

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We have had some visitors in school this week: on Tuesday, the children in **Years 1 to 6** took part in Road Safety workshops, and **Years 4, 5 & 6** saw a theatre group perform an anti-bullying play today. We had to postpone **Copenhagen Class's** Autumn Walk on Wednesday because of the heavy rain. This has been re-scheduled for Thursday 16th November. Finally, we would like to thank the family members who came into **Reception** this week to talk to the children about Diwali, rangoli patterns and created mehndi patterns on the children's hands.

DIARY DATES

November

Friday 10 th	Cut-off date for ordering Christmas cards and gifts
13 th to 17 th	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 13 th	Kindness Day / Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 14 th	Cut-off date for ordering school photographs
Wednesday 15 th	Height & Weight Measurement Programme - Reception and Year 6 Friendship Ambassadors to attend Peer Power Celebration Event
Thursday 16 th	Reception - Autumn Walk Memphis Class visit to St Luke's Church
Friday 17 th	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
Thursday 23 rd	Ouagadougou Class visit to St Luke's Church
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 Friends of the Gordon Children's Christmas Discos
Monday 11 th	Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-along - 2:30pm / 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 / Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20 th	Last day for Nursery Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert - 4:00pm / Westmount Road Methodist Church
Thursday 21 st	Last day of the Autumn term - school ends at 1:30pm

GORDON'S FAVOURITE NIGHT OUT

QUIZ NIGHT

ADULTS ONLY

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER
SPORTS HALL, 7PM TIL LATE

Tickets
£10 per
person
BYO drinks &
snacks

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthegordon>

ALL ABOARD OUR NEW PLAYGROUND SHIP



We are very excited to announce that our new ship has been installed in the Key Stage 1 playground. It is a huge improvement on the old climbing frame that stood in that spot!

We would like to thank you for supporting us with this project; thank you to everyone who voted for us in the council's Growth Fund initiative last year, which secured that funding for the ship, and **thank you FoG** for paying for the soft-surface and keeping the children safe. The children are loving this new piece of playground equipment!

YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH IS READY

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the school photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. If you have already scanned the QR code and registered you will receive an auto email notification. If you have not done it yet, don't panic! You can still view by scanning the QR code on your proof and following the instructions.

If by chance you have not received your proof or it has been lost you can call Vancols Parent Line on 01206 273711. You will be asked for the school number which is 14381.

The cut-off for orders is 14th November 2023.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY & WORRY



Anxiety is a normal feeling we all experience from time to time. It can vary in severity and duration.

Greenwich Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST) would like to invite you to join a free one-hour virtual parent/carer webinar. This will take place via MS Teams. The webinar will cover the following:

- Information about Greenwich Mental Health in Schools Team and support they can offer.
- What is anxiety? How does this impact on a child's behaviour?
- Contributing factors and physical sensations of anxiety.
- Supporting children to problem solve and challenge thoughts.

Details: Thursday 14th December 2023, 10:30am - 11:20am

Please reserve your space on Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/anxiety-and-worry-in-children-webinar-tickets-755326290267?aff=oddtcreator>

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HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill: 609	Rochester: 620
Dunvegan: 632	Nesbit: 653

Well done to everyone who earned house points this week!

ATTENDANCE STARS

This week we awarded Attendance Stars to **Memphis**, **New York** and **Winnipeg** classes! Well done to all the children in these classes!



INSTALATION OF NEW BOILERS

With cold weather on its way, we are very pleased to announce that the Royal Borough of Greenwich has agreed to replace our old and inefficient boilers. This will mean that the school will be warm during the winter months. However, whilst this work is ongoing, part of the KS1 playground will be out of bounds. The trim trail area near the building will be fenced off, however the children will still have access to our lovely new ship! It is anticipated that the work on the boilers will take between four and six weeks.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week**. On Monday we will begin with "Odd Socks Day" and we hope the children will come to school wearing odd socks. This is an easy way to celebrate that we are all different and unique! We will be talking about bullying issues in class and in assemblies.



We have attached a guide to anti-bullying to this newsletter. It was produced by the Diana Award charity. This is the charity that provides our training on Anti-Bullying and we use their definition of bullying which is: **repeated negative behaviour that is intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe.**

UNITED AGAINST BULLYING

We have been working hard to develop our proactive approach to bullying. This has included training for the staff, reviewing policies and empowering the children through lessons and assemblies and the introduction of Friendship Ambassadors. We recently submitted evidence of our work to the United Against Bullying group and we are delighted that our work has been recognised at the Silver Award level!

We are sending warm wishes to all the families who will be celebrating Diwali this weekend. May your Diwali be filled with blessings, good health, and prosperity.



Manaus (N) - Aaron for always listening carefully to, and following instructions

Beijing (R) - Marnie for always having a positive attitude to learning

Copenhagen (R) - Kaia for brilliant writing

Krakow (1) - Daniel for fantastic work and improvement on his fine motor skills

Vienna (1) - Henry for an excellent effort using his phonic knowledge when reading and writing

Adelaide (2) - Yilu for great participation in all subjects

Sydney (2) - Charlie M for working hard to solve subtraction calculations with renaming

Fuji (3) - Rory for using a variety of writing techniques to eloquently and beautifully describe a frog in the Amazon rainforest

New York (3) - Alex for his enthusiasm when learning the different colours in French

Athens (4) - Hawa for writing an excellent persuasive letter, choosing her arguments carefully

Cairo (4) - Joey for successfully using different strategies to multiply by 6, 7 and 9

Memphis (5) - Victoria for excellent geographical knowledge when using an atlas to label maps

Ouagadougou (5) - Matthew for making interesting observations when investigating the effects of water resistance in science

Delhi (6) - Lacie for her great work on multiplying fractions

Winnipeg (6) - Maxwell for his fabulous recount of his weekend

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