

Gordon School News

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KIND SCHOOL OF THE YEAR AWARD

We were very excited to receive news this week that **Kindness UK** – an independent not-for-profit organisation that promotes kindness in United Kingdom – has awarded us the **Kind School of the Year!** Well done, everyone!

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Congratulations to Gordon Primary School, London SE9, for achieving Kindness UK 'Kind School of the Year' certification. Well done to all students, staff, parents and all involved! [#kindnessuk](#) [#schools](#) [#kind](#)

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FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA) NEWS

There are a lot of exciting FoG events planned for the next two terms.

Healthy Hearts discos – Thursday 14th February
3:45pm to 5pm (Years 1, 2 and 3)
5:30pm to 7pm (Years 4, 5 and 6)

Big Half Marathon – Sunday 10th March

Krispy Kreme sale – Friday 5th April

Bake & Book sale – Friday 24th May

Fun Run – date to be confirmed (June)

Summer Barbecue – date to be confirmed (July)

Please look out for information about how you can buy tickets for the Healthy Hearts discos next week.

NEXT WEEK

Mon 28th **Year 5** visit to the London Transport Museum
Tues 29th **GSG** perform at the Young Voices concert (O2 Arena, Greenwich) – ***if your child is attending this event please make sure you read Mrs Calcott's letter so you know where to collect your child once the concert has finished***
Wed 30th **Year 4** Parent Workshop (9:15am)

NURSERY APPLICATIONS

If you are interested in having one of our Nursery places for September 2019, please ensure your application form is handed in at the office by **Friday 1st February 2019**. We sent the application form out via parentmail earlier this week. You can also find the form on our website. Click on the **Parent Information** tab on the home page and select **Admissions**. Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Tuesday we had some visitors from the Museum of London Docklands. They presented a fantastic puppet show about the history of London in Key Stage 2 assembly and then carried out workshops with **Year 4**. We had some wonderful feedback which we would like to share with you: *"Thank you so much for having us this morning, and letting me chat to your children afterwards. They were great! Really eloquent, and full of ideas."* Once again, we are feeling very proud of our pupils!

The children in **Year 3** visited Woodlands Farm on Wednesday and practised their orienteering skills. They had a great time!

ATTENDANCE

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

TOILETS

The toilets on the ground floor by the office are for the use of adults only. Parents and carers may use them but the children must use their own designated toilets in the playground. For Child Protection reasons, we cannot have children and adults using the same facilities. Thank you.

HEALTHY HEARTS

The Department for Education recently issued the recommendation that schools install a defibrillator so that, should any pupil, staff member, parent or visitor experience a cardiac arrest on-site, the equipment needed to help save a life is accessible.

Anyone of any age, health or gender can suffer Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) which is why taking action is vital.

A Few Facts

- ♥ There is rarely any warning that someone is about to suffer a SCA.
- ♥ SCA is the most extreme case of emergency, as the patient loses consciousness at once and stops breathing immediately.
- ♥ When someone has a cardiac arrest, every minute without defibrillation reduces their chances of survival by 10%.
- ♥ Calling 999 and administering immediate treatment with a defibrillator before the paramedics arrive, gives the victim the best chance of survival, increasing success rates from 6% to over 74%.
- ♥ 12 young people die from SCA each week in the UK.

We are looking to hold two events to help us generate the funds we need to buy a defibrillator and really hope that we can count on your support:

- ♥ **Wear Red Day** (Thursday 14th February) – wear red and donate £1.
- ♥ **Healthy Hearts Discos** (Thursday 14th February) – supported by FoG. Please see the **FoG News** item overleaf.

Thank you for helping us with this important cause.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 435 Rochester 472 Dunvegan 459 Nesbit 443

MOBILE PHONES

It is our policy that children do not bring mobile phones to school, and this includes Year 6 pupils who walk to school unaccompanied. The importance of this rule has been reiterated to us again this week as we have been informed by a local Headteacher that three Year 7 pupils were mugged and had their phones stolen whilst on the way to school in the last few days. Please support this policy and make sure that mobile phones stay at home. Thank you.

GREENWICH FOODBANK

We supported the Greenwich Foodbank with their Harvest and Christmas Appeals last term. In total, we donated an incredible 432kg of food. This will provide 355 meals for people in our community who are suffering crisis. Thank you for your generosity – you are amazing!

Amber (N): Blake for great contributions to our class story

Citrine (1): Sveva for always producing beautifully presented work

Coral (1): Alex for always working well with a partner

Diamond (2): Esme for working really hard in maths lessons

Emerald (2): Arthur for his super effort in maths lessons this week

Jade (3): Abdul for using an atlas to identify countries in the northern and southern hemispheres

Jasper (3): Eloise for demonstrating excellent orienteering skills

Onyx (4): Teresa for finding lots of interesting facts about the River Nile

Opal (4): Rado for making very good contributions to maths discussions

Pearl (5): Harrison for working hard to improve his handwriting

Sapphire (5): Priana for always completing her homework to a high standard

Topaz (6): Chris for brilliant work on percentages in maths

Turquoise (6): Gabriel for creating an excellent poem in his English lessons

KEY STAGE 2 FOOTBALL

The Key Stage 2 Football Club will begin on Wednesday 30th January 2019. We have a few places left, so please contact the office if your child is interested in joining.

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