

# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be.

### THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been a busy and exciting week! On Monday, we marked **International Women's Day**. Many children, staff and family members wore purple to celebrate the themes of **respect, equality and dignity**. We were delighted to welcome Councillor Linda Bird to a special assembly, who spoke about her personal journey and the important responsibilities of being the Mayor for Royal Greenwich.

Our **Year 6** pupils have been away all week on their residential **School Journey** to PGL Liddington, where they have taken part in a wide range of exciting outdoor and adventurous activities. It has been a fantastic opportunity for teamwork, challenge and independence. Huge thanks go to the members of staff who accompanied the children: Mrs Cordery, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Hall, Mrs Hussein, Mrs May, Ms Morton and Ms White.

Earlier in the week, **Years 4 and 5** took part in the **Gordon Day** performances, sharing their wonderful singing and fantastic music with their families. **Year 2** enjoyed a special trip to the **Royal Festival Hall** to attend the **BrightSparks Concerts**, where they experienced live orchestral music in a world-class venue.

On **Thursday**, parents and carers were invited to a **coffee morning with Mr Taylor and Mrs Fabian**, providing a relaxed opportunity to chat, ask questions and share ideas about school life. We would like to thank everyone who came along.

Finally, in Friday's assembly, we recognised **Young Carers Action Day**, learning about what it means to be a young carer and how we support these pupils within our school. If you think your child might be a young carer, please let us know. If you would like more information, you can visit the **Carers Trust** website: <https://carers.org/>

### DAFFODIL COMPETITION



Exciting news for our young gardeners! Next Thursday, a judge from the **London Children's Flower Society** will be visiting the school to judge the children's daffodils.

If you purchased bulbs from us back in the autumn term, please remind your child to bring their daffodils into school on Thursday (labelled with their name and class) so they can be included in the judging.

If your daffodils are already in full bloom and you're worried they might not be at their best by next week, you can take a photograph and send it to our science leader Miss Deacon: [sdeacon@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:sdeacon@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) We're looking forward to seeing all the wonderful flowers the children have grown. Good luck to all our green-fingered gardeners!

## MRS HAGERTY IS AWARD WINNING



Mrs Hagerty with Councillor Anthony Okereke, Leader of the Council, and Linda Bird, Mayor of Royal Borough of Greenwich.

We are delighted to share some wonderful news with our school community. Last week, Mrs Hagerty was presented with an Arts & Entertainment Award at the **Royal Greenwich Civic Awards**.

The award is in appreciation of her outstanding contribution to the social, economic and physical wellbeing of the Royal Borough, and in particular, recognises her exceptional and transformative work in Arts, Culture and Entertainment.

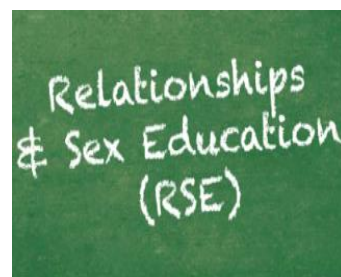
We are incredibly proud of this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations, Mrs Hagerty! We know how hard you work and how dedicated you are to nurturing the children's musical talents and enthusiasm for the arts. Thank you for everything you do for our school and enabling our pupils to be the best they can be!

## OPEN EVENINGS - MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> & WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment to meet with their child's teacher. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's achievement, progress, attitude and behaviour. If you have not yet made a booking, there are still appointments available.

**Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** statutory guidance has been updated, with new mandatory requirements coming into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

A selection of RSE resources and a parent guide will be available for you to view in the Middle Hall during our Open Evenings. These materials can also be found on the PSHE/RSE page of the school website.



During the Open Evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, the school caterers will be offering samples of the meals served to children at lunchtimes. Please visit the Lower Hall to try some of the school meals.

## DIARY DATES

### March 2026

1<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

Women's History Month

16<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

The Big Walk & Wheel **new date**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Year 5** visit to the Science Museum

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Gordon School **Band** performing at Bexley Grammar School - 6pm

**Year 6** visit to Blackheath Prep School

**Year 3** visit to the Cutty Sark

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

**Year 1** visit to Sealife Centre London

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Daffodil competition **new date**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

**Ammolite** Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>

Gordon **Chamber Choir** performing at Spring Sing Choir Festival - 7pm

## BOUNCE INTO SPRING - SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH



Come along on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 1pm to 4pm for an afternoon of fun, laughter and community spirit at our exciting Bounce into Spring event! There'll be plenty to enjoy, including fantastic inflatables, an egg hunt, creative crafts and much more.

