

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be.



GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK!

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to the **Year 6** children who are moving on to their new schools. They have been an amazing year group and we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

Good luck at your new schools, **Year 6**. Remember to *be the best you can be* and you'll go far! We shall miss you!

We've already said our goodbyes to the staff who are leaving us, but we would like to take one last opportunity to wish them the best of luck. Goodbye Mrs Black, Mrs Miller, Mrs Palmer, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Yahouni; we will miss you!

ATTENDANCE

Good school attendance is a vital part of educational success and we are delighted to be able to congratulate some of our pupils who have had 100% attendance this year! Well done:

Finley (Krakow)	Minnie (Vienna)	Paisley (Adelaide)	Amelia (Sydney)
Mason (Sydney)	Dylan (Fuji)	Rodion (Fuji)	Aria (New York)
Emilia (New York)	Oscar (New York)	Hawa (Athens)	Jessica (Athens)
Jayden (Memphis)	Lara (Memphis)	Lacie (Delhi)	Scott (Delhi)
Alice (Winnipeg)	Marta (Winnipeg)		

Congratulations go to the three classes who won the most Attendance Stars this year:

1st - **Sydney** 2nd - **Memphis** 3rd - **Vienna**

ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH - LOCAL OFFER

The Local Offer sets out what support is available for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities, and their families. It should include information about education, health and care provision. We have distributed the latest newsletter via ParentMail.

HOLIDAY FOOD & FUN

If your child is aged between 4 and 16, and receives or is eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they'll be able to claim a spot at a holiday club.

The holiday clubs run between 25th July and 30th August. Please scan the QR code or follow this link: [Please Click here](#) for more information.



HOUSE POINTS WINNERS

Congratulations go to Dunvegan House for earning the most House Points this half term and winning the House Points Cup. Well done, everyone in Dunvegan House.

SUMMER HOLIDAY WELL-BEING SUPPORT

The summer holiday can feel like a lonely time for some people, especially as the school is not available to offer support in the usual way. If you feel like you need some support over the coming weeks, you can access Greenwich borough's **Live Well** website: [Please click here](#). It includes lots of advice on a range of topics.

You may also be interested in the following telephone numbers:



HENRY LUK KINDNESS AWARD

We are delighted to announce that in Monday's assembly we presented the Henry Luk Kindness Award to **Cara** in Beijing Class. Mrs Beattie who nominated her said: *I observe Cara showing kindness to others every day. She recognises when someone needs a friend and always offers to play with them. She often explains why that person might be feeling down and what we could do to help them. She is kind to nature and kind to school equipment by ensuring she puts things where they belong. I am impressed with her empathy for others. This shows a wonderful strength of character for someone so young!* Well done, Cara. We are proud of you!

FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

We gave out certificates and badges to our brilliant Friendship Ambassadors in assembly this week. They have worked really hard to support other pupils and have done a fantastic job! Well done:

Winnipeg: Emily, Ethan, Floyd, Harrison & Ruby
Delhi: Aylin, James, Omer-Ali & Summer
Memphis: Gia, Jeremy, Kore, Ottie & Stanley
Ouagadougou: Ava, Isabelle, Keaton & Noelle

Huge thanks also go to Ms Newlove who has put so much time and effort into supporting the great work of the Friendship Ambassadors.



THANK YOU, MUSICIANS

We have had some very talented musicians play in our weekly assemblies this year. Thank you: **Albert** (Memphis), **Ardhani** (Delhi), **Brandon** (Cairo), **Clara** (Memphis), **Eloise** (New York), **Hazel** (Cairo), **Maria** (Cairo), **Nina** (Athens), **Sophia** (Athens), and **Yihan** (Winnipeg).

ANTI-BULLYING NEWSLETTER

Our latest anti-bullying newsletter is available now. Please check your ParentMail inbox. One of the news items is about parent/carers class reps. If this is something you might be interested in, please contact Ms Newlove:

lnewlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

We have sent out our Summer Holiday Checklist - a leaflet of things to do over the summer holiday. It is full of ideas for things to keep the children busy. Please check into ParentMail to find a copy.

UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER

School uniform is compulsory for all children from the Nursery to Year 6. We have a gender-neutral approach to school uniform and all children can choose from the items listed below:

Uniform list (Nursery):

- black, navy or dark grey jogging bottoms/leggings
- white or navy polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, navy or dark grey skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes / trainers - no laces please
- blue check dresses (during warmer weather)
- navy or dark grey school shorts
- black boots can be worn in the winter

Uniform list (Reception to Year 6):

- black or dark grey trousers
- white shirt or polo-shirt
- navy school sweatshirt / jumper / cardigan
- black, dark grey or navy skirt / pinafore dress
- black shoes - no trainers or shoes with coloured soles and/or laces
- blue check/striped dresses (during warmer weather)
- navy or grey school shorts (during warmer weather)
- brown, navy or black sandals (during warmer weather), but they must cover the children's toes and be firmly attached at the heel
- black boots can be worn in the winter

PE kit:

- plain white t-shirt
- navy blue shorts
- trainers or plimsolls
- a tracksuit may be worn in winter

Swimming Kit: (Years 3 & 4 only)

- close fitting trunks (no beach shorts)
- one-piece costume (no bikinis)
- a swimming cap
- a towel

Bags Only book bags and drawstring PE bags can come into school. No back packs or ruck sacks please as there isn't enough room on our coat trolleys for them.

We respect the religion and culture of all our children. If you have any religious or cultural requests about uniform, please contact Mr Taylor.

It is very important to mark your child's clothing clearly either by sewn-in / ironed-on labels or with an indelible pen. A great deal of parents' time is wasted trying to find unlabelled items.

Uniform items with the school logo, bookbags and drawstring PE bags can be obtained from:

JK Clothing, Well Hall Road

You can also buy non-logo items from other stores.

You will be able to buy pre-loved items at our regular uniform sales in school during the year.

We can offer some free school uniform items to families who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming sessions at the Eltham Centre will resume on 5th September. Initially, these will be for the children in the new **Year 4** classes. They will have swimming lessons until February 2025. Then, it will be the turn of the children in **Year 3** who will have lessons for the rest of the school year. Lessons take place every week on Thursday and the children will need the kit listed above.

WELCOME MEETINGS

We will be holding Welcome Meetings for **Years 1 to 5** on Wednesday 11th September. They will take place three times - 3:25pm / 3:45pm / 4:05pm so you can attend meetings for more than one year group if necessary.

There will be a meeting for **Year 6** on Tuesday 17th September at 6pm and a meeting for **Reception** on Friday 27th September at 2:30pm.

DIARY DATES

September

Wednesday 4th

Children in **Years 1 to 6** return to school
Stay & Play 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 5th

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

Monday 9th

Activity Clubs begin

Tuesday 10th

Nursery re-opens for returning children

Wednesday 11th

Welcome meetings for parents / carers of children in **Year 1 to Year 5**

Friday 13th

First full day for **Reception**

Tuesday 17th

Year 6 Welcome Meeting / Secondary Transfer Information Evening - 6pm

Friday 27th

Reception Welcome Meeting - 2:30pm

October

Friday 25th

Inset day - school closed

28th - 2nd November Half term holiday

December

Friday 20th

Last day of Term

Please remember to check the newsletters when we return in September. We will be adding lots of other dates.

Thank you.



The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their [local library](#) or [online](#), and it's **FREE** to take part. This year's Challenge is called *Marvellous Makers* and it's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone.

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety, please contact our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Ms Newlove and Ms May (GO! Club). Outside of school hours you can call Greenwich council: 020 8854 8888 or the NSPCC: 0808 800 5000. In an emergency please call the police on 999.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE

We would like to express our immense gratitude for your support this year. To everyone who has volunteered in school - accompanied us on trips - attended social events, Open Days and Evenings, productions and concerts - taken on the requests we've put in the newsletters - supported fund-raising initiatives - participated in groups such as the *Friends of the Gordon*, the *Green Team* and the *Year 6 Leavers' Committee* - and supported their children with home learning - we say an enormous **THANK YOU!** We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday! Take care and stay safe and (for most of you) we'll see you in September!

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