

Gordon Primary School News

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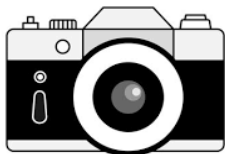
THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week has been another busy and exciting one at school, with lots of opportunities for learning, enrichment and pupil leadership across the week.



It has also been **Walk to School Week**, and we would like to say a big well done to everyone who chose to walk, scoot or cycle to school this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children making active and environmentally friendly choices. This linked to Monday's assembly, where we talked about **Sir David Attenborough** and the enormous contribution he has made to raising awareness of climate change, protecting wildlife and encouraging people around the world to care for the environment.

Also on Monday, some of our pupil leaders, including the **School Council** representatives, visited Woolwich Town Hall, where they had the opportunity to learn more about local democracy and the role young people can play in shaping their community. The children represented the school brilliantly and asked some thoughtful questions throughout the visit.



On Tuesday, the school **photographer** visited to take class photographs. Thank you to everyone for ensuring children were looking smart and ready for their pictures. We will let you know when the photos are ready and you can place orders. Also on Tuesday evening, our **Chamber Choir** performed at the Greenwich Singing Spectacular. The children sang beautifully and were a real credit to the school.

Wednesday brought more valuable learning opportunities. **Year 4** pupils took part in an engaging workshop focused on understanding anxiety and developing strategies to support emotional wellbeing. Meanwhile, **Year 2** enjoyed a visit to the Greenwich Hindu Temple, where they learned more about Hindu worship and culture to support their RE learning.

We held our **Parents and Carers Coffee Morning** on Thursday this week. We discussed our anti-racism strategy and received some very useful feedback about our work as a school. Thank you! This feedback will help shape future developments and priorities.

Today was **Change the Rules Day**, a fundraiser organised and devised by the children to raise money for decorative improvements to the outside toilets in the Key Stage 2 playground. Thank you to everyone for supporting this creative and pupil-led initiative. In the assembly, we discussed **Eid al-Adha** and explored its importance and meaning for Muslim communities around the world. We also enjoyed the **Gordon Song Contest**, where classes shared their recorded performances and celebrated music together. Please see the article below for a full run down of results!



THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's conversation is linked our assembly on Sir David Attenborough:

Is it important to protect animals and their homes? Why?



I think ...

Furthermore, ...

Firstly, I believe that ...

I understand your point,
however have you considered ...

I agree because ...

One reason for this is ...

Can you explain why ...



IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY! GORDON IS SIXTY

1966
2026
60 YEARS

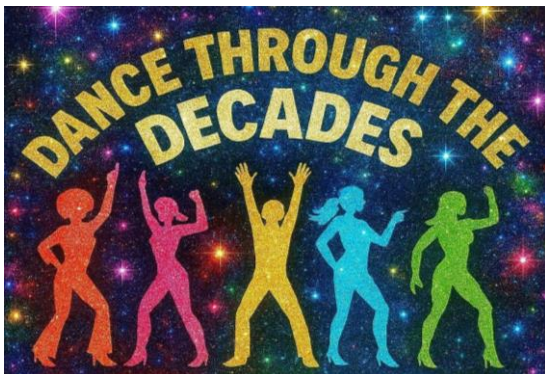
As announced in last week's newsletter, we will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of Gordon Primary School with a special picnic for pupils in the playground on **Friday 5th June**. Children will need to bring a packed lunch on this day.

The date for requesting a school packed lunch has now passed. However, if you have an emergency and are unable to provide one, please contact the office and we will do our best to provide food for your child. Please note that for late requests we may not be able to guarantee your child's preferred sandwich choice.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

If you are a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs, we would like to invite you to join us on **11th June at 9:15am** in the Sports Hall. This will be a great opportunity to meet with other parents and carers, share experiences and find out more about the support available from professionals. For further information or to confirm your attendance, please contact: hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

DANCE THROUGH THE DECADES DANCE FESTIVAL



From 1st to 4th June, all children from **Nursery to Year 6** will celebrate our school's 60th anniversary by working with a professional dance coach on a **Dance through the Decades** showcase. There will be a performance of all of the dances on Thursday 4th June in the afternoon. We invite parents and carers to join us for this outdoor performance. Please arrive at the Craighton Road gate from 1:45pm, queue along the staff car park and then onto Grangehill Road. [Click here for tickets.](#)

Due to the scale of this whole-school event, tickets are strictly limited to two per family. Please note that this is a standing-only performance in the playground, lasting approximately 45 minutes and is weather-dependent. In the event of rain or extreme heat, the performance will move to the Sports Hall where we will not be able to accommodate an audience. For any accessibility support, please contact the school office at office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

