked at paintings of animals – making a great link between their science learning and art.

We are currently taking part in the **Walk On Wednesday** initiative and it was fantastic to see loads of children coming to school on foot. We are recording how many *Wednesday Walkers* there are in each class and the most successful class will be able to wear their own choice of shoes to school on the last day of term.

ATTENDANCE

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

SAFE PARKING

Please be aware that the metal gates on Craigton Road lead to the overflow car park. The staff need access at the beginning and end of the school day so we would appreciate it if you could not park across them. Thank you.

SCHOOL SHOES

We have noticed that a few children are wearing trainers to school at the moment. Please remember that they should be wearing black school shoes. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

November

- Mon 26th Height & weight measurement programme (**Reception and Year 6**)
GSG perform at Blackheath Conservatoire (evening)
- 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**)
Year 2 singing at Passey Place (10:30am)
- 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
- Thurs 13th Last swimming lessons of the term (**Years 3 & 4**)
- 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 **Year 5** School Journey Assembly (9:10am)
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 last week. If you would like your child to attend you will need to **order tickets by 29th November**. We printed the incorrect date in last week's newsletter – sorry!

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 526 Rochester 540 Dunvegan 556 Nesbit 533



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We now have 94 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/>

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

- Amber (N):** Viyan for his enthusiastic attitude when creating a winter picture
- Amethyst (R):** Lottie for excellent effort in phonics sessions
- Aquamarine (R):** Edith for lovely singing in music lessons
- Citrine (1):** Hollie for being so enthusiastic in phonics sessions
- Coral (1):** Marta for working hard on her reading
- Diamond (2):** Harvey for his great work on addition in maths lessons
- Emerald (2):** Henry U for excellent effort in maths lessons
- Jade (3):** Elijah for being a very good friend
- Jasper (3):** Jeevan for his excellent work on fractions
- Onyx (4):** the whole class for superb behaviour during their trip to the National Gallery
- Opal (4):** Rio for fantastic contributions to discussions at the National Gallery
- Pearl (5):** Tia for her careful and methodical approach to comparing fractions
- Sapphire (5):** Madalene for great work on adding fractions
- Topaz (6):** Beth for her effort in editing and improving her work in English lessons
- Turquoise (6):** Connor B for showing an excellent attitude to his learning this week

INSET DAY

Please remember that Friday 30th November is an Inset Day and the school will be closed.

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