

Gordon Primary School News

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Deputy Head: Mrs Charlie Fabian

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Be the best you can be.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It's been another busy and exciting week here in school!

On Monday, our **Reception** classes had a fantastic time on their Autumn Walk, exploring the seasonal changes and enjoying the fresh air.

We would like to say a huge "thank you" to all the parents and carers who came along to our **Open Evenings!** We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's work and had the chance to pop by to view our RSE resources and sample the delicious offerings from Chartwells during their taster session.

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to **St Luke's Church** on Thursday as part of their learning about Christianity, exploring the church and connecting with our local community.

The children have worked hard this term and are ready for a well-deserved break. We hope that you have a wonderful half-term holiday, and we will see you again on Monday 2nd November.



Parents and carers of the children in **Year 2** are welcome to join us for a maths workshop on **Wednesday 4th November at 9am in the Middle Hall**. We will be sharing information about how you can support your child's learning at home, and you will also have an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see maths learning in action.

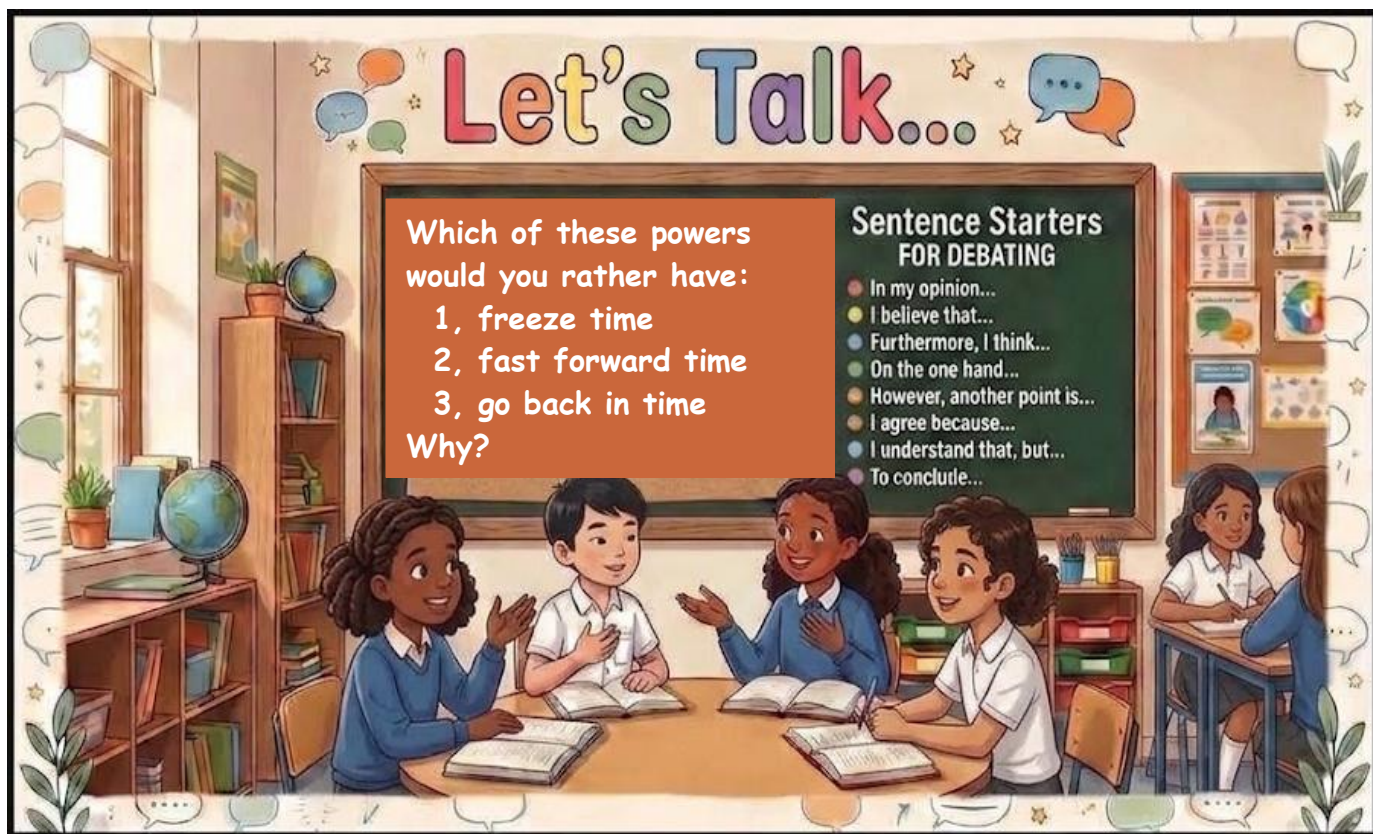
COMMENDATION BOOKMARKS

In a recent **Parent and Carer survey**, you asked for a physical award to make our commendations even more special. We loved this idea and held a pupil competition to design custom bookmarks.