June 2026

1 st to 4 th	Gordon Dance Festival rehearsals
Thursday 4 th	Gordon Dance performance - 1:45pm
Friday 5 th	Transition to Secondary School workshops for Year 6 Gordon 60 th Anniversary picnic lunch
Thursday 11 th	SEND Coffee Morning - 9:15am to 10:15am
Friday 12 th	Jasper Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm
Monday 15 th	Beryl Class visit to the Ecology Centre
Tuesday 16 th	Year 1 to British Library Vision screening for Reception children
Wednesday 17 th	Sports Day for Key Stage 2
Thursday 18 th	Sports Day for Key Stage 1
Friday 19 th	Sapphire Class assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm Junior Citizen Scheme trip to Sutcliffe Park - Year 6 Great Gordon Get Together - 3:20pm to 4:20pm
Monday 22 nd	Opal class visit to the Ecology Centre
Wednesday 24 th	Year 6 visit to Minnis Bay new date
Wednesday 24 th	Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon Ensembles concert - 6pm
Thursday 25 th	Year 4 visit to Horniman Museum
Monday 29 th	Stock the Shelves Summer Food Drive - in aid of Greenwich Food Bank
Tuesday 30 th	Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2 nd July Year 4 visit to National Portrait Gallery

Don't forget that we are closed for the half-term holiday next week! We'll see you again on Monday 1st June.

July 2026

Thursday 2 nd	Year 6 induction day at Greenwich secondary schools Nursery visit to Maritime Museum
Friday 3 rd	EYFS Sports Day - 9:15am / The Green new date FoG Barbecue new date
Monday 6 th	Stay & Play session for new families joining Reception in September
Tuesday 7 th	Royal Opera House dance workshops Stay & Play session for new families joining Reception in September Stay & Play session for new families joining Nursery in September
Wednesday 8 th	Transition to Key Stage 1 meeting for Reception parents and carers - 9am
Tuesday 14 th	Year 6 Leavers production - 6pm
Wednesday 15 th	Year 6 Leavers production - 9:30am Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for Year 2 parents and carers - 9am
Thursday 16 th	Year 6 Disco
Friday 17 th	Last day of the term - school closes at 1:30pm (11:30am for Year 6) Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 11am

September 2026

Thursday 3 rd	Autumn term begins for Years 1 to 6	Start dates for EYFS - tbc
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HOUSE POINTS CUP

It's been a nail-biting week in the race for House Points. Dunvegan have been holding the top spot for several weeks... but today the tables finally turned as **Nesbit** swooped in, caught up and surged ahead. Big congratulations to **Nesbit** - your hard work has truly paid off!

FOG SUMMER BARBECUE

Save the Date - FOG Summer BBQ - Friday 3rd July 7-10pm. Ticket details coming soon. We need lots of volunteers on the night! If you can volunteer for 1 hour or more at the event, your family will be guaranteed pre-sale tickets. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/BBQ26Volunteers>



**SUMMER
BBQ**
Friday 3 July, 7-10PM



**Pre-Sale Tickets
for Volunteers!!**
Those volunteering for 1 hour+ will have access to pre-sale tickets for their family

**Register by 12th June at:
tinyurl.com/BBQ26Volunteers**

FOG FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKE

World Cup 2026 is just around the corner. To get in the spirit, we'll be running the FOG Football Sweepstake. We'll throw all 48 teams in a hat and leave it to fate. Who knows - you could be a lucky winner! **£2 per entry**. Must be 18+ to enter, but your child can draw your team(s) between 8th and 10th June at 3:15pm in the KS1 playground. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/fog-football-sweepstake>



**FOG
FOOTBALL
SWEEPSTAKES**

**Entry
£2**



PRIZES
£30 - FINAL WINNER
£20 - RUNNER UP
£10 - WOODEN SPOON
(WORST GOAL DIFFERENCE)

**Draw winning World Cup
teams to win prizes!**

Entries must be purchased by
an adult. Kids can draw a team.

SPORTS DAYS FOR YEARS 1 TO 6

Venue: Blackheath Rugby Club, Kidbrooke Lane

Date: Wednesday 17th June, 9:30am - 11:30am **Years 3 to 6**

Thursday 18th June, 9:30am - 11am **Years 1 & 2**

The children need to come to school in their PE kit and wear a T-shirt in their house colour:

- Grangehill ~ green
- Dunvegan ~ yellow
- Rochester ~ red
- Nesbit ~ blue

If this is not possible, a plain white T-shirt can be worn instead. The children also need regular PE shorts and trainers.

The children will need to bring a named bottle of water. T-shirts must have sleeves and sun cream should be applied before school. Wearing sun hats or caps is advisable and hay fever medication should be administered if necessary.

We are all looking forward to an exciting day of sports, and greatly welcome your support to cheer the children on!

RELATIONSHIPS & SEX EDUCATION POLICY CONSULTATION

Please check your ParentMail account as we have shared with you the draft version of our PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) and RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Policy.

This policy has been written by school leaders to align with the most recent guidance updates from the Department for Education (DfE). Our Governing Body has since reviewed and amended the draft, and we are now moving into the parent consultation phase to gather your thoughts, suggestions and questions.

