

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We have enjoyed another busy week across the school with lots of enrichment activities taking place. On Monday, **Beryl** Class had a wonderful visit to the **Greenwich Ecology Centre** to support their "Growing" topic. They took part in a range of engaging activities and developed their understanding of the natural environment.

On Tuesday, **Year 1** had an exciting trip to the **British Library**, which enriched their learning and sparked their curiosity about fairy stories through their Festival of Storytelling for Schools. Also on Tuesday, the School Nursing Team visited us and carried out **vision checks** with the **Reception** children. If they identified a possible need, you will have received a letter.

Our **Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Days** were a fantastic celebration of great teamwork, determination and sporting achievement. The children showed fantastic sporting values, supporting one another, celebrating successes and engaging in all events. Congratulations to **Key Stage 1 winners Dunvegan House** and **Key Stage 2 winners Nesbit House**. Thank you to all the families who came along to cheer on the children — your support was appreciated!

Today, **Sapphire** Class delivered a fantastic assembly to family members and fellow pupils. The children spoke confidently and showcased their learning with great pride. Also, **Year 6** took part in the **Junior Citizen Scheme** at Sutcliffe Park, where they engaged enthusiastically in a variety of activities designed to develop their awareness, confidence and independence as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

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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HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 636	Rochester 586	Dunvegan 598	Nesbit 601
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Congratulations to all our pupils for their 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.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Azurite**, **Diamond** and **Ammolite** 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!



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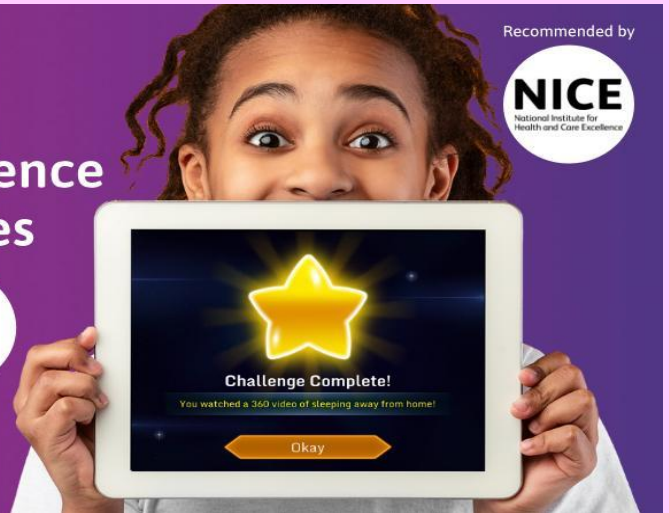
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THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's Let's Talk task is inspired by Sports Day. It's not about winning, but about taking part and doing your best. Do you agree? Why?



I think ...

Firstly, I believe that ...

I agree because ...

Furthermore, ...

One reason for this is ...

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

Can you explain why ...

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.

EYFS SPORTS DAY

Nursery and **Reception** will be having their Sports Day on Friday 3rd July on The Green in the Key Stage 2 playground. **Nursery** will take part from 9:15am to 10:00am, and **Reception** from 10:30am to 11:15am. Family members are warmly invited to join us to support and enjoy the events.

Nursery children should come to school wearing shorts and a t-shirt, and **Reception** children should wear their PE kit. Please ensure sunscreen is applied before school, and that your child brings a hat and a water bottle to help them stay protected and hydrated throughout the morning.

We will be using the Earlsall Road gate for entry and exit. We look forward to seeing you at our EYFS Sports Day and sharing a fun and active morning with you.

DIARY DATES

June 2026

1st to 30th

Monday 22nd

Wednesday 24th

Thursday 25th

Friday 26th

Monday 29th

Tuesday 30th

July 2026

Friday 3rd

Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th

LGBT+ Pride Month

Opal class visit to the Pleasaunce

Year 6 visit to Minnis Bay

Welcome meeting for September Reception intake - afternoon

Ensembles concert - 6pm

Year 4 visit to Horniman Museum

LGBT+ Pride - Express Yourself Day

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

Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2nd July

Year 4 visit to National Portrait Gallery

EYFS Sports Day on The Green - Nursery 9:15am to 10am

- Reception 10:30am to 11:15am

FoG Barbecue

Year 5 visit to St Luke's church

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

Royal Opera House dance workshops

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

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

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

Year 6 Leavers production - 6pm

Year 6 Leavers production - 9:30am

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

Nursery visit to Avery Hill Park

Year 6 Disco

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

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - 11am

September 2026

Thursday 3rd

Autumn term begins for **Years 1 to 6**

Start dates for EYFS - tbc

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

The Summer Barbecue has sold out, but you can join the wait list here: www.trybooking.com/uk/GKGI



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SOLD OUT

SUMMER BBQ
Friday 3 July, 7-10PM

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SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

To help local families who may need the **Greenwich Foodbank** over the summer holidays, we are hosting a "Stock the Shelves" food drive. If you are able to donate, please bring your items in on **Monday 29th June**. We would be incredibly grateful for your support! Thank you!



GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
SUMMER FOOD DRIVE
STOCK THE SHELVES
MONDAY 29TH JUNE

Greenwich Food Bank
GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

DONATE FOOD & SUPPORT PEOPLE
DONATE FOOD & SUPPORT PEOPLE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

ITEMS NEEDED:

-  Canned Fruit & Veg
-  Cereal & Breakfast Items
-  Teabags & Coffee
-  Tinned Meat & Fish
-  Juice
-  Long-Life Milk
-  Toiletries

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Gordon Primary School - Eltham



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COPING WITH THE HOT WEATHER

With the weather forecast showing high temperatures for next week, we want to ensure all our pupils stay safe, cool and comfortable while at school:

- **Uniform:** Children are welcome to wear their school PE kits on hot days next week instead of their regular uniform.
- **Sun protection:** Please ensure your child comes to school with sun protection. We highly recommend applying long-lasting sunscreen in the morning before school, and sending them in with a sun hat and sunglasses for outdoor break times.
- **Hydration:** Please send your child to school with a refillable water bottle every day. There are plenty of water stations around the school where they can top it up.

Additional support

We want to make sure all pupils are comfortable. If your child has an additional need which means they struggle to identify or communicate their own body temperature, please get in touch with us. We would be happy to discuss any specific adjustments we can make to support them.

Hand-held fans

We kindly ask that pupils do not bring hand-held electric or battery-operated fans into school.

School trips

We hope next week's trips will go ahead, but we are following guidance from the venues we are visiting. If anything changes, we will let you know as soon as possible.

SPONSORED RUN BIG HALF MARATHON

Eight members of our school community, including staff and parents, are proudly taking on **The Big Half Marathon** on Sunday 6th September to raise funds for **Friends of the Gordon**. This fantastic challenge starts at Tower Bridge and finishes in Greenwich, following much of the first half of the iconic London Marathon route and showcasing some of the city's famous landmarks.



We are incredibly proud of our runners' commitment and determination in taking on this challenge for the benefit of Gordon pupils. If you are able to show your support with a small donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Please click [here](#)! Thank you for your generosity!

ARE YOU OK? DO YOU FEEL SAFE?

If you, or someone you know, is experiencing domestic abuse, please know support is only a step away.

For confidential support, call the 24-hour **National Domestic Violence Helpline** on 0808 2000 247.

Or you can call the **Greenwich Domestic Violence & Abuse Services (GDVA) advice line** Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, on 0208 317 8273.

Her Centre runs weekly drop-ins which provide legal advice and emotional support at: St. Marys Eltham Community Centre, 180 Eltham High Street, SE9 1BJ - every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon.

WELL DONE

Crystal (N) - Adem for super role play this week

Beryl (R) - Zahidullah for a wonderful description of the imaginary land at the top of his beanstalk

Opal (R) - Max for excellent independent sentence writing when describing his castle at the top of the beanstalk

Emerald & Jasper (1) - the whole of Year 1 for their fantastic behaviour, engagement and participation during our trip to the British Library

Ammolite (2) - Finley for such thoughtful and well explained answers during a PSHE lesson on secrets and surprises

Sapphire (2) - Tilly for always showing great enthusiasm and resilience in her writing

Azurite (3) - Graihagh for persevering when adding fractions with the same denominator

Rhodolite (3) - Lukas for his quick problem solving and excellent reasoning in maths when discussing fractions

Nephrite (4) - Jack for his use of figurative language when writing an emotive poem

Ruby (4) - Isabelle for showing determination to follow spellings rules in lessons.

Coral (5) - Heloisa for her fantastic first-person emotive writing using *show don't tell*, dashes for parenthesis and question tags

Diamond (5) - Devy for his effort when drawing the physical features of a desert and finding out how they are formed

Moonstone (6) - Christopher-Lee for his description of Oliver Twist using Dickensian language

Sunstone (6) - Viyan for his excellent work recording grid references using an ordnance survey map in Geography

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