There is only a small number of inflatables tickets left! Please book your child's place here: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FXPQ>

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help make the event a success. If you are able to give some time between 2:00pm and 4:00pm, we would really appreciate your support. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who is a qualified first aider, although all volunteers are very welcome. If you can spare some time and are able to help, please register your interest using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/Bounce2SpringVolunteers>

Thank you in advance for helping us make this a fantastic event for the children and our school community!

### DECORATE AN EGG

Our annual Decorated Egg Exhibition will take place on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. The children's designs can be made from real eggs, toy eggs or drawn on paper. The children always amaze us with their incredible creations and we can't wait to see what they come up with this year.



This isn't a competition, there is no entry fee and there are no prizes, but we hope the children will take part for the joy of being creative!

### THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week we're inspired **International Women's Day**

**Who are the women that inspire you? What do they do that makes them inspiring?**

*I suggest ...*

*I hear what you're saying, but have you considered ...*

*I agree because ...*



## HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to everyone who has earned house points. Here are the totals for this term:

<b>Grangehill</b> 644	<b>Rochester</b> 683
<b>Dunvegan</b> 619	<b>Nesbit</b> 599

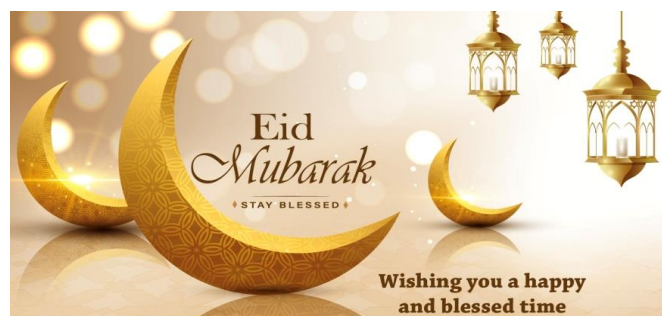
## ATTENDANCE

This week we awarded Attendance Stars to **Rhodolite**, **Nephrite** and **Coral** Classes. Well done!

The **BIG WALK & WHEEL** runs from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. We are challenging children to walk, cycle, scoot to school as much as possible within the two weeks. Children will log their journeys and the class with the most active journeys will have the option to wear their own choice of shoes to school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.



## EID AL-FITR



To everyone who will be celebrating next week, we wish you a happy and blessed **Eid**. We hope the day is filled with joy and special time with family and friends after the holy month of Ramadan.

If your child will be absent from school for the celebration, please inform the school office by email and the absence will be authorised.

Eid Mubarak to you all!

# WELL DONE

**Crystal (N)** - Maryam for super engagement in small group work

**Beryl (R)** - Jessica for outstanding progress in independent writing

**Opal (R)** - Molly for working so hard at writing sentences independently in phonics sessions

**Emerald (1)** - Farouk for trying hard to improve and develop his letter formation

**Jasper (1)** - Safya for her fantastic effort in our class discussions this week

**Ammolite & Sapphire (2)** - The whole year group for their outstanding behaviour on the school trip to the Royal Festival Hall

**Azurite (3)** - Noemi for her amazing effort in maths classroom discussion

**Rhodolite (3)** - Oscar for being such a dedicated, hardworking learner and also being such a supportive friend

**Nephrite (4)** - Paisley for writing a motivational and inspiration speech using modal verbs and rhetorical questions

**Ruby (4)** - Logan for his resilience in coming in to school and showing amazing effort in all areas of his learning - keep up the good work

**Coral (5)** - Jessica for her brilliant effort and explanations when converting fractions and decimals into percentages

**Diamond (5)** - Emma for her engaging and informative biography on Christine Darden aeronautical engineer

**Year 6** - Bridget, Christopher Lee, Hakan, Lloyd, Matei and Orla for being super helpful around school this week

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