

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

On Monday, **Memphis Class** visited to King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery in Woolwich. The children had a wonderful time and enjoyed finding out lots of information about the horses!

Thank you to everyone who attended **Year 1, 2 and 3's** celebration of Harvest this week. We hoped you enjoyed watching the children perform. A special thank you goes to everyone who donated food. We will pass it to the Greenwich Foodbank.

It was wonderful to see you at this week's Open Evenings and to discuss how the children are settling in to their new classes. We hope you found your meeting helpful and informative.

In Monday's assembly we marked **World Mental Health Day**. We played a video made by children about the importance of talking to a trusted friend, family member or school adult when feelings become overwhelming. We also shared some "conversation starters" to help the children know how to begin talking about things that worry them.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB



Did you know that we run a girls' football club on Wednesday mornings at 8am? It is available for **Years 3 to 6** and we are looking for more girls to join. If your daughter is interested, please go to ParentMail to book a place.



SPONSORED FUN RUN

The Friends of the Gordon sponsored fun run will be taking place on Friday 20th October. Your friends and family can sponsor your child either by giving a donation in cash or by donating online through JustGiving. Please return the sponsor sheets and any cash donations to your child's teacher or the school office by Friday 3rd November 2023. To donate online through JustGiving, visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/gordonfunrun2023. Thank you!

If you are able to spare some time to help with marshalling on the day, please contact Meghan on 07531 864 481 or email friendsofthegordon@gmail.com.





Multi-Cultural Evening



Gordon Primary School

Thursday 19th
October 2023



5pm to 6:30pm

Sports Hall



Please bring a
dish to share!

Everyone is welcome

We are looking forward to our Multi-Cultural Evening. This will be 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!

If you are feeling adventurous and would like to perform a dance, sing a song, play an instrument or demonstrate a sport, please feel free.

There will be fun 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!

DIARY DATES

October

Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 - Great Fire of London workshops new date
Thursday 19 th	SEND parents meeting - 9:15am / Sports Hall new date
Friday 20 th	Multi-Cultural Evening - 5pm to 6:30pm / Sports Hall
23 rd to 27 th	Friends of the Gordon Sponsored Run / Eltham Park South
Monday 30 th	Half Term Break
Tuesday 31 st	School photographer - individual and sibling photographs
	Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2024)

November

Wednesday 1 st	Phonics workshop for Reception parents & carers - 9:00am new date
Friday 3 rd	Friends of the Gordon Quiz Night - 7pm / Sports Hall
Tuesday 7 th	Road Safety workshop
Wednesday 8 th	Reception - Autumn Walk new date
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
Friday 24 th	Memphis 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	Reception visit to St Luke's Church new date
	Friends of the Gordon Children's Christmas Discos
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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MEETING FOR PARENTS & CARERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS & DISABILITIES (SEND)

We will be holding our next meeting for the parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities on Thursday 19th October at 9:15am in the sports hall. This is a great opportunity for an informal chat with staff and other parents and carers.

what? when? why? who? how?

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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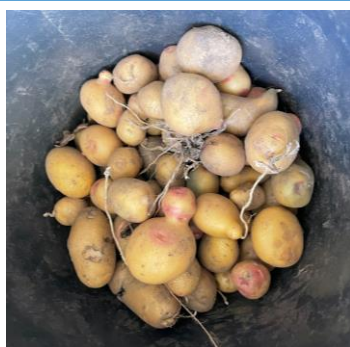
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GROWING OUR OWN FOOD

To help everyone understand the journey of food and to encourage healthy eating, the children have been growing a range of fruit and vegetables in the Gordon Garden. Here are some potatoes that were harvested recently and the delicious potato salad they became which was served at lunchtime.



Many thanks go to the **Green Team** our amazing group of volunteers who help us with the green spaces in the school. If you have an interest in gardening and would like to join the Green Team, please let us know.

ATTENDANCE

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



PUMPKIN PARADE COMPETITION

If your child will be carving a pumpkin soon, the **Friends of the Gordon** would love them to come into school on Wednesday 1st November for our Pumpkin Parade competition.

Each pumpkin entry will be £1. The Green Team will pick out the best designs and award the following prizes:

- 1st prize - £20 book voucher
- 2nd prize - £15 book voucher
- 3rd prize - £10 book voucher

All pumpkins will be displayed by the Gordon Garden in the Key Stage 2 playground. After judging, they will be disposed of and recycled for compost for the growing area.

HOUSE POINTS

1 st	Dunvegan	1272
2 nd	Nesbit	1268
3 rd	Grangehill	1220
4 th	Rochester	1201

It's been an amazing week for Dunvegan who have gone from third place to the top of the leader board! With one week to go, who is going to be this half term's champion?



Copenhagen (R) - Julia for her brilliant counting skills

Beijing (R) - Ada for excellent effort in PE this week

Krakow (1) - Edith for her outstanding attitude towards all areas of her learning and school life

Vienna (1) - Theo for showing perseverance and resilience during English sessions

Adelaide (2) - Zach for thoughtful contributions to class discussions

Sydney (2) - Logan always trying hard in all areas of his learning

Fuji (3) - Archie for being able to bring historical factual references into his narrative

New York (3) - Ethan for writing an adventurous narrative that includes his detailed historical research

Athens (4) - Lilly-Eve for crafting a poem inspired by the book *The Iron Man*

Cairo (4) - Brandon for his confident use of different mental strategies when adding numbers

Memphis (5) - Cara for enthusiasm, effort and being the best that she can be in all areas of the curriculum

Ouagadougou (5) - Harley for always listening and concentrating, and being ready to contribute to lessons

Delhi (6) - Prwsha for her brilliant inner monologue written in English

Winnipeg (6) - Lilly-Joyce for a fantastically written inner monologue in English

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