

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It's been a big week for the children in **Reception** as they started full days on Monday. They've had a great start and we're very proud of them.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended the Welcome Meeting for **Year 6** on Tuesday. We hope you found it useful. The presentation on Secondary School Transfer has been put on the **Year 6** Google Classroom.

INCLUSION SURVEY

Some schools in the Royal Borough of Greenwich have been selected to take part in a national project called PINS - **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools**. We would like to hear your views to support us in developing plans for Greenwich. Please use the QR code to share your thoughts. Thank you.



WELCOME MEETING FOR RECEPTION

We would like to remind you that the Welcome Meeting for **Reception** will take place on Friday 27th September at 2:30pm in the Lower Hall. We will share all the information you need to help your children have a successful year in Reception. We encourage all Reception parents and carers to come along. Thank you.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

We currently offer lessons in Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Violin, Guitar, Piano, Drums, Trombone and Horn to children in Key Stage 2 (**Years 3 to 6**). There are 30 lessons spread across the school year and the children come out of class in small groups for them. The cost is currently £34 per hour - each 20-minute lesson costs £11.33 - and this is payable in advance each half term. In some cases, the school may be able to subsidise this. The school has some instruments that can be hired for £45 per year, or you can buy your own.

Please click [here](#) if you are interested in applying for lessons for your child. Your details will then be passed onto the instrumental teacher who will contact you to let you know if there is space in their timetable. There may be waiting lists for some instruments and lessons will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you need any more information, please email Mrs Hagerty on ahagerty@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

September

Thursday 26th

Anglo Saxon workshop for **Year 5**

Friday 27th

Fuchsia Class Assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm (Middle Hall)

Reception Welcome Meeting - 2:30pm

Monday 30th

FoG Annual General Meeting - 7pm / Lower Hall

Monday 30th

Book Fair (until 2nd October) - available after school in the Lower Hall

October

Wednesday 2nd

Safer Neighbourhoods Team meeting - 6pm (Lower Hall)

Tuesday 15th

Phonics Workshop for **Reception** parents and carers - 9:10am **NEW DATE**

Year 1 trip to St Luke's Church

Harvest Festival (pm) - **Years 1, 2 and 3**

Wednesday 16th

Harvest Festival (am) - **Years 1, 2 and 3**

Greenwich Schools Cross Country Race - **Years 5 and 6** **NEW DATE**

Friday 18th

Dahlia Class Assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm (Middle Hall)

Monday 21st

School photographer - individual and sibling shots

Open Evening - 3:30pm to 7pm

Tuesday 22nd

Height and weight screening - **Reception** and **Year 6**

Great Fire of London workshop for **Year 2**

Wednesday 23rd

Year 5 - author visit Eltham Library

Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm

Friday 25th

Inset day - school closed

Monday 28th

Half term holiday (until 2nd November)

Thursday 31st

Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2025) **Year 6**

November

Tuesday 5th

Maths Workshop for **Year 2** parents and carers - 9:00am **NEW DATE**

Year 4 trip to Horniman Museum

Wednesday 20th

Flu vaccinations - by nasal spray (**Reception to Year 6**)

December

Monday 2nd

Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (pm) **NEW DATE**

Tuesday 3rd

Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (am) **NEW DATE**

Thursday 5th

EYFS Christmas Singalong (pm) **NEW DATE**

Friday 6th

EYFS Christmas Singalong (am) **NEW DATE**

Thursday 12th

Year 1 and 2 Nativity (pm) **NEW DATE**

Friday 13th

Year 1 and 2 Nativity (am) **NEW DATE**

Friday 20th

Last day of the Autumn Term - school closes at 1:30pm

Please check the newsletter each week for updates on events.

ROAD SAFETY



We would like to remind drivers to take care when driving on the roads surrounding the school at the beginning and end of every school day. Please be mindful of children crossing the roads and avoid parking on the yellow zigzag lines, near junctions and across our neighbours' driveways. Thank you.

RAISE MONEY FOR FOG WHEN YOU SHOP AT ASDA

From now until 30th November, every time you shop at ASDA (in store or online) the company will donate a percentage of your shop to FOG through their **Cashpot for Schools** campaign. All you need to do is download the ASDA Rewards app, opt in to the **Cashpot for Schools** campaign, and select **Gordon Primary School (postcode SE9 1QG)** as your preferred school. Scan your ASDA Rewards barcode every time you shop and watch the school cashpot grow! All of the money raised through the ASDA campaign will go to the Friends of the Gordon (PTA) and be invested into resources for the school. For more information, please click here: www.asda.com/cashpotforschools

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HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill	458	Rochester	413
Dunvegan	423	Nesbit	460

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points this week.

ATTENDANCE

This week we presented Attendance Star Awards to **Bluebell**, **Osmanthus** and **Violet** classes! Well done to everyone in these classes.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS

We are looking for a few green-fingered volunteers to join our GREEN TEAM. If you can spare a little time to help us with the green areas of the school, we would love to hear from you. It will include maintaining our beautiful shrubs and bushes, as well as helping to prepare the Gordon Garden and other growing areas for the children to use. If you can help please contact Alex on 07787508226.

Thank you!

RESOLVING DIFFICULTIES

Unfortunately, there will be times when children have disagreements and difficulties within their relationships. When this happens please speak to the class teacher and let us resolve the matter. Please do not approach other parents or their children. Thank you.

SWIMMING CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to all of the parents and carers of the children in **Year 4** who have contributed towards the cost of swimming sessions. If you haven't made a donation yet and would like to do so, please go to ParentMail. Thank you.



Aster (N) - Oliver for joining in with singing and engaging well during carpet time

Bluebell (R) - Tilly for kindness, patience and a fabulous attitude

Candytuft (R) - Emily for being really kind to other children

Jasmine (1) - Miriam for being a brilliant role model and having a great attitude to learning

Kalmia (1) - Max for his fantastic application of phonics knowledge when writing

Allium (2) - Daniel for great writing and maths this week

Violet (2) - Elio for really impressing me by giving 100% in all areas of his learning

Nasturtium (3) - Anton for his fantastic effort forming 100 in different ways

Nigella (3) - Millie S for fantastic explanations in her maths work when exploring that 100 is composed of 50s, 25s and 20s.

Cosmos (4) - Jasmine for her detailed character description including similes and fronted adverbials

Fuchsia (4) - Kayanna for her great improvement in swimming

Dahlia (5) - Amina for her fantastic description of a setting in her writing

Osmanthus (5) - Victor for a superb poem in response to our whole-school text *The Flamingo who didn't want to be pink*

Magnolia (6) - Meg for creating a beautiful winter silhouette scene

Wisteria (6) - Tristan for his knowledge and enthusiasm for our World War II history topic

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