

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Well done to everyone who cycled or scooted to school this week, and especially to those children who participated in our *Wheels on Wednesday* event. Congratulations **Vienna** class for having the highest number of pupils take part and winning the Bikers' Breakfast. The children will have this special treat next Thursday at 10:45am.

The School Nursing Team visited us on Tuesday to administer the nasal vaccinations for flu. The children coped very well and were very brave! Well done, children.

Workshops about the Anglo Saxons took place on Wednesday for **Year 5**. The children thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and are now experts on the Beowulf story and Anglo-Saxon daily life!

Thank you to everyone who has visited the **Book Fair**. We make commission on all sales so this is a great way to support your child's reading and help us get new books into school. The **Book Fair** is with us until Tuesday 3rd October and is in the Sports Hall after school.

In our assemblies this week we talked about Yom Kippur, the holiest day in Judaism. We also shared the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. Some of our very accomplished pianists played as the children entered and left the hall. Well done, Ardhani and Yihan for your beautiful playing!

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA)



Thank you to everyone who attended FoG's Annual General Meeting yesterday. We re-elected the committee members for the coming year; congratulations Meghan and Lisa (co-chairs), Ray (treasurer) and Emily (secretary).

We discussed future projects and planned a programme of social and fund-raising events. The first event of the year is our sponsored **fun run** which will be taking place on Friday 20th October. Please look out for more information soon!



One of our annual traditions is to enter the **London Children's Flower Society's Daffodil Competition**. Many of our pupils take part and we have won several awards for our beautiful flowers in the past! If your child would like to enter the competition this year, you can order bulbs (up to two per child) from ParentMail. Bulbs cost 35p each. Please order quickly as numbers are limited. Bulbs should arrive in late October.



DIARY DATES

October

Monday 2 nd	Ouagadougou Class visit to Royal Horse Artillery change of date
Monday 9 th	Memphis Class visit to Royal Horse Artillery change of date
	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	Anti-Bullying theatre group visiting Years 4, 5 & 6
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
	Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum new date
Friday 24 th	Memphis Class assembly - 9:10am and 2:40pm / Middle Hall change of date

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
Wednesday 20 th	Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - 4:00pm / Westmount Road Methodist Church
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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HARVEST DONATIONS

As is our tradition, we are asking for **Harvest Donations** again this year. We will be supporting the Greenwich Foodbank and all non-perishable food items will be gratefully received. Please ask your child to take your donations to their classroom. Thank you for your generosity!



We are looking forward to our Cultural Evening which will take place on Thursday 19th October, from 5pm to 6:30pm in the Sports Hall.

This is an informal event where we will be celebrating the many cultures represented by families in our school.

Please dress for the occasion! We would love to see families wearing the clothes that reflect their culture.

We are also hoping that lots of families will be willing to share some food with us. If there is a particular dish that your family loves, we would be honoured if you could make it for us!

There will be activities for the children and lots of opportunities for adults to chat and make new friends!

We hope you will be able to join us!

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Many thanks go to the six candidates who put themselves forward for the role of parent governor and to everyone who voted. It was an incredibly strong field! We are delighted to announce that our new parent governors are Emma Gillard and Mark Knowles. We wish them the best of luck in their new roles and look forward to working with them.



OPEN EVENINGS

During the week beginning 9th October, you have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. You will also be able to look at some of their work. You can book a 10-minute appointment on the following days:

- **Monday 9th October - between 3:30pm and 7pm.**
- **Wednesday 11th October - between 3:30pm and 6pm**

Thank you everyone who has already booked an appointment to discuss their child. If you have not booked yet, there are still vacancies.

We look forward to seeing you!

CONGRATULATIONS MONTY

We are very proud of Monty in Year 6 who has been growing his hair for three years so it would be long enough to donate to the **Little Princess Trust**. This is a charity that provides free real-hair wigs for children who have serious medical conditions. In addition to this, he has been collecting sponsorship for his brave efforts with the proceeds going to the **Childhood Cancer Trust** in loving memory of his friend Henry. You are a star, Monty! Well done!



HOUSE POINTS

1 st	Nesbit	693
2 nd	Grangehill	679
3 rd	Dunvegan	661
4 th	Rochester	656

The children from **Year 1 to Year 6** receive House Points for good behaviour and trying hard in lessons. Well done to everyone who has earned House Points so far this term.

