

# Gordon School News

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## HEALTHY HEARTS

Next Thursday is “**Wear Red Day**” and we are hoping that the children will wear something red and donate £1 towards the cost of a defibrillator for use in the school. They can wear anything from a single item to being dressed completely in red! On the same day, there will be two children’s **discos**:

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

Entry to the discos is £3 and includes drinks and healthy snacks. If you have not bought your tickets yet, don’t worry! We have extended the deadline to **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February**. Thank you for your support!



## ATTENDANCE

This week’s attendance award winners are **Diamond (97.9%)**, **Onyx (96.7%)** and **Topaz (96.7%)**! Well done to all the children in these classes!

## OPEN EVENINGS

Please remember that this term’s Open Evenings will be taking place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. We look forward to meeting with you. Please use the gate on Grangehill Road and come in through the main entrance. The gates on Earlsall Road and Craigton Road will be locked at 3:45pm.

## WHOLE SCHOOL WRITING PROJECT

This term, every class from Nursery to Year 6 have been working on the book *Once Upon A Snowstorm* by Richard Johnson. Next week there will be a small display of work from all year groups in the Lower Hall. Please pop along when you are here for your Open Evening appointment and see how writing develops through the school.

## VISITS

**Year 5** went to the Blackheath Concert Halls on Thursday morning to watch a performance called “*What’s So Good About Beethoven?*” by Trinity Laban. The children had a great time. Today, a group of children from across the school took part in an art workshop at the Blackheath Conservatoire today.

## KEEPING SAFE

Tuesday was **E-Safety Day** so we used assemblies and computing lessons during the week to remind the children how to protect themselves online.

To add extra layers of security at home, please ensure that parental controls are activated on all devices. It is also a good idea to check who your child is communicating with online, especially if there are names that you do not recognise. Sadly, children do not always report inappropriate messages as they sometimes worry that their devices will be confiscated. This can allow the messages to continue.

Finally, guidance published recently recommends that children do not use devices during the hour before bedtime. This is because the blue light can interfere with sleep.

If you are concerned about keeping your child safe whilst online, please check out our website. There is a wide range of resources in the **Keeping Children Safe** section.

Continuing the theme of keeping safe, the **NSPCC** visited us on Wednesday. They presented two assemblies on their **Speak Out, Stay Safe** project. They also held workshops with the Year 5 and 6 classes.

The NSPCC visitors explained to the children that if they are worried about something they should talk to a trusted adult or contact childline.



## DIARY DATES

### February

Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening (3:45pm – 7pm)
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening (3:45pm – 6pm)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Wear Red Day Discos ~ 3:45pm to 5pm ( <b>Years 1, 2 and 3</b> ) ~ 5:30pm to 7pm ( <b>Years 4, 5 and 6</b> )
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half Term break
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	SATs Information Evening for <b>Year 2</b>
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> visit to Royal Observatory, Greenwich

### March

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

### April

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

## ALLERGIES

The staff received their annual **epi-pen training** this week. Please remember to inform us of any allergies that your child has. If your child has medication in school, please keep a record of its expiry date and remember to replace it when necessary. Thank you.

## PARENT / CARER QUESTIONNAIRE

We sent out copies of our annual parent / carer questionnaire yesterday. Please complete it and return it to the box in the foyer by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Some of the school's governors will be holding a drop-in session on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February in the Lower Hall between 4:45pm and 7pm. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment please pop along.

## NURSERY SHELTER

The builders have been finishing off the shelter refurbishment this week and we are pleased to tell you that it is very nearly complete. We know the building work has caused some inconvenience but the improvement to the outdoor area for the Nursery children will make it all worthwhile! Thank you for your patience!



**Amber (N):** Aoife for great effort practising her name writing

**Amethyst (R):** Finn for a wonderful retelling of a traditional Chinese tale

**Aquamarine (R):** Annie for always being so kind and helpful in class

**Citrine (1):** Leo for his great attitude to work this week

**Coral (1):** Megan for always trying her best in all subjects

**Diamond (2):** Lateef for putting great effort into his maths work

**Emerald (2):** Harper for super work on fractions this week

**Jade (3):** Sophia for her growing confidence in using a variety of methods in maths

**Jasper (3):** Layla for working well with a partner to solve subtraction equations

**Onyx (4):** Gianluca for a fantastic snowstorm story

**Opal (4):** Alex for the amazing use of fronted adverbials in his snowstorm story

**Pearl (5):** Zac for taking care over his interesting descriptive writing

**Sapphire (5):** Ryan for using exciting vocabulary to describe a blizzard

**Topaz (6):** Remi for fantastic discussions in maths

**Turquoise (6):** Tilly for writing a super reflective recount using the past perfect tense

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