

Gordon School News

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PLANNING APPLICATION

Hopefully you have already seen the letter we sent out yesterday regarding the planning application for the demolition of six of the huts in our playground and the refurbishment the hut behind the Sports Hall.

We feel strongly that this proposal would be of enormous benefit to the school for the following reasons:

- The school site will be much safer once the huts and the asbestos inside them are removed;
- The huts are in a very poor condition; they are a local eyesore;
- The huts take up approximately one quarter of the outdoor space. We have proposals to install a MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) and create a grassy area, a WW1 memorial garden for children to grow their own food and a larger Forest School area;
- Reception children would have access to the outside toilets from their playground and so the children could spend lunch-time playtime in their own playground;
- The refurbished Hut D (behind the Sports Hall) would be an amazing space for the children; we plan to use it as an art studio and science laboratory;
- The before and after school club and toddler group would operate in the refurbished hut; this will be a much more attractive environment and will have much better facilities than the current toddler hut;
- The history of the site will be safeguarded by refurbishing one of the huts and having an interpretation centre on site.

Please help us get this planning application approved. The planning committee takes into account the views of the local community so it is really important that as many people as possible make a comment. Every positive comment will increase the chance of this project becoming a reality. Our target is to get over 100 positive comments! Please see yesterday's letter and/or the parentmail message for the link.

There will be an opportunity for you to see the plans and discuss the proposal during the Maths Evening on Monday, 4th March 2019.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. We will be celebrating by dressing up as book characters on **Friday 8th March** – it's a day late, but the children in Years 3 and 4 swim on Thursdays and fancy dress costumes and swimming are not a good combination! The children always look amazing and we can't wait to see them dressed up again!

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CURRICULUM EVENING

Our Maths Curriculum Evening will be taking place on Monday 4th March, between 5pm and 6:30pm in the Sports Hall. There will be lots of fun activities for the children to take part in as well as an opportunity for parents to find out about the Mastery curriculum for maths and the new scheme we have implemented – *Maths No Problem*. Entry to the Sports Hall will be via the gate on Craigton Road.

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SPONSORSHIP

We are delighted to announce that we have a fantastic sponsorship arrangement in place with **Conran Estates**. They have pledged to donate £500 for every house sale completion and £250 for every rental completion that comes via the school. This includes parents, staff, family and friends of the school. If you, or someone you know is looking to move home you could help us raise some much needed funds. Thank you!



DIARY DATES (UPDATES)

March

Mon 4 th	Coral Class visit to the Cutty Sark Curriculum Evening (Maths) (5pm – 6:30pm)
Tues 5 th	RSPB visiting Year 5 and Emerald Class
Thurs 7 th	Year 2 visit to the Maritime Museum
7 th to 13 th	Book Fair
Fri 8 th	Book Character Dressing Up Day Citrine Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
Sun 10 th	Big Half Marathon
Tues 12 th	Year 6 School Journey Meeting (6pm)
Thurs 14 th	Citrine Class visit to the Cutty Sark
Fri 15 th	Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Sleep 9am Coral Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
18 th to 20 th	Greenwich Schools' Music Festival Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Worry 9am
Fri 22 nd	Jade Class Assembly (9:10am / 3pm)
25 th to 29 th	Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay, Dorset
Tues 26 th	Year 3 photos for Tate Gallery project
Wed 27 th	Crown Woods Dance Festival

April

Mon 1 st	Year 4 visit to the British Museum
Wed 3 rd	Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: Stress 9am 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 the Spring Term
Tues 23 rd	First day of the Summer Term

GREENWICH TIME TO TALK

Greenwich Time to Talk is part of the Oxleas NHS Trust and is a team of therapists who offer support on a range of issues that might be causing difficulties. They will be holding three workshops in school next half term. If you would like to attend, 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

- **Sleep** Friday 15th March at 9 am
- **Worry Management** Tuesday 19th March at 9 am
- **Stress** Wednesday 3rd April at 9 am

The workshops are supportive, informal and relaxed and everyone is welcome to come along!

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Many thanks go to everyone who came along to the **Year 2** SATs Information Evening on Tuesday. We hope you found it useful. **Year 5** had a brilliant trip to the Royal Observatory on Wednesday where they had a great time finding out about our universe. **Jasper Class** rounded off the week with an excellent Class Assembly on the theme of *Maps and Compasses*. Well done, everyone!

WELL DONE

Amber (N): Joey for trying really hard with his name writing

Citrine (1): Julia for brilliant writing this week

Coral (1): Harrison for a fantastic improvement in his writing

Diamond (2): Sonny for putting great effort in to his writing

Emerald (2): Avry for careful work when subtracting using exchanging

Jasper (3): Tommaso for his great effort in solving maths problems

Jade (3): Emma R for excellent participation in French and helping others

Onyx (4): Giulia for a fantastic story based on the water cycle

Opal (4): Shae for his fantastic effort in maths

Pearl (5): Sadie H for a superb summary of events so far in “*The London Eye Mystery*”

Sapphire (5): Noah M for great work on division in maths

Topaz (6): Lily T for her great work on algebra

Turquoise (6): Ruby for work hard on reasoning problems in maths

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week's winners are **Amethyst (99.6%)**, **Opal (98.5%)** and **Emerald (98.5%)**. Well done!

MUSIC FESTIVAL

If your child is a member of **GSG** or the **School Band** and you want tickets for the Greenwich School's Music Festival, please place your order by Monday 4th March. Thanks.

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