How to provide feedback:

- **Via Email:** Please send any comments to office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk by Friday 12th June. If you require a personal response, please let us know.
- **Anonymous feedback:** If you would prefer to remain anonymous, you may post your written feedback in the letterbox located in the school foyer.

As a reminder, our curriculum resources were available for viewing during last term's Open Evenings. You can also find this information in the Curriculum section on the school website www.gordonprimary.co.uk and for your convenience, we have also attached the Scheme of Work we follow to this message. Thank you for your support.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have a concern regarding a child's well-being, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team:

- Mr Taylor - headteacher@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk
- Mrs Fabian - cfabian@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk
- Mrs Cuesta - hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk
- Ms Newlove - lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk
- Ms Warner - Go@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk



Additionally, you can call Greenwich Council (020 8921 3172) or the NSPCC (0808 800 5000). In the case of an emergency where you feel a child is in immediate danger, please call 999 and speak to the police.

THE HENRY LUK KINDNESS CUP



We are delighted to announce that this term, we have awarded the Henry Luk Kindness Cup to **Jada** in Opal Class.

Mrs Olding, who nominated Jada said: *Jada is a shining example of kindness and thoughtfulness in Opal class. She is an incredible role model who leads with empathy, always making sure her peers feel heard and included. Jada ensures no one is ever left out. She is a natural peacemaker; Jada has a special gift for helping her classmates navigate disagreements fairly and calmly. She is always the first to lend a helping hand to keep our classroom tidy, making it a happy, organised space for everyone.*

Congratulations Jada, you show us every day that you are being the best you can be! We are very proud of you!

GORDONVISION RESULTS

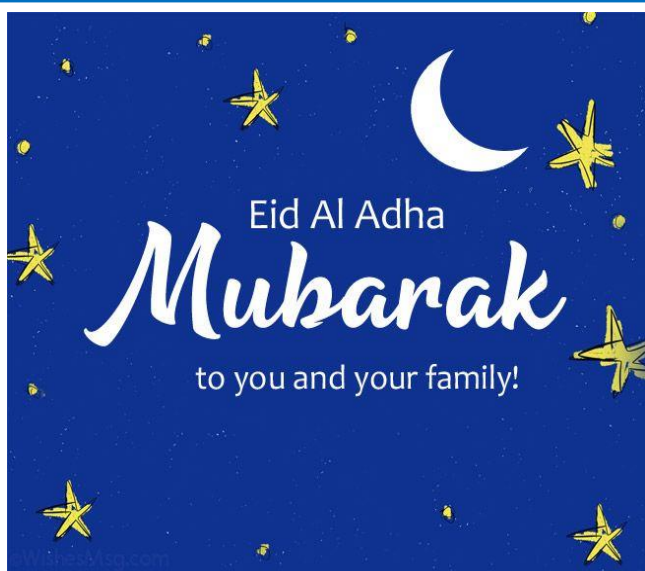
We had an amazing time today celebrating our very first **Gordonvision Song Contest**. Every class watched the pre-recorded performances from all year groups and then cast their votes. And now ... the results are in:

Year	Song	Points
Six	Making Your Mind Up	120
Four	Dance (Our Own Party)	119
Five	Space Man	96
Three	Flying the Flag	78
One	Eclipse	78
Two	Waterloo	72
Nursery	Boom Bang A Bang	49
Reception	Save All Your Kisses for Me	43

Congratulations to **Year 6** - very worthy champions! And a huge "well done" to every other year group. Every single performance sparkled and you are all absolute stars.

ATTENDANCE AWARD

Congratulations **Jasper** Class for winning the most attendance stars this term! Your commitment to being in school every day is super!



To everyone in the Gordon community who will be celebrating Eid al Adha, we wish you peace, joy and prosperity.

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Aleander for being so polite to others in the class

Beryl (R) - Archie for his resilience and perseverance when building mini dens with sticks

Opal (R) - Rex for his enthusiastic participation in all of our stick activities inspired by the book *Stanley's Stick*

Emerald (1) - Myles for sharing interesting and insightful facts about the ocean

Jasper (1) - Isobel for her wonderful effort when creating her own moving storybook

Ammolite (2) - Emmie for fantastic listening during the talk on our visit to the Hindu Mandir this week

Sapphire (2) - Emily for always trying her best even when she finds things tricky

Azurite (3) - Gabe for using scientific vocabulary when discussing the strength of magnets

Rhodolite (3) - Henry for working so hard on his reading and applying this to his writing.

Nephrite (4) - Yilu for her informative and detailed non-chronological report

Ruby (4) - Jolie for making a fabulous structure in DT using toothpicks and marshmallows to create a frame structure

Coral (5) - Archie for his fantastic and exciting narrative writing from a character's point of view using a wealth of sensory detail

Diamond (5) - Edward for his great work evaluating historians' claims on the decline of the ancient Maya cities

Moonstone (6) - Orla for her enthusiasm during our Gordonvision performance

Sunstone (6) - Stephan for his excellent work identifying historically significant individuals

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