

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a restful and relaxing break and that all of our families who celebrated Easter or Eid had a wonderful time with family and friends! We are in the process of putting the **Summer Term Learning** information on our website, so please check the curriculum section to find out about your child's topics for the coming months.

As part of our education partnership work, several Headteachers from local schools visited us this week. We had a focus on pupil well-being and our **Friendship Ambassadors** from **Years 5 and 6** talked to the Heads about the work we are doing to support pupils. They talked about the training they have received and how they are able to help other pupils with friendship issues. Our visitors were very impressed, and we were very proud! Well done, **Friendship Ambassadors!**

We have had a busy end to the week. Our non-uniform day was very well supported (thank you!), **Year 3** visited the Horniman Museum to find out about Ancient Egypt and the rain stayed away so the fantastic **FoG** Easter Egg Hunt was able to take place.



FRIENDS OF THE GORDON UNIFORM & CAKE SALE

Friday 26th April
After school - Key Stage 2 Playground



GORDON'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY

120
YEAR

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 hatted 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.

DIARY DATES

April

From Monday 22 nd	Bikeability cycle training for Year 5
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 (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
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)
20 th to 24 th	Walk to School Week
Friday 24 th	Krakow Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
	Year 4 Greek Day
27 th to 31 st	Half term break

June

Monday 3 rd	Inset Day - school closed
Tuesday 4 th	Children return to school
Wednesday 5 th	Secondary transition workshops for Year 6
Friday 7 th	Vienna Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
Monday 10 th	Year 6 trip to the Royal Observatory
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
Thursday 20 th	Empathy workshops for Year 6
Wednesday 26 th	Reception trip to the Royal Observatory
	Year 2 trip to the Maritime Museum

THANK YOU FROM MR TAYLOR

As you all know, I will be running in the London marathon on Sunday. I would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has supported me. Your encouraging comments and sponsorship are very much appreciated.

I know some of you will be running too, or have friends or family members who are taking part and I wish all my fellow runners the best of luck. If you will be somewhere on the course (or watching on TV) please look out for me. I will be in a green Barnardo's t-shirt. There is an app you can use to track runners. My race number is 59771 and my start time is 10:55am.



Everyone has been very generous in supporting my cake sale, Easter raffle and non-uniform day! Thank you! I would also like to thank everyone who has made a separate donation on my JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jason-taylor-lm2024>. You are supporting an amazing charity that does incredible work with children, young people and their families.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank everyone who volunteers to help us out in school. Your support makes a big difference. Sometimes we have difficulty finding enough adults to accompany classes when they go on trips. If you have some spare time, we would really appreciate you helping us with this. Thank you!

HOUSE POINTS

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

Grangehill 246	Rochester 230
Dunvegan 208	Nesbit 175

MEASLES

Due to the increase in measles cases, the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) are sending all schools information about how to respond to cases. We have been asked to share the following:

- Measles affects children and adults and those under 5 and over 20 are more likely to have complications.
- The MMR vaccination is the best protection against measles. Two doses are needed. Please check your vaccination status. Anyone who has missed out on their two doses of the MMR vaccine can be brought up to date at any age. There are no negative effects from vaccinating people who are already immune.
- Please inform us if your child is immunocompromised.
- Measles during pregnancy can harm a baby.

Measles symptoms appear 7 to 14 days after contact with the virus and typically include high fever, cough, runny nose and watery eyes. The measles rash appears 3 to 5 days after the first symptoms.

For more information, you can visit:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>



Manaus (N) - Spencer for being a super bug detective at forest school

Beijing (R) - Safaa for sharing her fantastic experiences of Eid

Copenhagen (R) - Finley for super listening and following instructions

Krakow (1) - Lara for always being a kind and thoughtful friend

Vienna (1) - Renee for always being a super kind member of the class and always doing the right thing

Adelaide (2) - Paisley for a great description of a dragon

Sydney (2) - Bogdan for excellent progress in all areas of his learning

Fuji (3) - Tyler for the significant progress he has made with swimming

New York (3) - Isabelle for her effort when converting between hours, minutes and seconds

Athens (4) - Martin for identifying key periods in the Ancient Greek civilisation

Cairo (4) - Maria for fantastic collaborative team work

Memphis (5) - Mason for working hard on improving his number skills in maths

Ouagadougou (5) - Layefa for her interesting contributions to class discussions when learning about religious laws in RE

Delhi (6) - Morgan for his effort writing descriptive sentences to show the reader how a character is feeling

Winnipeg (6) - Sophia F for her excellent attention to detail when recording new information in her books

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Sleep hygiene webinar
(for parents/carers of primary school children)

We would like to invite you to join our free 45-minute virtual parent/carer session. We will provide an overview of the following:

- Information on our team (Greenwich Mental Health in Schools Team)
- Understanding the function of sleep
- Common sleep difficulties
- Routine and considerations for bed time
- Worry time

There is no pressure to contribute during the session or to have your camera turned on. Please do what you feel most comfortable with.

Details: Monday 13th May 2024 at 10am.

Please reserve your space on Eventbrite. Booking opens on 24th April 2024.



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sleep-hygiene-for-parents-and-carers-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-856882136537?aff=oddtcreator>



SPRING SING CHOIR FESTIVAL

Our **Chamber Choir** will be taking part in the Spring Sing Choir Festival on Saturday evening. They will be performing with six other choirs - they are the youngest performers and we wish them the best of luck. The festival is in aid of the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice. Please see the flier below for details on how to buy tickets.



SPRING SING

CHOIR FESTIVAL

Saturday 20th April 2024, 7pm



PERFORMANCES FROM..

- Greenwich Community Choir
- ZigZag Community Choirs
- Halstow Community Choir
- Gordon School Chamber Choir
- BGS Chamber Choir

Tickets £10, £7 available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/GAMD



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