

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been another busy and engaging week across the school, filled with exciting trips, reflective visits and important workshops supporting our children's well-being.

In Monday's assembly, we marked **Dyslexia Awareness Week** by discussing neurodiversity. The pupils explored how we can best support people with dyslexia, both in and out of the classroom, and listened to inspiring stories about successful dyslexic individuals throughout history and today.

On Tuesday, our **Nursery** and **Reception** children enjoyed a special visit from Reverend Juliet from St Luke's Church. She spoke to the children about the meaning of Harvest, helping our youngest learners explore themes of gratitude, sharing and community.

On Wednesday, as part of our activities raising awareness for **World Mental Health Day** (10th October), our **Key Stage 2** pupils participated in interactive workshops delivered in partnership with the Greenwich Mental Health in Schools Team. The sessions introduced **Lumi Nova** - a digital therapeutic game designed for children aged 7-11 that offers a fun, safe and engaging way to help young people manage worries, face challenges and build everyday resilience.

On Thursday, **Year 6** travelled to the **Imperial War Museum** to deepen their historical understanding of World War II. On Friday, they participated in "fix-a-bike" workshops and developed new cycle-care skills.

To wrap up the week on Friday, **Year 4** visited **St Luke's Church**. The children had a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the local community, explore the architecture and engage with religious education in a hands-on setting.

