

# Gordon School News

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## HEALTHY HEARTS

Many thanks go to everyone who has supported our Healthy Hearts fund-raising initiative. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and although we do not have a final figure to share with you yet, we are confident that we have raised enough money to pay for a defibrillator and staff training. Special thanks also go to FoG for organising yesterday's Healthy Hearts discos and all of the parents who supervised the children. It was a great evening and everyone had an enjoyable time!

## ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Jasper (99.2%)**, **Sapphire (99%)** and **Pearl (98.7%)**. Well done!

## OPEN EVENINGS

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Open Evenings this week. We value the opportunity to share information about how your child is progressing in school and hope you found it useful. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher who will arrange an appointment for you.

## GREENWICH TIME TO TALK

**Greenwich Time to Talk** is part of the Oxleas NHS Trust and is a team of therapists who offer support to Greenwich residents on how to cope with a range of issues that might be causing difficulties. We are pleased to let you know that **Greenwich Time to Talk** will be holding three workshops in school next half term. If you would like to attend any of these workshops, please return the reply section of the flyer we sent out earlier this week or email our Learning Mentor Ms Newlove: [newlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:newlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk)

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| • <b>Sleep</b>            | Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March at 9 am   |
| • <b>Worry Management</b> | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March at 9 am  |
| • <b>Stress</b>           | Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April at 9 am |



The workshops are supportive, informal and relaxed and will provide you with lots of useful information as well as the opportunity to ask questions. Everyone is welcome!

## PUNCTUALITY

Many children are arriving late to school. Please can you ensure you bring your children to school before the bell rings at 8.55am? Thank you.

## YEAR 6 SCHOOL JOURNEY

We would like to remind the parents and carers of the children in Year 6 that the deadline for payment is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019**. There will be a meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March to go through all of the final details with you.

## HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations go to **Grangehill** House for winning the House Points Cup for this half term. To celebrate their win, they can wear a top in their House colour (green) on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## DAFFODIL BULBS

If you bought daffodil bulbs last term you should be seeing some signs of life now! Some representatives from the **London Children's Flower Society** will be visiting us soon to judge our daffodils so please look out for the date. If your bulbs are about to flower, you can take a photo and send it in when the judges visit. This way, your child will still receive their certificate.

## HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY YET?

If the answer is "NO" please consider booking through the **easyfundraising** website. Loads of holiday, flight, car hire and travel insurance companies such as booking.com – easyJet holidays – TUI – Expedia – Admiral – Thomas Cook – Last Minute all give generous commission. Just visit the **easyfundraising** website or download the app. Then, when you shop online you'll earn commission for our school. Thank you for your support!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gordonprimaryschool/>



## DIARY DATES **new dates added**

### February

Tues 26<sup>th</sup> SATs Information Evening for **Year 2**  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> **Year 5** visit to Royal Observatory, Greenwich

### March

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> **Jasper** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
Mon 4<sup>th</sup> **Coral** 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  
**Citrine** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Big Half Marathon  
Tues 12<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** School Journey Meeting (6pm)  
Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> **Citrine** Class visit to the Cutty Sark  
Fri 15<sup>th</sup> **Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Sleep 9am**  
**Coral** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> Greenwich Schools' Music Festival  
**Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Worry 9am**  
Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> **Jade** Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)  
25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** School Journey to Osmington Bay, Dorset  
Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Crown Woods Dance Festival

### April

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> **Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Stress 9am**  
Gordon Day – Celebration of Music and Singing  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Decorated Eggs Exhibition  
Fri 5<sup>th</sup> **Year 6** School Journey Assembly (9:10am)  
Last day of the Spring Term  
Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> First day of the Summer Term

## BIG HALF MARATHON – SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

There is not long to go before our runners will be embarking on the **Big Half Marathon** and raising money for FoG! The 13.1 mile course begins at Tower Bridge and finishes by the Cutty Sark in Greenwich. The money raised will fund **Lego Education** resources which 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 amazing runners you can donate at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/gordonprimaryschool>



## SCHOOL MEALS

Please advise the office, in writing, if you are intending to change your child's school meal preference next half term. Thank you.

# WELL DONE

**Amber (N):** Anna for great imaginative work at Forest School

**Amethyst (R):** Charlie for a big improvement in phonics

**Aquamarine (R):** Ava for always trying hard in phonics sessions

**Citrine (1):** Ardhani for splendid dancing in PE

**Coral (1):** Betty for fantastic story writing

**Diamond (2):** Ralphy for working hard - especially with his reading

**Emerald (2):** Ruby O for super enthusiasm and concentration during English Country Dancing

**Jade (3):** Keeley for great effort in maths and reading

**Jasper (3):** Sofia for writing an exciting story based on the book *Once Upon a Snowstorm*

**Onyx (4):** Ria for super enthusiasm in PE

**Opal (4):** Ninon for excellent perseverance in maths

**Pearl (5):** Lola for always being helpful, kind and considerate

**Sapphire (5):** Madalene for working hard to understand long multiplication methods

**Topaz (6):** Nojus for writing a brilliant reflective recount

**Turquoise (6):** Connor M for working hard in all areas of his learning

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Next week is the half-term holiday. The children return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

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