

Gordon Primary School News

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WELCOME MEETINGS

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Year 1 to 5** welcome meetings on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you in school. We hope you found the meetings useful.

We will be holding a **Year 6** Information Meeting on Monday 18th September at 6pm in the Middle Hall. As well as providing guidance on how to apply for secondary school places, we will also talk briefly about SATS and give you some information about next year's School Journey. It is important that ALL Year 6 parents and carers attend this meeting. Children do not need to attend.

The children joining **Reception** will have their first full day next Friday. There will be a meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 21st September at 1:45pm.

Please remember to log onto our new website to find this term's learning information for your child. Click on the "Curriculum" section and select the relevant year group. You will also find some general reminders and diary dates here.

Communication between home and school is very important so please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the school day if you have a question or concern. Senior members of staff are also available in the playground at the beginning of the school day should you need to pass on a message. Staff email addresses are available on our website so you can contact teachers at any time, but if you need an urgent response, please call or email the admin team: **020 8850 5486 / office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk**

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA)



The **Annual General Meeting** will take place on Thursday 28th September at 7pm in the Lower Hall. We will be electing a committee for the coming year, discussing future projects and planning a programme of social and fund-raising events. Everyone is welcome!

For more information about the committee roles, please see last week's newsletter.

GOVERNING BODY VACANCY

As we reported last week, we have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you have enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a member of a team, you could be just the person we are looking for! Please see the information we circulated via ParentMail last week for details on how to apply. The deadline for applications is noon on Monday 18th September 2023.



DIARY DATES

September

Monday 18 th	Year 6 Information Meeting (6pm)
Thursday 21 st	Reception Welcome Meeting - 1:45pm
Friday 22 nd	First full-day for Reception pupils
25 th to 29 th	Cycle to School Week
Tuesday 26 th	Nasal flu vaccinations
Wednesday 27 th	Anglo Saxon workshops for Year 5
Thursday 28 th	FoG Annual General Meeting - 7pm / Lower Hall
Friday 29 th	Book Fair (until 4 th October) - available after school in the Lower Hall

October

Monday 2 nd	Ouagadougou Class visit to Royal Horse Artillery
Monday 9 th	Memphis Class visit to Royal Horse Artillery
	Open Evening - 3:30pm to 7pm
Tuesday 10 th	Years 1, 2 & 3 present Harvest Festival - 2pm / Sports Hall
Wednesday 11 th	Years 1, 2 & 3 present Harvest Festival - 9:30am / Sports Hall
	Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm
Friday 13 th	Inset Day - school closed to pupils
Thursday 19 th	Cultural Evening - 5pm to 6:30pm / Sports Hall
Friday 20 th	Friends of the Gordon Sponsored Run / Eltham Park South
23 rd to 27 th	Half Term Break
Monday 30 th	School photographer - individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 31 st	Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2024)

November

Monday 3 rd	Friends of the Gordon Quiz Night - 7pm / Sports Hall
Tuesday 7 th	Road Safety workshop
Friday 10 th	Memphis Class assembly - 9:10am and 2:40pm / Middle Hall
13 th to 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 th	Kindness Day / Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 15 th	Height & Weight Measurement Programme - Reception and Year 6
Friday 17 th	Ouagadougou Class assembly - 9:10am and 2:40pm / Middle Hall

December

Tuesday 5 th	Year 3 & 4 Pantomime - 2:00pm / Sports Hall
Wednesday 6 th	Year 3 & 4 Pantomime - 9:30am / Sports Hall
Friday 8 th	Friends of the Gordon Children's Christmas Disco
Monday 11 th	Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-along - 2:00pm / Sports Hall
Tuesday 12 th	Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-along - 9:30am / Sports Hall
Thursday 14 th	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 2:00pm / Sports Hall
Friday 15 th	Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 9:30am / Sports Hall
	Children's Christmas lunch
Thursday 21 st	Last day of the Autumn term

January

Tuesday 9 th	Children return - first day of the Spring term
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More dates will be coming soon. Please check the newsletter each week for updates.

GORDON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN TEAM

If you have concerns regarding a child's well-being, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black, Ms Newlove and Ms May Alternatively, you can call Greenwich Council (020 8921 3172) or the NSPCC (0808 800 5000). In the case of an emergency where you feel a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.



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WEB FILTERING

As we are all aware, the internet is an incredible resource and benefits children's learning in many ways. However, we also know that the internet can cause difficulties. We have an effective computing curriculum in our school which teaches our pupils to use the internet in a positive way and which is supported by robust web filtering systems. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently announced that schools must take responsibility for overseeing web filtering procedures, and for us, this presents no change. For many years we have used an ICT education company called Classroom365 to manage all of our systems, including web filtering. They have confirmed that the systems within our school adhere to the DfE's standards and continue to provide the maximum level of security for our pupils.

WEBSITE

Our new school website was launched this week. There are a few small elements that we are finalising, but we couldn't wait to share it with you any longer! Please check out our new website here: www.gordonprimary.co.uk

VOLUNTEERS

If you have some spare time on your hands and you would like some experience of working with children, we would love for you to be one of our school volunteers. We are looking for people to hear readers, accompany the children on trips and provide general help in the classrooms. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested. Thank you!

SWIMMING

Many thanks go to the Year 4 families who have contributed towards the cost of the children's swimming lessons. If you are able to make the £9 contribution, you can pay via ParentMail. Thank you for your support and generosity.



Copenhagen (R) - Gabriella for showing kindness to the other children in the class

Beijing (R) - George for sharing a picture of the wonderful sunflower he grew

Krakow (1) - Hugo for fantastic effort in all his learning this week

Vienna (1) - Minnie for being an excellent role model in the class

Adelaide (2) - Sophie for always working hard and trying her best

Sydney (2) - Eva for writing excellent descriptive sentences about *Paddington Bear*

Fuji (3) - Polly for using archaeological evidence to explain her observations of Stone Age houses

New York (3) - Domantas for his brilliant effort in maths when comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers

Athens (4) - Zeynep for using a variety of descriptive devices to create her free-verse poem

Cairo (4) - Adam for super work in maths counting in thousands, hundreds, tens and ones and using place value

Memphis (5) - Lara for excellent recall and learning in maths with place value

Ouagadougou (5) - Matilda for successfully reflecting mood and events through a well-written postcard in English

Delhi (6) - Otilija for her fantastic diagram of the heart and her explanation of the circulatory system in science

Winnipeg (6) - Reagan for his thoughtful contributions to discussions about things that influence our decisions in RE

Coming soon

**Gordon
Cultural
Evening**

Food Fun!
Fashion

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