

Gordon School News

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Be the best you can be!

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Children from **GSG** (Gordon Singing Group) brought some seasonal cheer to commuters on Monday evening by singing carols at Eltham station. Well done, children!

The children in **Nursery** and **Reception** impressed everyone with two amazing performances of “*A Little Nativity*” this week. Well done, **Amber**, **Amethyst** and **Aquamarine** classes – you were brilliant!

The performances of “*The Landlord’s Cat*” by **Years 1 and 2** were equally excellent. It was wonderful to see such talent! Well done, **Citrine**, **Coral**, **Diamond** and **Emerald** classes – you were fantastic!

A visiting theatre group entertained the **Nursery**, **Reception** and **Year 1** children with a great performance of “*Hansel & Gretel*” yesterday. The rest of the school had fun at their end-of-term parties.

Year 5 rounded off the term by presenting a great assembly today. They shared stories about last week’s residential visit to *Sayers Croft Outdoor Activity Centre*. Well done, **Pearl** and **Sapphire** classes.

ATTENDANCE

We all know that regular school attendance is a significant factor in achieving academic success. For this reason we have set the very high target of 97% attendance. This term, we are delighted that six classes achieved this: **Amethyst**, **Citrine**, **Diamond**, **Emerald**, **Onyx** and **Sapphire**. Congratulations to these classes! Most other classes are hovering just under 97% so are doing well too. However, we have two classes where the attendance rates are worryingly low. Please ensure that your child is in school every day.

SAFEGUARDING

If you need to speak to someone in an emergency there are a number of phonelines and websites which are staffed over the Christmas period:

Royal Greenwich Children’s Services:

Referral Team (office hours): 020 8921 3172

Emergency Duty Team (out of office hours) 020 8854 8888

email: mash-referrals@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Childline: 0800 1111

NSPCC: email: help@nspcc.org.uk Tel: 0808 800 5000

Samaritans: email: jo@samaritans.org Tel: 116 123

CHARITY DONATIONS

We were overwhelmed by the donations you made to Save the Children at our Christmas performances. We collected a fantastic £546.36. Thank you also, to everyone who donated to the Greenwich Foodbank today. Lots of items came in which will help needy members of our community. We appreciate your generosity.

HOUSEPOINTS

Well done **Dunvegan** – the Housepoints Cup winners for this half term! To celebrate, they can wear their house colour (yellow) on Friday 11th January.

RECORDING PERFORMANCES

School performances are very special times for families and 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.

HELP AIR AMBULANCE SERVICES

Please don’t forget that we are collecting stamps in order to raise funds for the Air Ambulance Services. Just cut around them and bring them to school. Thank you.

FOG NEWS

The Friends of the Gordon have had another very successful term! Due to their hard work and your fantastic support much needed funds were raised for our school:

- Quiz Night: £731
- Discos: £638
- Raffle: £813

Well done, everyone!

FRENCH LESSONS - MISPRINT

We included details of after school French lessons in last week’s newsletter. Unfortunately there was an error in the telephone number. It should have read: 07951 543 470. Please see last week’s newsletter for details of when the clubs run.

DIARY DATES

We have started to arrange dates for the Spring Term. More will follow in January.

January

Mon 7 th	First day of the Spring Term 2019
Thurs 10 th	Swimming lessons begin (Years 3 & 4)
Tues 15 th	Deadline for Reception 2019 applications
Wed 16 th	Year 3 Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Thurs 17 th	Year 5 Parent Workshop (9:15am)
Wed 23 rd	Year 3 visit to Woodlands Farm
Mon 28 th	Year 5 visit to the London Transport Museum
Tues 29 th	GSG perform at Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)
Wed 30 th	Year 4 Parent Workshop (9:15am)

February

Mon 11 th	Open Evening
Wed 13 th	Open Evening
Mon 18 th	Half Term break

INFORMATION FROM THE OXLEAS NHS IMMUNISATION TEAM FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF CHILDREN FROM RECEPTION TO YEAR 5

If your child did not receive the nasal flu vaccination spray in school and you would now like them to receive it, please contact the Oxleas NHS Immunisation Team on 0208 320 5721/42 or via email: immunisations@nhs.uk. They can then make arrangements for you to visit one of their clinics.

The nasal flu vaccination spray is painless, easy and safe. It is given to millions of children worldwide every year to protect against four strains of circulating flu. Protecting your child can stop flu spreading and infecting those around them who may be more vulnerable.

For more information please visit: www.oxleas.nhs.uk/immunisation and www.nhs.uk/child-flu

TERM DATES 2019

Spring Term 2019

First half ~ Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February
Half-term holiday ~ Monday 18th February to Friday 22nd February
Second half ~ Monday 25th February to Friday 5th April

Summer Term 2019

First half ~ Tuesday 23rd April to Friday 24th May
Bank Holiday ~ Monday 6th May (school closed)
Half-term holiday ~ Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
Second half ~ Monday 3rd June to Friday 19th July

Autumn Term 2019

Children return ~ Tuesday 3rd September (tbc)

BOOK FAIR

We were very pleased to find out this week that we made £861 commission at the recent book fair. Thank you for your support – we can now buy lots of new books and reading resources for the children.

LOST PROPERTY

The Lost Property boxes are overflowing at the moment. Please pop in and check if you think any of your child's belongings may be there. Thank you.

OPEN EVENINGS

Our Spring term Open Evenings will be taking place on **Monday 11th** and **Wednesday 13th February**. You will be able to book an appointment when we return to school after the Christmas holiday.

SCHOOL MEALS

Please remember that from Monday 7th January 2019 school meals will cost £2.50 per day and £12.50 per week. Meals need to be paid for in advance so please keep your child's school meal account in credit. Thank you.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all parents, carers and family members for the wonderful support we have received this term. We appreciate everything you do to help us and we hope you all have a relaxing and restful break. We wish you a healthy, happy and successful 2019!

Merry
Christmas

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