

Gordon School News

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CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES

Tues 18th December **Years 1 & 2** (9:30am)
Nursery & Reception (2pm)

Wed 19th December **Nursery & Reception** (9:30am)
Years 1 & 2 (2pm)

The performances will take place in the Sports Hall.

We will be collecting money after the performances for **Save the Children**. If you can spare a small amount of change, we would be very grateful. Thank you.

FOG NEWS

DISCOS The children enjoyed the discos last Friday evening. Huge thanks go to all the volunteers who helped set up the hall and were on hand to supervise the children.

RAFFLE TICKETS You should have returned your raffle ticket stubs and money by now. If you have a few last tickets to sell, please make sure you hand them in by 3:30pm on Monday or else they won't make it into Tuesday's draw. More tickets can be collected from the office if you would like some. Thank you and good luck!

NURSERY DATES

The Nursery will be closed during the morning of Thursday 20th December as we will be holding an Open Morning for new families. However, we will be open from 12:30pm and all of our Nursery children are invited to come in for the theatre group and party. This will be the children's last Nursery session before breaking up.

SWIMMING LESSONS

There will be no swimming for Year 3 and Year 4 next week. Lessons will begin again on Thursday 10th January 2019.

HELP AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES

To raise vital funds for the Air Ambulance Services we are collecting stamps. They can be British or from overseas; new or used. Simply cut around the stamps from used envelopes and bring them to school. We will then package them up and send them off. Thank you for your support!

RECORDING PERFORMANCES

We know that school performances are very special times for families and because of this we are happy for you to take photos and short video clips. We allow this on the understanding that you do not post them on the internet. Please respect the wishes of parents and carers who do not want their children to appear on social media websites. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Well done to **Year 3** and **Year 4** for putting on two brilliant performances of *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* this week. The children worked very hard to learn their lines, song words and dances. They all impressed us immensely.

Singers from **GSG** went to the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital on Tuesday and sang carols for patients on a dementia ward. Well done children for helping to spread some Christmas cheer!

Year 5 headed off to *Sayers Croft Outdoor Learning Centre* in Surrey for their School Journey on Wednesday. They are due back today and we cannot wait to hear all about their adventures! Many thanks go to Ms Carter, Mrs Gillham, Mrs King, Mr Llewellyn, Ms Mayes and Mrs Olding for generously giving of their time and accompanying the children.

AFTER SCHOOL FRENCH LESSONS

Would you like your child to learn French through a structured and progressive programme and interesting activities? If so, there are a few places available at our French Clubs on the following days:

Wednesdays	Year 3
Thursdays	Year 1
Fridays	Year 2

For more information, please contact Angie 07951543479 / www.lajolieronde.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

This week **Sapphire, Onyx** and **Diamond** classes won the attendance awards! Well done!

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

Well done **Sapphire** Class for being our *Walk on Wednesdays* champions! To celebrate their great effort, they can wear their own choice of shoes to school on the last day of term.

DIARY DATES

December

Mon 17 th	GSG singing carols at Eltham station (5pm to 6pm)
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	Nursery closed – morning (Open Day) 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	Year 5 School Journey Assembly (9:10am) Last day of Autumn Term - School closes at 2pm

January

Mon 7 th	First day of the Spring Term 2019
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INDOOR MINI TENNIS

The winter tennis programme moves from Eltham Park South to the warmth of the Gordon Sports Hall and there is a range of courses available to book on-line including:

After-school Mini Tennis

Who for:	Year 1 - 3
When:	Fridays 15:30 – 16:30
Dates:	11 th January – 29 th March, 2019
Cost:	£45

Touch Tennis Session

Who for:	Year 6
When:	Saturdays 10:30 – 11:30
Dates:	12 th January – 30 th March, 2019
Cost:	FREE

This is a free drop-in session delivered in partnership with Charlton Athletic in the Community.

There are plenty more indoor tennis sessions running on Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Book on-line at <https://www.twistfizz.co.uk/kids-tennis/minis/>

TwistFizz C.I.C. is a social enterprise and LTA registered venue based at Eltham Park South delivering tennis in partnership with the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 1218 Rochester 1260 Dunvegan 1253 Nesbit 1266

BOARD GAMES CLUB

We will be starting a Board Games Club in January. If you have any games at home that you no longer play with – and which still have all the pieces – we would love to take them off your hands! Thank you!

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Amber (N): Joshua & Cody for their great enthusiasm when singing our Christmas performance songs

Amethyst (R): Mason for excellent effort in maths sessions

Aquamarine (R): Summer for always being so kind and thoughtful

Citrine (1): Henry for enthusiastic contributions during carpet sessions

Coral (1): Alexey for always being a good friend

Diamond (2): Sofia for trying her best in all areas of learning

Emerald (2): Maggie for putting great effort into maths lessons

Jade (3): Riahanna for a fantastic performance in the Christmas production

Jasper (3): Eliza for using excellent arguments in her persuasive writing

Onyx (4): Oscar for making big improvements in swimming

Opal (4): Mikey for having a great attitude in maths lessons

Year 5: the whole School Journey party for being great representatives of our school

Topaz (6): Ashton for being kind and patient with others

Turquoise (6): Olivia for a great retelling of a Sikh story in RE

END OF TERM

Please remember that Friday 21st December is the last day of term for the children in Reception to Year 6 and we finish at 2pm.

2:00

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