SCHOOL FUND

The donations that families make to our School Fund are a very welcome source of income and enable us to arrange lots of experiences for the children which we would not otherwise be able to provide. If you are able to contribute, we would be very grateful!

Please go to ParentMail where you can make a one-off donation of £25 or three smaller instalments. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

ATTENDANCE

Every Monday we present Attendance Stars in our assembly to the three classes with the highest attendance for the previous week. This week we awarded stars to **Vienna, Sydney** and **Adelaide** classes! Well done children! At the end of this half term, the class with the most stars will receive a treat!

SCHOOL TOURS

We will be holding tours for parents who are looking for a September 2024 **Reception** place. These will take place on:

- 3rd / 17th / 31st October 2023
- 7th / 14th / 28th November 2023
- 5th / 13th December 2023
- 9th January 2024

Tours start promptly at 9:15am and last for approximately an hour.

Prospective parents can visit our **Nursery** on: 5th October and 2nd December, at 3:30pm.

Places must be booked our website.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black, Ms Newlove and Miss May. You can also 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.



Copenhagen (R) - James for his super creative sculpture

Beijing (R) - Juliette for wonderful conducting skills in music this week

Krakow (1) - Johnny for his fantastic effort and enthusiasm in phonics

Vienna (1) - Poppy for consistently providing insightful responses, particularly about animals during science

Adelaide (2) - Susanna for writing lovely instructions for how to look after Paddington Bear

Sydney (2) - Millie for fantastic effort and enthusiasm in all areas of her learning

Fuji (3) - Jess for confidently using expanded noun phrases

New York (3) - Eloise for her detailed drawings of the types of weathering processes in science

Athens (4) - Harry for rounding numbers and being able to explain his strategies with confidence

Cairo (4) - Stephan for demonstrating brilliant focus when rounding numbers in maths this week

Memphis (5) - The whole class for their enthusiastic participation during our Anglo-Saxon workshop

Ouagadougou (5) - Tibet for excellent concentration when finding facts about Komodo Dragons in French

Delhi (6) - Ben for his effort when solving division equations

Winnipeg (6) - Isabelle for her design and explanation of a new spy gadget

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PARENT DROP IN

OCTOBER 2023



YOUNG GREENWICH

THIS WEEKS TOPIC IS



TRANSITION TO RECEPTION

DATE: WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2023

TIME: 12 PM - 1 PM

ADDRESS: AVERY HILL YOUTH HUB, :
ANSTRIDGE RD, LONDON SE9 2LL

COST: FREE



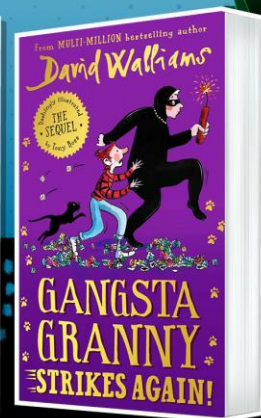
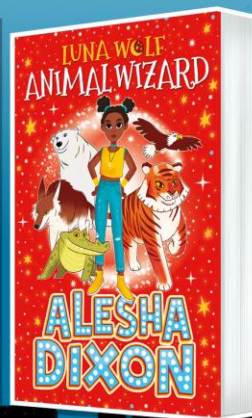
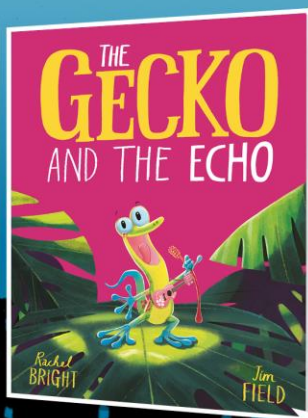
OUR SERVICE IS OPEN TO ALL FAMILIES OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN ACROSS GREENWICH WE ADVISE AND SUPPORT CHILD HEALTH ISSUES SUCH AS HEALTHY WEIGHT, TOILETING, FUSSY EATING, BEHAVIOUR, SLEEP AND MUCH MORE...

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COME TO THE **BOOK FAIR**

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



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Open every day until Tuesday 3rd October / 3:15pm to 3:45pm / Sports Hall