The winning designs have arrived from the printers. Every child awarded a commendation since the start of the term can now choose a bookmark to keep, and all future recipients will get to pick a design when collecting their award.

Thank you for your feedback and well done to all our very talented children.





British Summer Time ends this weekend, and the clocks go back one hour. Our **Let's Talk** topic this week is linked to the passing of time!

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION CLOSING DATE

Here is a quick reminder to all **Year 6** parents and carers that the deadline to submit your child's secondary school application is **Saturday 31st October**.

Top tips for successful applications:

- **Submit on time:** Late applications are processed after all on-time requests, which significantly reduces your chances of getting a preferred school.
- **Use all choice slots:** You can list up to six schools. Leaving spaces empty won't increase your chance of being offered your top choice.
- **Double-check criteria:** Some schools have specific admission requirements. Please check with the individual schools.
- **Rank in preference order:** Schools do not see where you ranked them, so place your true first-choice school at the top.
- **Keep your confirmation:** Double-check that you hit "submit" (not just saved as a draft) and keep a copy of your application confirmation email.
- **Apply for local schools:** if your child has been deemed selective for grammar schools, please remember that this does not guarantee a place in a grammar school. Remember to list local Greenwich schools on your application too.

ATTENDANCE

Each week, we award **Attendance Stars** to the classes with the highest attendance. A huge "well done" goes to this week's winners:

★ **Dragon**

★ **Nessie**

★ **Griffin**

At the end of each term, we provide a special award to the class which has collected the most Attendance Stars. We are delighted to announce that this term we presented that award to **Jabberwock Class**. Well done!



JOIN US FOR COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Pop in for our next Coffee Morning on **Thursday 12th November** from 9:15am to 10:15am.

Whether you'd like to chat about school life, ask a few questions or simply drop in for a friendly catch-up, Mr Taylor and Mrs Fabian would love to see you there.

There's no formal agenda - just conversation and a chance to connect. Everyone is welcome, and we can't wait to see you!

DIARY DATES

November

Monday 2 nd	Pumpkin Carving Competition
Tuesday 3 rd	Anti-Bullying and Belonging Parent meeting - 9am
	Closing date for Christmas Card orders
Wednesday 4 th	Maths Workshop for Year 2 Parents & carers - 9am
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 - 7pm - Sports Hall
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 Sing-along (morning)
	FoG Christmas discos (times to be confirmed)
Tuesday 8 th	Ballet performance of <i>Princess & the Pea</i> for pupils new date
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 5 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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please remember that the closing date of ordering Christmas cards is 3rd November.



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

WHEN:

Monday
2nd
November

WHERE:



1. CARVE A
FRIENDLY PUMPKIN!

2. PLACE £1
IN YOUR PUMPKIN!
(All funds raised support the
school garden)

3. INCLUDE YOUR
NAME & CLASS!



JOIN THE GORDON GREEN TEAM!

HELP US GROW OUR GARDENS!

We're looking for family volunteers to
help maintain the green spaces in
the school playground!



ANTI-BULLYING & BELONGING PARENTS GROUP

This group will be holding their next meeting on:



TUESDAY, 3RD NOVEMBER



9AM

Facilitated by MS. NEWLOVE
(Learning Mentor & Wellbeing Practitioner)

**A great opportunity for parents to help us shape our
policies and procedures in regard to bullying.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**

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, and Mrs Warner**. You can also report concerns 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**.

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REMEMBRANCE - POPPY GARDEN

Thank you to everyone who has sent in plastic water and fizzy drink bottles for our **Remembrance Day Poppy Garden art project**. We will continue collecting bottles until Monday 2nd November, so please keep bringing them in. We would like every child to create their own poppy for this display. Thank you!



BOOK AMNESTY

The book corners in some of our classrooms are looking a little sparse at the moment, and we would be grateful if you could check if you have any school books at home. If so, please send them back in. Fully stocked book corners with a wide range of texts for the children to read help build a love of reading. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON QUIZ NIGHT

Test your knowledge by joining FoG and Quiz Master Mr Taylor at the Gordon Quiz Night on **Friday 13th November**, 7pm until late. Adults only! Invite your friends and family. Come as a team or join one of our mixer tables to meet other parents. £10 per person. Up to 7 per team.

This is no ordinary Quiz Night - there are always few extra games thrown in to maximise your fun!

Tickets on sale now: www.trybooking.com/uk/HBHK



**GORDON'S
FAVOURITE NIGHT OUT**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

ADULTS ONLY

FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER
SPORTS HALL, 7PM TIL LATE

Tickets on sale at
www.trybooking.com/uk/HBHK

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS & SNACKS

Tickets
£10
per person

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