

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been another busy week in school.

On Monday, our assembly focused on **World Oceans Day**, where the children learned about the importance of protecting the oceans and marine life. We also discussed the small actions we can all take to help our planet, such as avoiding single-use plastics, reusing items whenever possible and recycling responsibly.

We would like to say a huge well done to our **Year 1** and **Year 2** pupils, who worked incredibly hard while taking part in their phonics screening checks this week. They demonstrated excellent phonic knowledge, and we are very proud of them.

To round off the week, Friday was a real highlight as the children in **Jasper** Class led their first ever Class Assembly. They shared some of the wonderful learning that has taken place this term and impressed everyone with their confidence and enthusiasm. Well done, **Jasper** Class!

The Gordon Reading Team needs you!

Our wonderful Reading Team plays a vital role in our school community, helping to support our children's learning and helping foster a love of reading. We're excited to be growing the team and are looking for new volunteers to join us next academic year!

If you, or a family member, can spare some time on a regular basis to become a reading volunteer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Miss Kemp to find out more and become part of something truly rewarding.

Together, we can help every child discover the joy of reading!

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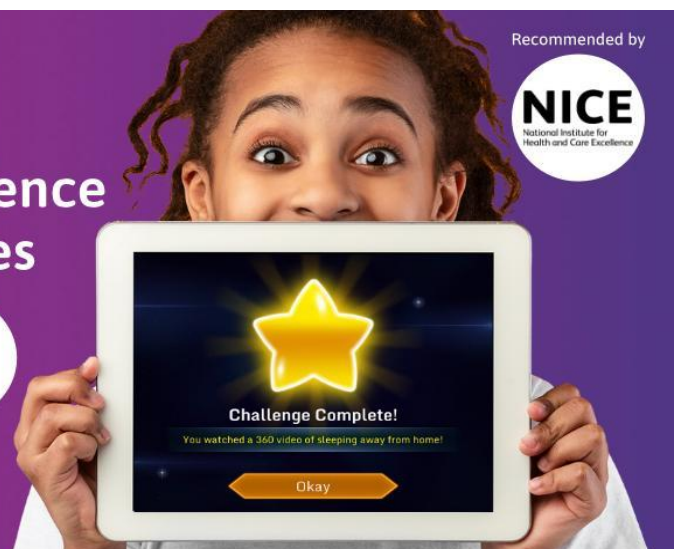


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Please see the letter we have sent out via ParentMail for more information.

THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

Who is someone you are proud of? Why?



I think ...

Firstly, I believe that ...

I agree because ...

One reason for this is ...

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

Can you explain why ...

Furthermore, ...



EXPRESS YOURSELF DAY

As part of LGBT+ Pride Month, we continue to champion our school's values of respect, inclusion and belonging. On Friday 26th June, we will be holding an "Express Yourself Day". On this special day, we invite everyone to wear their favourite colour - the colour that represents them, makes them feel comfortable and allows them to express their individuality. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to celebrate what makes them unique while recognising the individuality of others and appreciating the diversity in our community.

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD - SILVER ACCREDITATION



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the **Silver: Rights Aware Award** as part of the **Rights Respecting Schools Award** programme.

This accreditation, which is aligned to the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)**, recognises our commitment to ensuring that children's rights are understood, respected and embedded throughout school life.



It also complements our wider work in preparing children for life in modern Britain by helping them to develop an understanding of respect, equality, democracy, empathy, responsibility and the importance of valuing different perspectives.



As part of the assessment process, the assessor met with staff, pupils and parents to explore how rights are promoted across our school community. They were particularly impressed by the way our children spoke confidently about the importance of rights and responsibilities, as well as the work they have undertaken to raise awareness and understanding of children's rights amongst their peers.

This achievement reflects the dedication of our staff, pupils and families in creating a positive, inclusive and respectful school environment where every child feels valued and heard.

We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment and look forward to continuing our journey towards Gold accreditation.



On Wednesday 17th June, the UK celebrates **Thank a Teacher Day**, a chance to show appreciation for the dedication of teachers and all school staff. If someone has made a difference to your child, you can send a free thank-you e-card via the official website: thankateacher.co.uk. A few kind words go a long way in recognising the hard work and support that help our school community thrive every day. Thank you!

DIARY DATES

June 2026

1st to 30th

LGBT+ Pride Month

Monday 15th

Beryl Class visit to the Ecology Centre

Tuesday 16th

Year 1 to British Library

Vision screening for **Reception** children

Wednesday 17th

Sports Day for **Key Stage 2**

Thursday 18th

Sports Day for **Key Stage 1**

Friday 19th

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 22nd

Opal class visit to the Ecology Centre

Wednesday 24th

Year 6 visit to Minnis Bay

Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon

Ensembles concert - 6pm

Thursday 25th

Year 4 visit to Horniman Museum

Friday 26th

LGBT+ Pride - Express Yourself Day

Monday 29th

Stock the Shelves Summer Food Drive - in aid of Greenwich Food Bank

Tuesday 30th

Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2nd July

Year 4 visit to National Portrait Gallery

July 2026

Friday 3rd

EYFS Sports Day - 9:15am / The Green

FoG Barbecue

Monday 6th

Year 5 visit to St Luke's church

Stay & Play session for new families joining **Reception** in September

Tuesday 7th

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 8th

Transition to Key Stage 1 meeting for **Reception** parents and carers - 9am

Annual Reports drop-in session: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

Tuesday 14th

Year 6 Leavers production - 6pm

Wednesday 15th

Year 6 Leavers production - 9:30am

Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for **Year 2** parents and carers - 9am

Thursday 16th

Year 6 Disco

Friday 17th

Last day of the term - school closes at 1:30pm (11:30am for **Year 6**)

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 11am

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill - 396

Rochester - 356

Dunvegan - 340

Nesbit - 382

Congratulations to all our pupils for hard work and great attitudes this week. House points have been awarded for showing kindness and respect, working hard and making positive contributions to school life.

