

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Our week began with an assembly hosted by Reverend Juliet from St Luke's Church. She talked to the children about the Easter story. On Wednesday, she also visited the children in **Nursery** and **Reception**. We would like to thank everyone who came along to this week's Open Evenings. We hope you found your meeting useful. *Magic Lantern* visited **Year 1** on Wednesday and carried out art workshops based on oceans which the children enjoyed immensely. Finally, we rounded off this term with our *Decorate an Egg* exhibition. As always, we were very impressed with the children's brilliant designs! Well done, everyone!

DIARY DATES

April

Monday 15 th	Summer Term begins - children return to school
Friday 19 th	Year 3 trip to Horniman Museum
	Non-uniform Day (in aid of Barnardo's)
Tuesday 23 rd	Dental checks for 5-year-olds
Friday 26 th	Cake Sale and Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
Monday 29 th	Class photographs

May

Thursday 2 nd	Local elections (Sports Hall) - school open as usual
Friday 3 rd	Cairo Class Assembly
Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday - school closed
Tuesday 7 th	Royal Greenwich Singing Spectacular concert (evening)
Wednesday 8 th	Year 4 trip - London Philharmonic Orchestra
13 th to 16 th	Year 6 SATS tests
Wednesday 15 th	Year 5 first aid training
	First aid training for parents and carers (3:30pm to 5pm)
Friday 17 th	Krakow Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm)
20 th to 24 th	Walk to School Week
Friday 24 th	Vienna Class Assembly
27 th to 31 st	Half term break

June

Monday 3 rd	Inset Day - school closed
Wednesday 5 th	Secondary transition workshops for Year 6
Thursday 13 th	Sports Day for Years 1 & 2 (morning)
Friday 14 th	Sports Day for Years 3 to 6 (morning)
17 th to 21 st	Dance workshops for all year groups
Tuesday 18 th	Year 6 trip to Minnis Bay

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE & CAKE SALE

FoG will be holding a cake and pre-loved uniform sale in the Key Stage 2 playground after school on **Friday 26th April**.

Please come along!

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2024

First half	Monday 15 th April to Friday 24 th May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May (school closed)
Half-term holiday	Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May
Inset Day	Monday 3 rd June (school closed)
Second half	Tuesday 4 th June to Wednesday 24 th July



Autumn Term 2024

First half	Wednesday 4 th September to Thursday 24 th October
Inset Day	Friday 25 th October (school closed)
Half-term holiday	Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November
Second half	Monday 4 th November to Friday 20 th December

GORDON'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

120 YEARS

The original school on this site was called *Grangehill Road School* and it opened on 3rd February 1902 in temporary buildings with a roll of 110 infant pupils. On 22nd August 1904, the present building was opened with an infant school on the ground floor, a boys' secondary school on the first floor and a girls' secondary school on the second floor.

The head of the boys' school was instrumental in renaming the school *The Gordon*. There was a huge rise in the numbers of pupils at the beginning of the first world war due to the influx of munitions workers who occupied the hutted housing that was erected in the area. Extra corrugated outbuildings were placed in the school playground. Some of you may remember these!

We are planning a series of events in the summer term to mark the 120th anniversary of our school. This will include an exhibition of work and a party in the playground. To start off our celebrations we are delighted to announce an exciting art project. We are asking the children to design a special 120th anniversary emblem for our school on the sheets we have provided for them. The date for returning emblems is Friday 19th April and we look forward to receiving the children's exciting artwork.

THE GREEN TEAM



The Green Team - our amazing team of parent volunteers - is planning to support the children with planting the beds in the Gordon Garden after the Easter break. Any donation of seeds, plants and garden tools are most welcome. If you can help with donations, please let us know by emailing office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk. Thank you for your support!

KINDNESS AWARD

We were delighted to present the **Henry Luk Kindness Award** to **Bailey** in Ouagadougou Class today. He was nominated by Mrs Olding who said: *Bailey is quiet and gentle. He always looks out for other children in the class and sensitively supports them if they are sad or finding something difficult. He will always give up time for others and never complains. Well done, Bailey, we are very proud of you!*



FUNDRAISING FOR BARNARDO'S

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Easter raffle in aid of Barnardo's. Congratulations go out to all of the winners!



Our final fundraising event for Barnardo's will be on Friday 19th April when we will be holding a **non-uniform day**. The children can leave their uniforms at home (including **Year 3** who are on a trip) and wear their own choice of clothes in return for a suggestion donation of £1. Thank you for your support.

HOUSE POINTS CUP

Congratulations to Grangehill House for winning the House Points Cup this half-term! They will receive a treat in the Summer term!

ATTENDANCE

This week we presented Attendance Stars to **Athens**, **Ouagadougou** and **Winnipeg** classes. Well done to the children in these classes.

The class which has collected the most stars this half term is **Winnipeg**! Congratulations Winnipeg! They will receive a treat in the Summer term!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We would like to thank all Gordon families for their support this term. We hope you have a restful break and enjoy some lovely Spring weather.

Whatever our faith, belief or culture, Spring is a time of many celebrations be that Easter, Ramadan, Passover, Holi, Ostara or other. We may have different ways of taking part in the celebrations, a range of ways of marking the festival through services or celebrations, but they all bring communities together to reflect and mark the religious, faith or belief event.

We wish you peace, good health and happiness in your celebrations.



Manaus (N) - Daniel for his enthusiasm and independent skills making kites this week

Beijing (R) - Olivia for her enthusiastic singing when the vicar visited the class

Copenhagen (R) - Lucy for her brilliant attitude and always being cheerful and friendly

Krakow (1) - Tibbi for the dedication and hard work shown in English sessions to keep improving her writing

Vienna (1) - Eline for creating a fantastic postcard in character as the snail from *Snail and the Whale*

Adelaide (2) - Bryn for showing excellent behaviour for learning in class

Sydney (2) - Nathan for excellent progress in reading this term and being enthusiastic when sharing books

Fuji (3) - Veon for his improved knowledge of time and calculating duration accurately

New York (3) - Millie for being able to calculate duration using minutes and hours

Athens (4) - Chloe for identifying tenths and hundredths and writing them as decimals and fractions

Cairo (4) - Alex for being a reflective learner who always tries his in all areas

Memphis (5) - Finn for writing a well-structured chapter for our class novel

Ouagadougou (5) - Tristan for working really hard when writing a chapter of a story based on our class book

Delhi (6) - Macy for her effort in maths this week interpreting pie charts

Winnipeg (6) - Alice for all of her exceptional writing this term

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