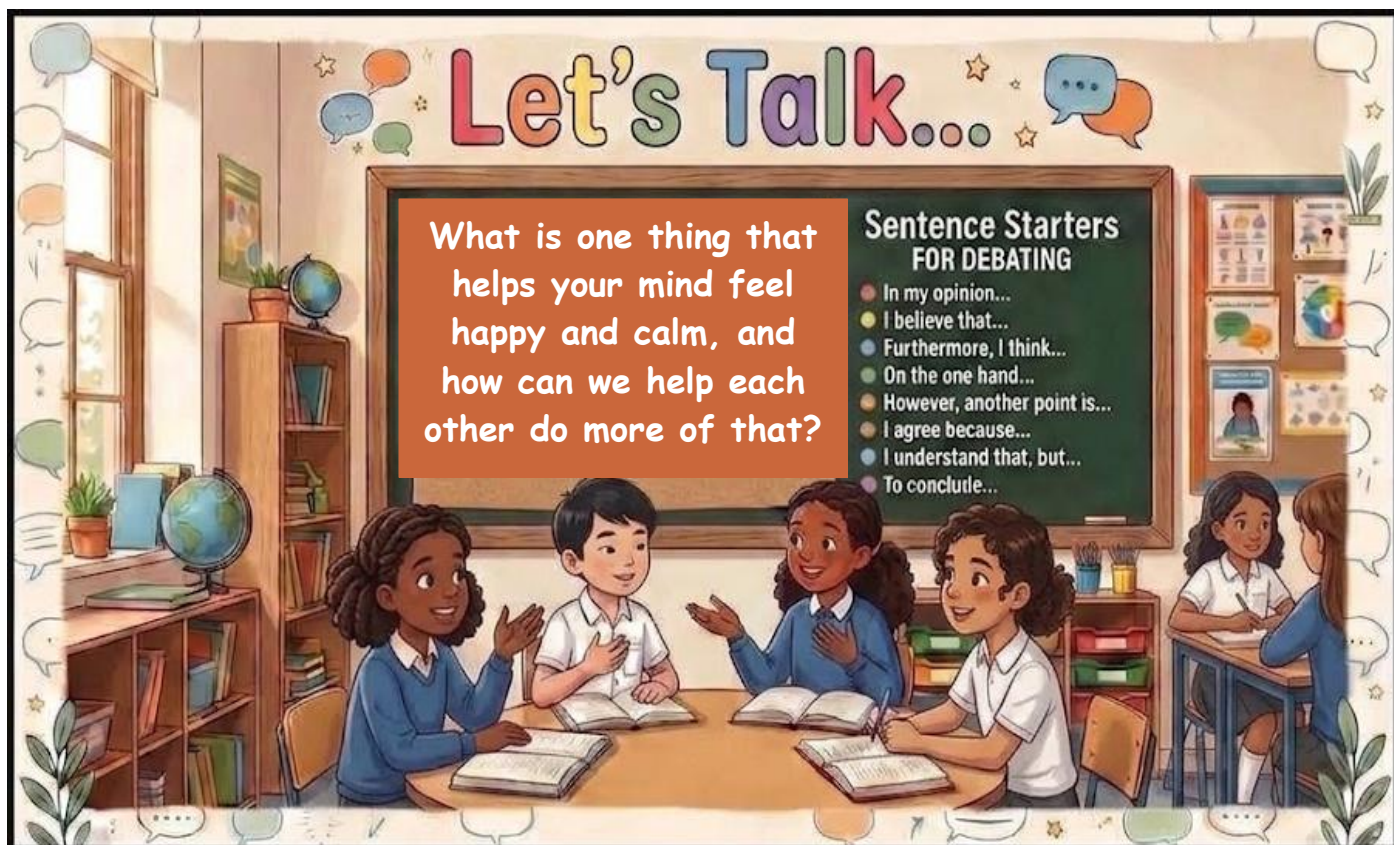


THE IMAGINATION LIBRARY - FOUNDATION STAGE

As you may already know, we are excited to offer children in the **Early Years** the chance to join the late Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a free book-gifting programme funded by the Royal Borough of Greenwich that delivers a high-quality, age-appropriate book to your child every month until they turn 5.

To sign up, we need your consent to share a few details (your name, email address and your child's name and date of birth). Please see communications from the Office to participate.

In the words of Dolly - Dream More, Learn More, Care More, Be More!



Each week, we ask you to discuss a topic at home with your child and support them in practising their oracy skills. This week's topic is linked to **World Mental Health Day**.

OPEN EVENINGS

We are looking forward to meeting with you to talk about your child's learning and progress at our Open Evening meetings. This term they take place on:

- Monday 19th October, 3.30pm to 7pm
- Wednesday 21st October, 3.30pm to 6pm

Book now!

Appointment times are available on a first-come, first-served basis via Arbor. If you have more than one child at the school, you will need to book a separate slot for each of them. Please leave a gap between the appointments so you have time to move from one classroom to the next.

Appointments are 10 minutes long and children are very welcome to attend with you.

Chartwells, our school meals provider, will be offering menu tasters in the Lower Hall on Wednesday 21st October, between 3:15pm and 4:30pm. Come along, try some dishes and ask the team any questions.

Details of our **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE)** curriculum will be available for you to see on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October in the Middle Hall. Please take a few minutes to pop along.



RECEPTION PHONICS WORKSHOP

We're excited to welcome all **Reception** parents and carers to the Middle Hall on **Thursday 15th October at 9am**. We'll share everything you need to know about how we support your child on their amazing journey to becoming a confident reader and writer! Don't miss this opportunity to empower your child's learning - see you there!

HARVEST APPEAL FOR GREENWICH FOODBANK

A huge thank you to everyone who has so generously donated food items for our Harvest appeal in support of Greenwich Foodbank. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and will make a real difference to local families.

If you would still like to contribute, we are accepting small donations until Wednesday next week. Thank you for your continued support!



PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO RECORDING AT SCHOOL EVENTS

We kindly remind parents and carers that the taking of photos or video recordings during school events and performances is prohibited.

We implement this policy to ensure the safety and privacy of all our pupils, as well as to respect data protection and the personal preferences of families regarding online imagery.

Additionally, keeping phones and cameras away allows everyone to sit back, be fully present and enjoy the children's hard work and wonderful performances without distraction.



Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe!

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations go 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. Here are the totals for this term so far:

Grangehill 990	Rochester 928	Dunvegan 971	Nesbit 974
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GUINNESS WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT

On Thursday, our school took part in an official Guinness World Record attempt for 'The Most People Reading Online in 12 Hours!'

Pupils across the school joined live virtual workshops - Reception and Key Stage 1 enjoyed a reading of *Super Uma* with a live draw-along with illustrator Nakul P., while Key Stage 2 joined author Frank Cottrell-Boyce to hear excerpts from *The Blockbusters!*

We would like to say a huge "well done" to all of our pupils who took part in this exciting nationwide event!



FoG are collecting Preloved Costumes & Christmas Jumpers for kids

We hope to hold Christmas Jumper sales in November and Costume sales before Halloween & World Book Day



Please leave donations inside the FoG Uniform Box (by the Lost Property Shed)

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD

As part of our learning, we are supporting **Show Racism the Red Card**, an educational charity that uses sports and role models to tackle racism and promote diversity.

To show our support, we will be holding a **Wear Red Day** on **Monday 12th October**. The children are invited to come to school wearing full red or just one red item (such as a jumper, socks or hair accessory) to show their stand against racism. Thank you for your support.



ATTENDANCE

A huge well done goes to this week's **Attendance Stars** winners:

★ Kelpie ★ Jabberwock ★ Werewolf

At the end of the term, the class with the most Attendance Stars receives a special treat!

