

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been another busy week in school! On Tuesday, the children in **Year 2** took part in drama workshops to help them with learning about the *Great Fire of London*. We held a network meeting for the parents and carers of children with special educational needs on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who came along, we hope you found the meeting useful.

The highlight of the week was the **Multi-Cultural Evening** which took place on Thursday. We were overwhelmed by the huge turnout and would like to thank everyone who attended. It was wonderful to find out about the culture, history and traditions of lots of our families and to share the amazing food that so many people brought along. Thank you also to everyone who gave up their time to provide activities for the children. Your kindness and generosity made it such a great evening.



This term, the children have been studying artists linked with **Windrush**; exploring their backgrounds, finding out about their achievements and looking at their art. In Monday's assembly we marked **Black History Month** and talked about how everyone's story is important and deserves to be told, heard and acknowledged. We also shared some of the excellent artwork the children created in response to the artists.

In Friday's assembly, we shared a lovely video that Mrs Newlove made with some of our pupils called **Our School Community** - you may have seen it if you attended our Multi-Cultural Evening! In the video, some of our pupils talked about their culture, heritage, language and religion. Thank you to Mrs Newlove and the children for creating such a great video.

DIARY DATES

October

23rd to 27th

Half Term Break

Monday 30th

School photographer - individual and sibling photographs

Tuesday 31st

Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2024)

November

Wednesday 1st

Phonics workshop for **Reception** parents & carers - 9:00am

Tuesday 7th

Road Safety workshop

Wednesday 8th

Reception - Autumn Walk

Friday 10th

Anti-Bullying theatre group visiting **Years 4, 5 & 6**

13th to 17th

Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th

Kindness Day / Odd Socks Day

Wednesday 15th

Height & Weight Measurement Programme - **Reception** and **Year 6**

Friday 17th

Ouagadougou Class assembly - 9:10am and 2:40pm / Middle Hall

Year 6 visit to Imperial War Museum

Friends of the Gordon Quiz Night - 7pm / Sports Hall **change of date**

Friday 24th

Memphis Class assembly - 9:10am and 2:40pm / Middle Hall

December

Tuesday 5th

Year 3 & 4 Pantomime - 2:00pm / Sports Hall

Wednesday 6th

Year 3 & 4 Pantomime - 9:30am / Sports Hall

Friday 8th

Reception visit to St Luke's Church

Friends of the Gordon Children's Christmas Discos

Monday 11th

Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-along - 2:30pm / Sports Hall

Tuesday 12th

Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-along - 9:30am / Sports Hall

Thursday 14th

Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 2:00pm / Sports Hall

Friday 15th

Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 9:30am / Sports Hall

Children's Christmas lunch

Wednesday 20th

Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - 4:00pm / Westmount Road Methodist Church

Thursday 21st

Last day of the Autumn term

January

Tuesday 9th

Children return - first day of the Spring term

HENRY LUK KINDNESS AWARD



We are delighted to announce that in today's assembly we presented the **Kindness Award** to Dante in Krakow Class. Miss Kemp who nominated him said: *Dante always treats people with kindness and has lovely manners when talking to his peers and adults. He looks out for others and always tries to put a smile on their face.* Well done, Dante. We are proud of you!

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The children have created beautiful artwork that can be reproduced as **Christmas cards** and other Christmas items. You should find details of how to place an order in your child's bookbag. The deadline for ordering is Friday 3rd November. FoG will receive commission on all items sold, which will be used to fund activities and resources for the children. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE

This week we awarded Attendance Stars to **Sydney**, **Delhi** and **Memphis** classes! Well done children!

The class with the most stars this half term is **Sydney** Class and they had a special treat today to celebrate their excellent attendance.



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



Huge congratulations go to **NESBIT** house for winning the **House Point Cup** for this half term. They will receive a special treat after the half term holiday.

Well done, **Nesbit!**



Copenhagen (R) - Louie for super independent writing

Beijing (R) - Myron for excellent progress in his speaking and listening with others

Krakow (1) - Yiling for her fantastic attitude towards her learning, and being a great role model to her peers

Vienna (1) - Khrystyna for her excellent effort and determination to challenge herself during her writing in English

Adelaide (2) - Leah for her great attitude and contributions to school life

Sydney (2) - Charlie B for excellent participation and listening during our Great Fire of London workshop

Fuji (3) - Heloisa for showing resilience when subtracting with renaming

New York (3) - George for his use of bar models and part-part-whole models to represent subtraction equations

Athens (4) - Christopher-Lee for contributing ideas and writing a beautiful narrative poem

Cairo (4) - Ada for fantastic recall and use of adjectives when describing personality and appearance in French

Memphis (5) - Meg for her beautiful depiction of one of Jesus' miracles in a stained-glass window

Ouagadougou (5) - Letty for excellent scientific thinking when investigating friction in science

Delhi (6) - Sveva for her fantastic explanations in maths using common factors to simplify fractions

Winnipeg (6) - Floyd for his analysis of historical sources investigating the reasons people chose to come to Britain after World

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