

Gordon School News

Headteacher: Jason Taylor

Assistant Head (Curriculum): Amanda Black

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CONSULTATION DEADLINE

The consultation period for the demolition of six huts in our playground and the refurbishment of the hut behind the Sports Hall closes on Wednesday 20th March 2019. If you haven't done so yet, please submit your support by following the link we have sent you, using this shorter link: <https://bit.ly/2TyLwMk> or by visiting the *Greenwich Planning Portal* and searching for *Gordon Primary School*. We set a target of 100 positive comments and we are almost there. Please help us make this project become a reality. Thank you!

GOVERNOR NEWS

We have a new Chair of the Governing Body. Due to the extent of his commitments outside of school, Mr Dan Clarke, our previous Chair, felt he was unable to devote the time to the role that it required. The rest of the Governing Body and the school's Senior Leadership Team will miss working with him. However, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Lynsey Christini-Clay has been elected as the new Chair. Lynsey has been a governor in the school for a number of years and will continue to support the school with our development.

GORDON DAY

Gordon Day, our annual celebration of music and song, will be taking place on **Wednesday 3rd April** in the Sports Hall. You are very welcome to join us.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing at 9:30am.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at 2pm.

WRAPAROUND CARE

From Friday 5th April, the Alpha Club will no longer operate here and the Breakfast and After School Club will be run by the school instead. We are on track with our arrangements for this change and will be providing further information soon. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss this matter with Mr Taylor and members of the Governing Body, there will be a meeting on Wednesday 20th March at 6pm in the Lower Hall.

VISION & HEARING CHECKS - RECEPTION

The vision and hearing checks for the children in the Reception classes will be taking place on 25th and 26th March. The Schools' Nursing Team will be administering the checks.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

We need to say a special "well done" to all of the Gordon runners who took part in the **Big Half Marathon** on Sunday! Their months of training paid off and they were all absolutely amazing! Over £4000 has been raised which we will be using to buy **Lego Education resources**. These will support science, technology, engineering and mathematical learning across the whole school. It's not too late to donate: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfundng/gordonprimaryschool>

Wednesday was **National Sing-Up Day** and we celebrated by holding a whole-school singing assembly. Every year group from Nursery to Year 6 performed a song to the rest of the school. GSG and the staff choir performed too!

Despite the weather, it felt like Spring had arrived in the Middle Hall yesterday when the **London Children's Flower Society** came in to judge the children's daffodil growing efforts! They were extremely impressed and awarded many prizes. Well done, children!

Citrine Class had a fantastic time during their visit to the Cutty Sark on Thursday and thoroughly enjoyed exploring the ship.

Coral Class presented a magnificent Class Assembly today. They impressed us all with their work on the book *The Snail and the Whale*. Well done, Coral Class.

Peddle My Wheels – the pop-up bike market was well supported today. Thank you for taking part in this initiative.

DIARY DATES (UPDATE)

March

18th to 20th Greenwich Schools' Music Festival
Greenwich Time to Talk Workshop: **Worry** 9am
Fri 22nd **Jade Class Assembly** (9:10am / 3pm)
Wild Science Workshop for **Years 2, 3 and 4**
25th to 29th **Year 6 School Journey** to Osmington Bay, Dorset
25th & 26th **Vision and hearing tests for Reception**
Tues 26th **Year 3 photos** for Tate Gallery project
Wed 27th Crown Woods Dance Festival

April

Mon 1st **Year 4 visit** to the British Museum
Wed 3rd **Greenwich Time to Talk** Workshop: **Stress** 9am
Gordon Day – Celebration of Music and Singing
Decorated Eggs Exhibition
Thurs 4th **Year 6 School Journey** Assembly (9:10am)
Fri 5th Last day of the Spring Term
Tues 23rd **First day of the Summer Term**
Community Dentist to visit **Nursery**

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 462 Rochester 486 Dunvegan 516 Nesbit 514

P4P PARENTING COURSE

Parenting for Parents (P4P) is a course which provides opportunities for parents to meet with other parents and address a whole range of issues and subjects related to parenting. Our next P4P course will take place next term.

On Tuesday 30th April, from 9:15am to 10:15am, we will be holding a coffee morning for anyone interested in finding out more.

The course will then run on Mondays on the following dates:

- May 13th and 20th
- June 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th
- July 1st

Please contact Mrs Newlove – lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk or 020 8850 5486 – to book your place.

SPONSORSHIP

Conran Estates 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. If you, or someone you know is looking to move home you could help us raise some much needed funds. Thank you!



WELL DONE

Amber (N): Olivia for showing greater focus and trying hard in all activities

Citrine (1): the whole class for fabulous engagement and behaviour when visiting the Cutty Sark

Coral (1): the whole class for working hard on their marvellous assembly

Diamond (2): Henry for great reasoning in his maths lessons

Emerald (2): George for putting fantastic effort into his maths work this week

Jade (3): Nadia for her knowledge of the different food groups in science

Jasper (3): Selena for her excellent non-fiction writing about wolves

Onyx (4): Betsy for her enthusiasm and effort in maths

Opal (4): Celina for showing great enthusiasm when singing

Pearl (5): Guste for her beautiful singing in Lithuanian

Sapphire (5): Iris for super problem solving work in maths

Topaz (6): Tomas S for fantastic work on adaptation in science

Turquoise (6): Persis for sharing her excellent ideas

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance award winners are **Sapphire, Opal** and **Emerald**. Well done!

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