DIARY DATES

October

1 st to 31 st	Black History Month
Saturday 10 th	World Mental Health Day
Monday 12 th	Wear Red Day / Show Racism the Red Card
	Year 5 visit to Eltham Library
Tuesday 13 th	Harvest Festival assembly Years 1 to 3 ~ 2:30pm
Wednesday 14 th	Harvest Festival assembly Years 1 to 3 ~ 9:15am
	Year 5 workshop - Bayeux Tapestry
Thursday 15 th	Phonics / early reading workshop for Reception parents & carers - 9am
	Freshwater Theatre visiting Year 2
Friday 16 th	School photographer visit - individual and sibling photos
Monday 19 th	Reception trip - Autumn Walk
	Open Evening 1 ~ 3:30pm to 7pm
Wednesday 21 st	Open Evening 2 ~ 3:30pm to 6pm
	Chartwells taster session (after school)
Thursday 22 nd	Year 1 visit to St Luke's Church
Friday 23 rd	Inset Day - school closed
26 th to 30 th	Half Term holiday - school closed

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have been busy designing beautiful Christmas Cards. The closing date for orders is 3rd November. Please see the leaflet we will be sending home for more details. All proceeds go to FoG.

November

Monday 2 nd	Pumpkin Carving Competition
Tuesday 3 rd	Anti-Bullying and Belonging Parent meeting - 9am
	Closing date for Christmas Card orders new date
Wednesday 4 th	Maths Workshop for Year 2 Parents & carers - 9am new date
10 th and 11 th	Road safety talks
Thursday 12 th	Mr Taylor's Coffee Morning - 9:15am - everyone welcome
Friday 13 th	FoG Quiz Night
Monday 16 th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 18 th	Height and weight screening (NHS) - Reception & Year 6
Friday 20 th	Dragon Class Assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall
Friday 27 th	Flu vaccinations: Years 4 & 5
Monday 30 th	Years 3 & 4 Pantomime - afternoon

December

Tuesday 1 st	Years 3 & 4 Pantomime - morning
Thursday 3 rd	EYFS Christmas Sing-along (afternoon)
Friday 4 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (morning)
	FoG Christmas discos (after school)
Thursday 10 th	Years 1 & 2 Nativity - afternoon
Friday 11 th	Christmas lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
	Years 1 & 2 Nativity - morning
Wednesday 16 th	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - Westmount Road Methodist Church - 3:45pm
Thursday 17 th	Last day of Autumn term - school closes at 1:30pm

January

Monday 4 th	First day of the Spring Term - children return to school
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Please remember to check the newsletter each week for the latest updates.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN TEAM

If you have a concern regarding a child's well-being, care or safety — including concerns about bullying — please contact a member of our Safeguarding Team: **Mr Taylor, Mrs Fabian, Mrs Cuesta, Ms Newlove, or Mrs Warner**. You can also report concerns externally to **Greenwich Council** (020 8921 3172) or the **NSPCC** (0808 800 5000). In an emergency where a child is in immediate danger, please call **999**.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer will be visiting us next Friday to take individual and sibling photos.

Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in full school uniform, looking smart and ready for their picture! Details on how to view and order photos will be sent home with pupils following the visit.

RAMADAN FASTING POLICY

We are currently reviewing our school **Ramadan Fasting Policy** which is regularly updated in close collaboration with our school community.

We welcome feedback, suggestions and input from families and community members to help us shape this policy. If you have any thoughts or suggestions regarding changes we could make, please share them with us: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

You can read the current document on our website on the [Working with Parents](#) page. Thank you for your continued support and partnership!

DAFFODIL COMPETITION

It's that time of year again! After winning several prizes in the **London Children's Flower Society Daffodil Competition**, including gold last year, we'd love as many children as possible to take part again.

For just £1, children will receive two bulbs, a pot and growing instructions. We'll let you know when to return the pots for judging. Photographic evidence is also accepted.

Please check your Arbor inbox for more details.

Congratulations!

Mermaid (N) - Aleander for brilliant moves in squiggle sessions

Baku (R) - Ivy M for excellent talking in the guess the sound game

Otsu (R) - Irin for her beautiful collage of the Little Red Hen

Firebird (1) - Teddy for his improvement in writing when using colourful sentences

Kelpie (1) - Juliana for her fantastic effort, improvement and confidence in her independent writing

Jabberwock (2) - Joe for fantastic effort and skills in tennis

Pegasus (2) - Ben for his fantastic subject knowledge when talking about London

Cerberus (3) - Alyssa for using extensive vocabulary and for having a great imagination when writing a diary entry

Nessie (3) - Louie for his effort and hard work applying his knowledge of place value

Bigfoot (4) - Isabella for her wonderful dedication and independence when writing informal interviews

Griffin (4) - Sophie for her consistent love of learning and curiosity in all lessons

Dragon (5) - Toby for super work in science and making careful measurements with a newton meter

Werewolf (5) - Gabi for her fantastic continuous line self-portraits in art

Chimera (6) - Leland for his enthusiasm and confidence when sharing knowledge about World War II

Medusa (6) - Theo for being so engaged and curious on our trip to The Imperial War Museum

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