FOG SUMMER BARBECUE



Get ready for an amazing family event! Here is a taste of what we have lined up for you:

- **Tasty barbecue:** Enjoy burgers and hot dogs kindly donated by *Flock & Herd Butchery*. We have delicious vegan and gluten-free options too!
- **FoG Bar:** Refreshing beer, wine and soft drinks available.
- **Sweet Treats:** Indulge in yummy sweets, ice cream, and cakes.
- **Live Music & Disco:** Dance the day away with fantastic tunes.
- **Family Ceilidh:** *The Sassenachs* band will guide us through fun dances. No experience needed – just join in!
- **Games & Prizes:** Try your luck and win big!
- **Fun Styling:** Get colourful bubble braids and temporary tattoos.
- **Photobooth:** Strike a pose with your friends and family to capture the memory!

Summer barbecue tickets will be on sale on Sunday 14th June at 7pm.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GKGI>

THE GREAT GORDON GET TOGETHER



The **Great Get Together** is an annual UK event celebrating community unity, inspired by MP Jo Cox's belief that we have more in common than what divides us.

To celebrate the strength of our school community, we are delighted to invite families to **The Great Gordon Get Together** on **Friday 19th June**. From **3:20pm to 4:20pm**, the **Key Stage 2 playground** will be open for a free play session, giving children the opportunity to spend time with their friends while parents and carers come together and enjoy the community spirit that makes our school so special.

Children must remain under the supervision of their parents or carers throughout the event.

CAKE SALE AT THE GREAT GORDON GET TOGETHER

FoG are planning a cake sale as part of the *Great Gordon Get Together* event. We need more volunteers for the cake sale to go ahead. Please email: friendsofthegordon@gmail.com. If you are unable to help at the sale, you can still support us by donating cakes. Please drop homemade or store-bought cakes at the school office on Friday 19th June, or bring them straight to the sale. Thank you for your support!

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!

SPORTS DAY FOR EYFS

Sports Day for **Nursery** and **Reception** will take place on Friday 3rd July on The Green in the Key Stage 2 playground. It will begin at 9:15am and last for 90 minutes approximately.



Gordon Exhibition

You are invited to attend our annual exhibition, featuring work from all children in the school.

Date: Tuesday 30th June to Thursday 2nd July

Theme: Convention on the Rights of the Child

Time: 3:15pm to 4pm

Venue: The Middle Hall

This is your last chance to join in our **World Cup Football Sweepstake**. Enter by 13th June. £2 per entry. <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/fog-football-sweepstake>



FOG FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES

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

**Entry
£2**



PRIZES

£30 - FINAL WINNER

£20 - RUNNER UP

**£10 - WOODEN SPOON
(WORST GOAL DIFFERENCE)**

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

CHANGE THE RULES

A few weeks ago, we held our exciting **Change the Rules Day**, an idea created and organised by a group of enterprising children who wanted to raise money for decorative improvements to the Key Stage 2 toilets.

We are delighted to share that the event was a tremendous success, with the children raising an incredible **£367.23**. Their enthusiasm, creativity and determination were wonderful to see, and they should be extremely proud of what they achieved.

The funds raised will be used to enhance the appearance of the Key Stage 2 toilets, helping to create a brighter and more welcoming environment for everyone. Mr Camilleri will be carrying out these improvements during the summer holiday, and we look forward to sharing the results with you in the new school year.

ASK-SEND ADVICE LINE



Ask-SEND is a parent and carer advice line for children aged 2 - 5 years with SEND. Please see the information we have sent out via ParentMail or scan the QR code to make a booking.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Sapphire**, **Diamond** and **Emerald** classes for receiving Attendance Stars this week! Your hard work and dedication to coming to school every day really shows. Keep up the fantastic effort!

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Susanna for her amazing maturity and resilience

Beryl (R) - Chloe for her wonderful attitude to learning and her positive mindset

Opal (R) - Jasper for super work in maths when doubling numbers

Emerald (1) - Kristina for fantastic independent writing this week in English

Jasper (1) - the whole class for their hard work and effort preparing for our class assembly

Ammolite (2) - Zach for trying hard in all his learning

Sapphire (2) - Moses for always having great enthusiasm and sharing lovely ideas

Azurite (3) - Harrison for using his musical ear to respond well when listening to music and answering questions

Rhodolite (3) - Evie for using adventurous and effective vocabulary when writing descriptively

Nephrite (4) - Aisha for using good observational skills when identifying types of teeth used when eating

Ruby (4) - Charlie M for creating a very detailed and imaginative mood board in English

Coral (5) - Divine for his use of subordinate clause sentence starters and parenthesis when writing a non-chronological report

Diamond (5) - Leah for her brilliant science work separating a solid from a liquid, and her scientific diagram of the equipment used

Moonstone (6) - Prince for his enthusiasm when working on designs for our exhibition

Sunstone (6) - Brandon for his fantastic use of Dickensian features when writing a character profile of Oliver Twist

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