

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Gordon Exhibition this week. We hope you enjoyed seeing work from across the whole school. Also, this week, we have been holding Stay & Play sessions for the children who will be joining **Reception** in September, there was a coffee morning for the parents and carers of children with SEND, **Year 6** had a safety talk from TfL (Transport for London) to prepare them for independent travel to their secondary schools, **EYFS** had their Sports Day this morning and **Year 6** hosted their Mini Enterprise Day this afternoon.

BOOK AMNESTY

The end of the school year is less than two weeks away, and we are starting to audit our resources. Please have a look around at home to see if you have any school reading books. If so, please send them back to us. Thank you!

ELTHAM LEISURE CENTRE OPEN DAYS

Eltham Leisure Centre will be hosting Open Days for families on 20th and 21st July. There will be free activities such as:

- swimming
- fitness class try outs
- fun activities in the pool

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

SCOOTERS

If you have a scooter at home that you no longer need, we would love to take it off your hands for the children in the Foundation Stage. Thank you!

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some staff members who will be leaving us at the end of this term:

- **Mrs Black** has been Assistant Head with responsibility for the curriculum for many years. During that time, she has made massive contributions to the children's learning. She will be retiring.
- **Mrs Miller** has been our Nursery teacher for 20 years. She has worked tirelessly to give the children the best possible start to their time in school. She will be retiring.
- **Mrs Palmer**, in her Teaching Assistant role, has supported many teachers and pupils in the 25 years she has been at the school. She is particularly talented in the teaching of phonics and reading. She is leaving to spend more time with her family.
- **Mrs Sanders** has been our English Subject Leader and has supported colleagues with developing the children's literacy skills. She will be joining a school much nearer to her home.
- **Mrs Yahouni** has worked as a Teaching Assistant for 14 years and has been an incredible support to pupils with additional needs. She will be retiring.

We would like to thank these amazing staff members for many years of support and dedication. We shall miss them all and wish them the best of luck for the future.

DIARY DATES

July

Wednesday 17 th	Year 6 Leavers' performance (6pm)
Thursday 18 th	Year 6 Leavers' performance (9:30am) Stories, Rhymes & Songs Workshop for Nursery (1:30pm) School meals taster session for parents & carers (2:30pm)
Friday 19 th	120 th Anniversary celebration day - children need a packed lunch
Tuesday 23 rd	Last day of term for Nursery Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Wednesday 24 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents & carers - 11am Last day of term for Year 6 - leave at 11:30am Last day of term for Reception to Year 5 . School closes at 1:30pm

September

Wednesday 4 th	Children in Years 1 to 6 return to school <i>Stay & Play</i> sessions for the children moving from Manaus Class to Reception - sessions will take place in the morning and home visits will take place in the afternoon
Thursday 5 th	First day for children moving from Manaus Class to Reception - school will finish at 1:30pm for Reception whilst we are carrying out home visits
Tuesday 10 th	Nursery re-opens for returning children

October

Friday 25 th	Inset day - school closed
28 th - 2 nd November	Half term holiday

December

Friday 20 th	Last day of Term
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120TH ANNIVERSARY PICNIC

We will be celebrating our 120th Anniversary on 19th July. Part of our celebration will be a whole-school outdoor picnic. The deadline for ordering a school packed lunch has now passed. Please ensure that, if you have not booked a packed lunch, you provide one for your child. Thank you.

FSM HOLIDAY PAYMENTS & EARLY YEARS PAYMENTS

Through the Government's Household Support Grant, the Royal Borough of Greenwich (RBG) will be issuing payments to support low-income families over the summer holiday. The **summer holiday payment** will be £60 for each eligible child. Payments will be allocated to families who are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

If your circumstances have recently changed, and you think you might now be eligible for free school meals, but you haven't made an application, please contact the school office immediately. You might still meet the deadline for receiving the summer holiday payment.

RBG will also be making payments for pre-school children aged 0 to 4 in an Early Years setting who:

- is in receipt of Early Years pupil premium, or
- has an older sibling who is in receipt of free school meals, or
- is in receipt of Healthy Start vouchers.

RBG have asked us to submit information about families that are entitled to the above payments. We can only submit information that we have been given. If you feel you might be eligible, but are worried that we may not be aware of that, please let us know.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week we awarded Attendance Stars to **Delhi**, **Athens** and **Vienna** Classes! Well done, everyone.

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 1478	Rochester 1462
Dunvegan 1464	Nesbit 1468

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

FOG NEWS - BARBECUE

Last Friday's barbecue was a massive success! Huge thanks go to Lisa Hopkins and Emma Livermore, the lead organisers; Charlie Shaw, for donating all of the meat and to everyone who generously donated their time to help. Thank you also, everyone who turned out despite the weather.

FOG would like to sincerely apologise for the card machines failing on the night. We've investigated the problem with the payment provider and all is resolved. We're very sorry for the inconvenience caused, and thank you for bearing with us.

The next FoG meeting will be in September. Please look out for more information soon.

LOST PROPERTY

Our Lost Property shed in the Key Stage 2 playground is overflowing with lost items! We will be laying it all out on tables in the playground after school on Wednesday next week. Please come along and collect any items that belong to your child. Any items that are left at the end of this term will be disposed of. Thank you.

BREAKING UP FOR THE SUMMER

Please note that the last day of term for the **Nursery** is Tuesday 23rd July. The rest of the school finishes on Wednesday 24th July:

- **Year 6** - finish at 11:30am after their special assembly for parents and carers
- **Reception to Year 5** - finish at 1:30pm



Manaus (N) - everyone for great participation in Sports Day

Beijing (R) - Miriam for outstanding progress in all areas of learning this year

Copenhagen (R) - Robyn for brilliant engagement in our music session

Krakow (1) - Sophie for all of the thought, care and hard work she puts into her writing

Vienna (1) - Seb for always trying his best in everything he does

Adelaide (2) - Leah for producing great writing

Sydney (2) - Leo for excellent work on food chains in Science

Fuji (3) - Mina for using a variety of techniques to create tension and suspense in her narrative writing

New York (3) - Eddie for his fantastic effort coding a microbit

Athens (4) - Ed for comparing and ordering mixed number fractions

Cairo (4) - Musa for always being focused and enthusiastic in class and a great improvement in handwriting

Memphis (5) - Mason for great effort in all areas of the curriculum

Ouagadougou (5) - Nina for developing her investigation skills when looking for factors and multiples in maths

Delhi (6) - Prwsha for always working hard and trying her best in all areas of the curriculum

Winnipeg (6) - Summer for her enthusiasm during rehearsals for the Year 6 production

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