

Gordon Primary School News

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HARVEST DONATIONS

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!

Currently, the Greenwich Foodbank are asking for: **tinned potatoes, sponge puddings, instant noodles, powdered milk, hot chocolate and instant mash.**

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

To support their learning about World War II and to understand what life was like for people between 1939 and 1945, the children in **Year 6** visited the Imperial War Museum on Tuesday. It was a moving and enlightening visit. The **Reception** classes were visited by Reverend Juliet from St Luke's Church yesterday and she talked to the children about harvest.

In our assemblies this week we marked **Rosh Hashanah**, the Jewish New Year. We found out about how Jewish families celebrate and why Rosh Hashanah is an important festival. We have also been celebrating **Black History Month** and we linked it to **National Poetry Day** which took place this week. We found out about the poet **Benjamin Zephaniah** and watched a video of him performing one of his most famous and loved poems: *Talking Turkeys*.

PRIMARY SCIENCE QUALITY MARK

The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) is a comprehensive evidence-based professional development programme that effectively develops science leadership, ensuring teachers have the knowledge, capability and support they need to transform science education and shape future generations.

Our Science Subject Leader, Ms Deacon, has been working very hard developing science teaching and learning across the school and submitting evidence for the PSQM. We are delighted to announce that this hard work has been recognised, we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark as we have "demonstrated a significant commitment to science leadership, teaching and learning and the profile and quality of science is very high."

DIARY DATES

October

Friday 11 th	Reception Autumn Walk NEW DATE
Tuesday 15 th	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 16 th	Harvest Festival (am) - Years 1, 2 and 3 Greenwich Schools Cross Country Race - Years 5 and 6
Friday 18 th	Dahlia Class Assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm (Middle Hall)
Monday 21 st	School photographer - individual and sibling shots Open Evening - 3:30pm to 7pm (All year groups)
Tuesday 22 nd	Height and weight screening - Reception and Year 6 Great Fire of London workshop for Year 2 Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm (Nursery)
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 5 - author visit Eltham Library Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 25 th	Inset day - school closed
Monday 28 th	Half term holiday (until 2 nd November)
Thursday 31 st	Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2025) Year 6

November

Tuesday 5 th	Maths Workshop for Year 2 parents and carers - 9:00am Year 4 trip to Horniman Museum
Friday 15 th	FoG Quiz Night NEW DATE
Wednesday 20 th	Flu vaccinations - by nasal spray (Reception to Year 6)
Friday 29 th	Reception - Road Safety Awareness workshop NEW DATE

December

Monday 2 nd	Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (pm)
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (am)
Wednesday 4 th	Year 4 - Virtual workshop: Volcanoes
Thursday 5 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (pm)
Friday 6 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (am) Christmas Discos NEW DATE
Thursday 12 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (pm)
Friday 13 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (am) Christmas Jumper Day NEW DATE Children's Christmas Lunch NEW DATE
Friday 20 th	Last day of the Autumn Term - school closes at 1:30pm

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Friday 18th October, 3:15pm

Key Stage 2 playground

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.

We ask for a minimum voluntary annual contribution of £25 per family. This equates to just 13p per day for one child. If you have more than one child in the school and would like to make a higher contribution, we would be very grateful.

On behalf of all the children, we thank you for your continuing support.



FRIENDS OF THE GORDON

Thank you to everyone who attended the Friends of the Gordon Annual General Meeting on Monday evening. We had a great turnout! We are delighted to announce our new FoG Committee:

Co-Chairs
Marilyn Niven
Sian Valler

Secretary
Naznin Chowdry

Treasurer
Jeremy Gould

Huge thanks go to our previous committee - Meghan Rainsberry, Lisa Hopkins, Emily Forkan and Ray Spiers - who worked incredibly hard organising a range of wonderful events and raising many thousands of pounds for our school. The most recent acquisitions include a class set of chrome books and new flooring for Nursery and Reception (soon to be installed). Thank you!

Many thanks also go to all the volunteers who help out at the events, and to everyone who supports events by attending, spending some money and having a great time! The combined efforts of everyone make a huge difference to our school! You are appreciated immensely!

HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill
974

Rochester
929

Dunvegan
941

Nesbit
993

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

ATTENDANCE

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

OPEN EVENINGS

Our Open Evenings are coming up soon. You will be able to book appointments from 6pm on Monday 7th October. Please check ParentMail for the link. We look forward to seeing you.



Reception Parents & Carers

You are invited to our Phonics Workshop

Find out about what phonics is, how we teach it and how it supports your child in developing early reading and writing skills. We will also share some ideas for how you can help your child at home.

Date: Tuesday 15th October

Time: 9:10am (for up to 1 hour)

Venue: Lower Hall,
Gordon Primary school



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If you haven't done so yet, please sign up to ASDA's **Cashpot for Schools** campaign. Every time you shop at ASDA (in store or online) the company will donate a percentage of your shop to FOG. All you need to do is download the ASDA Rewards app, opt in to the **Cashpot for Schools** campaign, and select **Gordon Primary School (SE9 1QG)** as your preferred school. Scan your ASDA Rewards barcode every time you shop! All of the money raised will go to the **Friends of the Gordon** and be invested into resources for the school. For more information, please follow the link:

www.asda.com/cashpotforschools



GREENWICH LIBRARIES

Please check out the latest newsletter from Greenwich Libraries that we have sent out via ParentMail. There are lots of exciting, free events taking place in Greenwich libraries during the coming weeks.



- Aster (N)** - Eddie for his excellent participation during every carpet time
- Bluebell (R)** - Saffy for a detailed and accurate description of the journey of bread
- Candytuft (R)** - Rosalind for amazing re-telling of the Little Red Hen story
- Jasmine (1)** - Cara for applying her phonics knowledge when writing about her special adult in PSHE
- Kalmia (1)** - Louie for always being such a kind and helpful friend to everyone
- Allium (2)** - Edith for lovely art work when printing a repeating pattern
- Violet (2)** - Oscar for writing a fantastic set of instructions on how to look after *Paddington*
- Nasturtium (3)** - Oscar for his effort, focus and hard work in all areas of his learning
- Nigella (3)** - Millie S for excellent writing and editing in her description of a cave using expanded noun phrases
- Cosmos (4)** - Domantas for applying French grammar rules when describing a friend
- Fuchsia (4)** - Mina for adding relative clauses when editing her non-fiction writing
- Dahlia (5)** - Oliver for his excellent teamwork in DT when investigating a 'doodler' product
- Osmanthus (5)** - Max for his use of mathematical vocabulary when explaining his reasoning
- Magnolia (6)** - Zara for an amazingly detailed explanation of a spy gadget
- Wisteria (6)** - Kourtney for writing detailed notes about Charles Drew in science this week

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