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Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week has been a wonderful reminder of our strong school community and how supportive our wonderful families are!

Anti-Bullying & Belonging: Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us for our meeting on Tuesday. Working together on this is invaluable as we continue to build a safe, inclusive environment where every child feels valued, supported and confident to thrive.

Year 2 Maths Workshop: A huge thank you to all **Year 2** parents and carers who attended our workshop on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed stepping into your child's classroom and engaging with their learning! Please look out for the home learning resources and tasks, which will be sent home today.

Reception Celebration: On Thursday, **Reception** enjoyed a special dance and henna hand decorating workshop as part of their learning about Diwali. A big thank you to Yuvaan's mum for sharing her time and talent - the children had a fantastic time!

Spring Bulb Planting: We are immensely grateful to Harry's mum in **Reception** for her generous donation of tulip bulbs. Thank you also to Alex from the **Green Team** for helping prepare the garden beds! We can't wait to see the school grounds brightened by beautiful flowers in the spring.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

A massive thank you to everyone who entered our Pumpkin Carving Competition this week! We were blown away by the incredible creativity on display, which made choosing the winners a very tough job for our judges.

Congratulations to our winners:

- 1st Place (£20): Zula (Baku)
- 2nd Place (£15): Isabella (Dragon)
- 3rd Place (£10): Frankie (Jabberwock)

The winners' prizes are ready to collect from the office whenever parents are able to pop in.

Thanks to your support, we raised a total of £54 - a new record for our Pumpkin Carving Competition! All funds raised will go towards purchasing bulbs and seeds for the children to plant in the Gordon Garden. Well done, everyone!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent **Friends of Gordon (FoG)** Cake Sale! Thanks to your generous donations and appetite for sweet treats, we raised a fantastic **£233.80**!

As with all FoG fundraising, every penny raised goes towards funding special activities, memorable experiences and valuable resources for our children. Thank you for your continued support!



In this week's assemblies, Mr Taylor spoke to the children about **Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot**, as well as the significance of **World War I** for **Remembrance Day**.

Inspired by these assemblies, our **Let's Talk** topic this week focuses on the importance of knowing and understanding our history. We encourage you to explore this topic at home with your children. Thank you for your continued support!

STEP OUT IN STYLE FOR ODD SOCKS DAY

Odd Socks Day

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

On **Monday 16th November**, we are inviting all children, parents and staff to join in with celebrating Odd Socks Day!

Odd Socks Day marks the start of **Anti-Bullying Week**. It is a fun, easy and inclusive way for our whole school community to come together, express ourselves, and take a stand against bullying.

Odd socks celebrate individuality and what makes us unique. By wearing mismatched socks, we remind ourselves and each other that it is okay to be different, and that our differences are something to be accepted, respected, and celebrated. It's a great way to show that our school is a welcoming place where everyone belongs just as they are.

HOUSEPOINTS CUP WINNER

On Monday, we were thrilled to present the House Points Cup to **Grangehill** House!

This award celebrates far more than just points - it recognises the fantastic teamwork, attitudes, friendship, respect and kindness that pupils in Grangehill have shown right across the school. Whether helping a friend, working hard in class or upholding our core values, Grangehill pupils have truly set a brilliant example for us all.

Congratulations to everyone in Grangehill House for your incredible effort and team spirit - keep up the amazing work!

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



To enhance our fund-raising efforts we will have a raffle at the Quiz Night so we are kindly asking for raffle prize donations! If you could contribute a small gift such as a box of chocolates or a bottle of wine, we would be incredibly grateful.

Please bring any donations to the school office by 13th December. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

JUNIOR NATIONAL READING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Huge congratulations to **Alex, Edward, Emilia** and **Rory**!

This morning, our wonderful team of **Year 6** readers represented Gordon Primary at the **Junior National Reading Champions Southeast London heat**. They competed against teams from primary schools across Bromley, Bexley, Croydon, Dulwich, Greenwich, Lewisham, Southwark and Woolwich.

The team spent the morning being quizzed on all things books, authors and reading, answering over 60 tricky questions. After tying for first place, they entered a gruelling tiebreaker - which was also tied! Showing incredible resilience in a final "sudden death" round, they went on to WIN! We are so proud of how they worked together, encouraging and supporting one another throughout.

By winning the heat, the team has earned £100 worth of book tokens (£25 per pupil) and a regional trophy, which will be presented at the Grand Final in December. They will now attend the **National Grand Final** in London, where they will face a fresh set of categories and questions to determine the National Champions.

