

Gordon Primary School News

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

The children in **Year 5** enjoyed an Anglo Saxon workshop on Thursday where they explored the story of Beowulf. The children in **Fuchsia** Class treated us to the first Class Assembly of the year today where they shared their work on the book "The Flamingo who didn't want to be Pink" and the importance of being an individual and celebrating the characteristics that make us special and unique. Well done, **Fuchsia!** The week ended with the Welcome Meeting for **Reception** parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who came along.

INCLUSION SURVEY

We 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.



HARVEST DONATIONS



Harvest
festival

Our **Harvest Festival Assemblies** will be taking place on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October and the families of the children in **Years 1, 2 and 3** are invited to watch their children perform.

As is our tradition, we are asking for **Harvest Donations** again this year. We will be supporting the Greenwich Foodbank and non-perishable food items will be gratefully received, although the "Bank the Food" app will list the items they are most urgently in need of. Please ask your child to take your donations to their classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

BOOK FAIR

The **Book Fair** is joining us next week and you will be able to pop along with your children after school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. It will be held in the Lower Hall until 3:45pm.

We receive commission on all sales, so this is a great way to support your own child's reading whilst helping us increase our stock of books in school. Pupils in receipt of **Pupil Premium funding** will receive a £5 book voucher to spend at the fair.



DIARY DATES

September

Monday 30th FoG Annual General Meeting - 7pm / Lower Hall
Monday 30th Book Fair (until 2nd October) - available after school in the Lower Hall

October

Tuesday 1st **Year 6** trip to the Imperial War Museum **NEW DATE**
Wednesday 2nd Safer Neighbourhoods Team meeting - 6pm (Lower Hall)
Tuesday 15th Phonics Workshop for **Reception** parents and carers - 9:10am
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**
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
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)
Tuesday 3rd **Year 3 and 4** Pantomime (am)
Thursday 5th **EYFS** Christmas Singalong (pm)
Friday 6th **EYFS** Christmas Singalong (am)
Thursday 12th **Year 1 and 2** Nativity (pm)
Friday 13th **Year 1 and 2** Nativity (am)
Friday 20th Last day of the Autumn Term - school closes at 1:30pm

Please remember to check the newsletter each week for updates on events. Thank you!

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON AGM



The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Gordon will be taking place on Monday 30th September at 7pm in the Lower Hall. This is a great way to be involved with the life of the school, help to plan and organise events for the school community and raise funds.

We will be electing new committee members and everyone at the meeting will be eligible to vote. After several years of dedicated service, the current committee members will be standing down, so we are looking for new people to lead the FoG team. Even if you are not interested in a committee role, please come along and help us decide on FoG's exciting future!

DRIVING FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS FOR SEND ACROSS GREENWICH

The positive SEND inspection of the Greenwich Local Area Partnership in May 2023 gave an important insight to the SEND system and judged that arrangements typically lead to positive experiences and outcomes for children and young people with SEND in Greenwich.

The new SEND and Inclusion Partnership Strategy 2024 - 2029 sets out the vision and ambitions for children with special needs and disabilities and their families. The Greenwich Partnership are determined to build on this work and put even more focus on achieving the very best for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families and carers across the borough.

To support Greenwich in this endeavour, extra support is being brought in from Newton, (an external organisation with significant experience in SEND), to help run a frontline-focused, detailed assessment of processes, ways of working and the impact they have on outcomes for children and young people.

The diagnostic stage

To make impactful change that is sustainable, the underlying factors of the local challenges need to be identified. The work with Newton, will enable Greenwich to identify the biggest opportunities to do things better - things that will have the most positive impact for children and young people with SEND.

Meetings will take place through forums, where progress will be shared, ensuring that the right people can be involved in shaping the work. The evidence collected will help to show where the biggest challenges are so that the Greenwich Partnership can plan, prioritise, and build on what is learnt. The next stage will take the form of design and implementation phases, through which impactful and measurable changes will be delivered.

How you can help

The whole system needs to work cohesively to support children and young people with SEND. Each local partner has valuable insights and experiences that need to be heard and understood. These different perspectives will collectively inform decisions.

The Greenwich Partnership is asking schools to help by facilitating surveys for children and young people from 7th October, but there will also be lots of opportunities for parents to be involved in a range of ways, through short online surveys being launched on 7th October, to more in-depth case studies and workshops from 14th October. Please spread the word about this project and encourage as many of your friends to be involved as possible.

It's vital there is the right balance of experience and areas of expertise, so parents will be invited to workshops directly. Again, your help may be needed to encourage as many parents attend these as possible.

If you would like to be involved please let us know and we can try to match you to a workshop. Please contact SENDreview@royalgreenwich.gov.uk



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	710	Rochester	692
Dunvegan	688	Nesbit	721

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

ATTENDANCE

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

THE GREEN TEAM UPDATE

Many thanks go to the Green Team for weeding the beds in the Gordon Garden and picking tomatoes and chives. Their next job is to tidy the bushes near the Forest School. **If you enjoy gardening and would like to be a part of our wonderful Green Team, please contact Alex: on 07787 508 226.**

The Green Team play a very important role in helping us teach the children about growing their own food, looking after the environment, seasonal change and healthy eating.

Thank you, Green Team!

SCHOOL FUND

Our School Fund helps pay for a wide range of resources and experiences for the children which are not covered by the school's budget. If you would like to donate toward our School Fund please log into your ParentMail account for details. Thank you.

INSTRUMENT LESSONS

Most of our lessons are now booked although we do still have a few spaces for guitar lessons. If your child is in KS2 and interested in guitar lessons please contact Mrs Hagerty: ahagerty@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk



Aster (N) - Lexie for being a kind and caring friend

Bluebell (R) - Myles for a fabulous attitude towards learning and always showing positivity

Candytuft (R) - Charlotte for brilliant engagement in carpet sessions

Jasmine (1) - Gilda for her excellent role play whilst acting out characters from the book 'What the Ladybird Heard'

Kalmia (1) - Kyriakos for his fantastic effort and use of expression during reading sessions

Allium (2) - Harrison for great contributions in maths lessons

Violet (2) - Zoya for always being a fantastic role model when sitting on the carpet

Nasturtium (3) - Hugo for his brilliant explanation on the processes of weathering in science

Nigella (3) - Diego for an excellent bird drawing using charcoal in Art

Cosmos (4) - Teddy for his adventure story using relative clauses and fronted adverbials

Fuchsia (4) - Polly for presenting her work clearly and showing a strong understanding of using the expanded method to add

Dahlia (5) - Stephan for his fantastic explanations in maths

Osmanthus (5) - Victor for his enthusiasm and knowledge in our Anglo-Saxon drama workshop

Magnolia (6) - Mason for detailed analysis of, and questions about, a picture from the Blitz

Wisteria (6) - Tibet for his fantastic 3D model of a piece of playground equipment in computing

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