

Gordon School News

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HEALTHY HEARTS

We announced in last week's newsletter that we will be fundraising in order to buy a defibrillator for use in the school. **Thursday 14th February** will be "**Wear Red Day**" and we're hoping that the children will swap their uniforms for something red and donate £1. On the same day we will also be having two children's **discos**:

- 3:45pm to 5pm (Years 1, 2 and 3)
- 5:30pm to 7pm (Years 4, 5 and 6)

If your child would like to attend the disco, please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter Fog sent out earlier this week and return it, with the money, to the secure box in the foyer. The deadline for tickets is **Friday 8th February**. Thank you for your support!



BIG HALF MARATHON

We are very excited to be embarking on a new fundraising event for the school! 25 parents, family members and staff have agreed to take part in the **Big Half Marathon** on Sunday 10th March and raise money for FoG! Our dedicated runners will start off at Tower Bridge and take in the best sights of East London during their 13.1 miles run, before finishing by the Cutty Sark in Greenwich.

The money raised through the Big Half Marathon will go towards funding **Lego Education** resources in the school with the ultimate aim of setting up a **Lego Innovation Studio**. These amazing and exciting resources are designed to support science, technology, engineering and mathematical learning and are suitable for all children from Nursery to Year 6.

If you would like to support our runners you can donate at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gordonprimaryschool>



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the London Transport Museum on Monday. It was a great opportunity for the children to develop their knowledge of forces.

On Tuesday, the Gordon Singing Group (**GSG**) went to the O2 Arena and performed with over 8000 other children at the Young Voices concert. It was a wonderful experience and the children sang beautifully!

We had a great turnout for the **Year 4** Parent Workshop on Wednesday. Mrs Smyth and Mrs Gray demonstrated how we explore texts with the children. Thank you to everyone who came along.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Sapphire (100%)**, **Diamond (98.6%)**, and **Onyx (98.3%)**! Well done, children!

OPEN EVENINGS

This term's Open Evenings will be taking place on Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th February. Please bear in mind that the online booking service closes seven days before these dates. If you miss the deadline, please speak directly to your child's teacher who will arrange an appointment for you.

NURSERY SHELTER

The final stage of the Nursery shelter refurbishment should begin next week. Weather permitting, the installation of the windows and sliding doors will start on Tuesday. Please note that once the work on the shelter is complete, you will not be able to cut through the Nursery outdoor space to get from one playground to the other. Instead, please use the passageway by the side of the Toddler Hut.

DIARY DATES

February

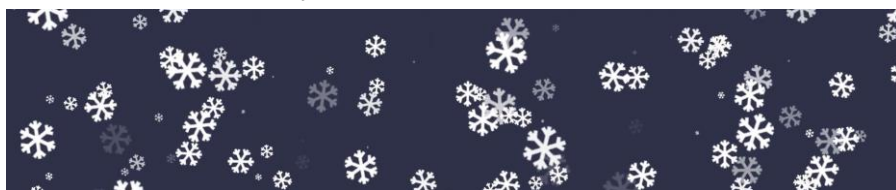
Tues 5 th	E-Safety Day
Wed 6 th	Visit from NSPCC
Thurs 7 th	Year 5 visit to Blackheath Concert Halls
Mon 11 th	Open Evening (3:45pm – 7pm)
Wed 13 th	Open Evening (3:45pm – 6pm)
Thurs 14 th	Wear Red Day Healthy Hearts Discos <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3:45pm to 5pm (Years 1, 2 and 3)• 5:30pm to 7pm (Years 4, 5 and 6)
18 th – 22 nd	Half Term break
Tues 26 th	SATs Information Evening for Year 2
Wed 27 th	Year 5 visit to Royal Observatory, Greenwich

March

Fri 1 st	Jasper Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Mon 4 th	Coral Class visit to the Cutty Sark Curriculum Evening (Maths) (5pm – 6:30pm)
7 th to 13 th	Book Fair
Fri 8 th	Book Character Dressing Up Day Citrine Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Tues 12 th	Year 6 School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Thurs 14 th	Citrine Class visit to the Cutty Sark
Fri 15 th	Coral Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
18 th to 20 th	Greenwich Schools' Music Festival
Fri 22 nd	Jade Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
25 th to 29 th	Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay, Dorset
Wed 27 th	Crown Woods Dance Festival

April

Wed 3 rd	Gordon Day – Celebration of Music and Singing
Thurs 4 th	Decorated Eggs Exhibition
Fri 5 th	Year 6 School Journey Assembly (9:10am) Last Day of Term



EXTREME WEATHER

We have been lucky in this part of the country so far and have not been affected to any great extent by snowfall. If this changes, we will do everything we can to keep the school open. The school will only be closed on Health and Safety grounds; i.e. there are too few staff to supervise the children or the site is too dangerous for pupils, staff, and parents/carers to use.

If the decision to close the school is made, we will send out a parentmail message and post a notice on our website.

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Percy for taking care with his winter art work

Amethyst (R): Samantha for excellent work in phonics this week

Aquamarine (R): Letty for working hard in phonics sessions

Citrine (1): Francesca for brilliant participation when writing an acrostic poem

Coral (1): Harold for trying his best in maths this week

Diamond (2): Hannah for a great improvement in her writing

Emerald (2): Alise for great learning this week

Jade (3): Ruby B for working hard on using the column method of addition

Jasper (3): Elisa for her fantastic effort in all her learning

Onyx (4): Henry for a super effort in maths lessons

Opal (4): Ella for writing an exciting dream sequence

Pearl (5): Toby for explaining his methods in maths lessons

Sapphire (5): Grace for always doing her best in all lessons

Topaz (6): George for his fantastic talk on Buddhism in RE

Turquoise (6): Otilija for working hard in all areas of her learning

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