Please join us in wishing them the best of luck as they prepare for the big event!



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

10th and 11th	Road safety talks
Thursday 12th	Mr Taylor's Coffee Morning – 9:15am – everyone welcome
Friday 13th	FoG Quiz Night - 7pm – Sports Hall
Monday 16th	Anti-Bullying Week
	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 18th	Height and weight screening (NHS) – **Reception** & **Year 6**
Friday 20th	**Dragon** Class Assembly – 9:10am / 2:45pm – Middle Hall
Friday 27th	Flu vaccinations: **Years 4 & 5**
Monday 30th	**Years 3 & 4** Pantomime - afternoon

December

Tuesday 1st	**Years 3 & 4** Pantomime – morning
Thursday 3rd	**EYFS** Christmas Sing-along (afternoon)
Friday 4th	**EYFS** Christmas Sing-along (morning)
	FoG Christmas discos (times to be confirmed)
Tuesday 8th	Ballet performance of *Princess & the Pea* for pupils
Thursday 10th	**Years 1 & 2** Nativity – afternoon
Friday 11th	Christmas lunch / Christmas Jumper Day
	Years 1 & 2 Nativity – morning
Wednesday 16th	**Year 5 & 6** Carol Concert - Westmount Road Methodist Church -3:45pm
Thursday 17th	Last day of Autumn term – school closes at 1:30pm

January

Monday 4th	First day of the Spring Term – children return to school

Please remember to check the newsletter each week for the latest updates.

WE ARE GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS HOLDERS

We are thrilled to share that our school took part in setting a brand-new GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS title in collaboration with the **National Year of Reading** and the **British Council!**

Together with 153,862 people across 92 countries, we joined the *Take 10 to Read* event to set the record for the most people reading online together in 12 hours.

Thank you to all of our fantastic readers for taking part in this extraordinary global event and showing how reading can bring communities together across the world!

THE HENRY LUK KINDNESS CUP

Each term, we present the **Henry Luk Kindness Cup** to a pupil who demonstrates exceptional kindness, empathy, and respect towards others. This special award honours the memory of Henry, a wonderful former pupil who sadly passed away at age nine, who truly embodied these daily values.

On Monday, we were delighted to present the cup to **Reggie in Firebird Class**! Mrs. Faiers, who nominated Reggie, said: *"Reggie is a wonderful friend because he is kind, caring, and always happy to play with others. He helps members of the class, and makes everyone smile with his lovely, gentle personality. Reggie is a good listener; he includes others in his games and shows everyone how a special friend can be."*

We are so proud of you, Reggie - you are a very worthy winner of this special award!

ALLERGY SAFETY POLICY

Following the recent introduction of **Martyn's Law**, we have updated and revised our school policy on supporting children with allergies to ensure we continue to maintain the highest safety standards for all our pupils.

The draft version of the updated policy is now available to view on our school website: **here**

We welcome feedback from our school community. If you would like to read the draft policy or share any comments with us, please get in touch via email at office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk



We wish all of our families who will be celebrating, a very happy, peaceful and prosperous Diwali! May the Festival of Lights bring joy, good health and happiness to you and your loved ones.

Congratulations!

Mermaid (N) – Nina for her super conversations this week

Baku (R) – Amelia for her thoughtful questions in maths

Otsu (R) – Eloise for working really hard on her phonics and learning to blend sounds

Firebird (1) – Jessica for confidently being able to compare different amounts using *more than, less than, fewer* and *equal to*

Kelpie (1) – Adriana for her wonderful effort and focus in phonics and reading sessions

Jabberwock (2) – Charlotte for her thoughtful 2A (two adjective) sentences in English this week

Pegasus (2) – Farouk for using fantastic adjectives when describing the animals in our new class book in English

Cerberus (3) – Leo for writing a fabulous narrative including expanded noun phrases

Nessie (3) – Mila for her fantastic effort and engagement in all areas of her learning

Bigfoot (4) – Benji for being a fantastic collaborator and for his wonderful contributions in lessons

Griffin (4) – Leo for his brilliant contributions in English lessons this week, and uplevelling his vocabulary

Dragon (5) – Anqi for her great effort in our maths work on negative numbers

Werewolf (5) – Erin K for her fantastic poster explaining the journey of food from farm to fork

Chimera (6) – Kacie for her careful and successful use of methodical strategies when adding and subtracting fractions

Medusa (6) – Isla for her precise and clear explanations when discussing book characters