

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

A number of trips took place this week. Our **Year 6** pupils have been on their residential school journey to an outdoor adventure centre in Wiltshire. We look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return. Enormous thanks go to Mrs Cordery, Mrs Cuesta, Ms Deacon, Ms Morgan, Mrs May and Ms White for accompanying the children.

Also, this week, **Fuji** Class visited Woodlands Farm. They learned about where food comes from and made vegetable soup which supported their learning in geography and food technology.

Thursday was a very active day for all of us! We hosted an inter-school cricket tournament which we won! Well done, cricketers! Also, 58 children from **Years 3, 4 and 5** took part in the Stationers Crown Woods Academy Dance Festival and performed brilliantly.

In our assemblies we have focused on Ramadan this week. We were delighted that some of our pupils volunteered to talk about what Ramadan means to them and how they celebrate.

Many thanks go to everyone who popped along to the Book Fair this week. We earn commission on sales and we will be able to claim some new books for our classrooms.

The Schools' Nursing Team visited us on Tuesday and carried out vision checks for the children in **Reception**. The children responded well and behaved very sensibly; we were proud of them.

SWIMMING LESSONS



Many thanks go to everyone who has contributed towards the cost of **Year 3** swimming lessons. We are asking for a £9 donation which works out at around 50p per session. If you are able to support us with this donation, we would be very grateful. You can make your donation via ParentMail. Thank you for your support.

FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB PLACES

Children and young people who are eligible for, or receiving, benefits-related free school meals can get a free holiday club place this Easter. There are clubs at a number of venues across the borough which are funded through the Council's *Holiday Food and Fun* scheme.

Every club will provide a healthy lunch as well as activities ranging from dancing to football - and everything in between. The clubs are inclusive to children and young people with SEND, and some clubs can provide additional support such as small groups, one-to-one or specialist support.

Holiday Food and Fun will run between 2nd April and 12th April. Families should contact clubs directly to book their space via the following link: royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidayfoodandfun

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

We would like to remind you that we have two workshops for parents and carers coming up. These are being run by **Greenwich Time to Talk** a free NHS Talking Therapies service, and are really helpful for supporting families with issues relating to mental health and well-being.

- Worry Management Skills - Wednesday 20th March, 9:30am to 10:30am
- Stress Management Skills - Wednesday 27th March, 9:30am to 10:30am

To find out more, email: oxl-tr.gttt-workshops@nhs.net call on 020 3260 1100 or visit: <https://oxleas.nhs.uk/greenwich-time-to-talk>

To book a space, please contact the school office: office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk or call 02088505486.

DIARY DATES

March

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| Monday 18 th | Memphis visit to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich |
| Wednesday 20 th | New York visit to Woodlands Farm Parent/Carer Workshop (Greenwich Time to Talk) theme: worry |
| Thursday 21 st | Year 4 & 5 concert - performance to parents and carers (2:20pm) |
| Friday 22 nd | Year 4 & 5 concert - performance to parents and carers (9:30pm) |
| Monday 25 th | Year 6 School Journey assembly - Middle Hall 9:10am / 2:45pm |
| Wednesday 27 th | Ouagadougou visit to the Royal Observatory, Greenwich Open Evening 1 Parent/Carer Workshop (Greenwich Time to Talk) theme: stress Magic Lantern (art workshop) for Year 1 Vicar to visit Reception (Easter story) Open Evening 2 |
| Thursday 28 th | Last day of Spring Term - school closes at the usual time |

April

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| Monday 15 th | Summer Term begins - children return to school |
| Friday 19 th | Year 3 trip to Horniman Museum Wear Your Own Clothes Day (in aid of Barnardo's) |
| Tuesday 23 rd | Dental checks for 5-year-olds |
| Monday 29 th | Class photographs |

RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES

We all know that learning about friendships, how to build relationships and how to interact with others are important but often difficult skills that children develop in school. There are going to be times when relationships between children become strained. We appreciate that this can be distressing for parents and carers, but please remember that these matters are best dealt with by the staff. Please refrain from talking to other parents and carers about your children's friendship difficulties, and please do not talk to other people's children. We appreciate your cooperation and support. Thank you.

DECORATE AN EGG

Our annual Decorated Egg Exhibition will take place on **Thursday 28th March**. The children's designs can be made from real eggs, toy eggs or drawn on paper. The children always amaze us with their incredible creations and we can't wait to see what they come up with this year.



This isn't a competition and there are no prizes, but we hope the children will take part for the joy of being creative!



Manaus (N) - Liam for super concentration and skill when making Lego models

Beijing (R) - Oscar for great progress in letter formation

Copenhagen (R) - Fatima for great phonics and reading

Krakow (1) - Lucas S for trying so hard to apply his phonic knowledge during English lessons

Vienna (1) - Evie for working hard to make good choices and setting a brilliant example to her peers

Adelaide (2) - Isabella for beautiful handwriting

Sydney (2) - Adriana for being a kind, helpful and considerate member of the class, and always being enthusiastic in lessons

Fuji (3) - Anna for her precision, eye for detail and accuracy when weaving a basket

New York (3) - Jasmine for her thoughtfulness and consideration when discussing beliefs in RE

Athens (4) - Aoife for converting between different units of time when solving maths problems

Cairo (4) - Viyan for his confident use of fronted adverbials when writing a diary entry in character

Memphis (5) - Oattie for identifying the correct homophones in our grammar lesson

Ouagadougou (5) - Ava for trying her best and making good progress in maths lessons

Year 6 - the Year 6 School Journey party for being great ambassadors for our school and the children who remained in school for being great role models to the younger children



Please encourage your child to walk, cycle or scoot to school next week! Thank you!

HOUSE POINTS

Well done to everyone who has earned house points this week.

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