

# Gordon Primary School News

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**Be the best you can be.**



## THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We had some special visitors in our assemblies this week. On Monday, Reverend Juliet from St. Luke's Church talked to the children about harvest and told them the Parable of the Soils.



On Tuesday, Matthew Robertson, Paralympic Bronze medal winner came in to see us and to share his inspirational story. Matthew grew up in Eltham and was 13 when he was captivated by the spectacle of the London 2012 Games on his television screen. Despite not being able to ride a bike, he decided there and then that he wanted to be a champion too. Today, he is a Para-cyclist for the Great Britain Cycling Team and has won many medals in many different championships.

This week ended with an Autumn Walk for the children in **Reception**. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Well Hall Road Pleasance and spotted lots of signs of seasonal change. Many thanks go to all the parents and carers who accompanied the children.

## BOOK FAIR

Many thanks go to everyone who came along to the Book Fair this week. You spent a total of £504.76 which earned commission worth £121.90. We can use these funds to buy some new books for classrooms. Thank you for your support!



## LONDON CHILDREN'S FLOWER SOCIETY DAFFODIL COMPETITION 2024/2025



Following on from our very successful silver award last year, we are entering the **London Children's Flower Society Daffodil Competition** again this year. If your child would like to take part, you can order bulbs via ParentMail. Bulbs cost 35p. We will include growing instructions and will let you know when they need to be brought back into school for judging. If the flower bloom before the judge comes in, photographic evidence can be presented.

We have sold most of our bulbs, but we still have a few left and they are available on a first-come-first-served basis. You can order a maximum of two bulbs.

## DIARY DATES

### October

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Workshop for <b>Reception</b> parents and carers - 9:10am <b>Year 1</b> trip to St Luke's Church
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival (Sports Hall - 2:30pm) - <b>Years 1, 2 and 3</b> Harvest Festival (Sports Hall - 9:15am) - <b>Years 1, 2 and 3</b> Greenwich Schools Cross Country Race - <b>Years 5 and 6</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dahlia</b> Class Assembly - 9:10am / 2:45pm (Middle Hall)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	School photographer - individual and sibling shots Open Evening - 3:30pm to 7pm ( <b>All year groups</b> )
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Height and weight screening - <b>Reception and Year 6</b> Great Fire of London workshop for <b>Year 2</b> Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm ( <b>Nursery</b> )
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Year 5</b> - author visit Eltham Library Open Evening - 3:30pm to 6pm ( <b>Reception to Year 6</b> )
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	SEND Coffee Morning - 9:15am (Delta Building) <b>NEW DATE</b>
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day - school closed
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Half term holiday (until 2 <sup>nd</sup> November)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Deadline for secondary school applications (for September 2025) <b>Year 6</b>

### November

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Workshop for <b>Year 2</b> parents and carers - 9:00am <b>Year 4</b> trip to Horniman Museum
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	FoG Quiz Night (adults only) - 7:00pm (Sports Hall)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Flu vaccinations - by nasal spray ( <b>Reception to Year 6</b> )
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception</b> - Road Safety Awareness workshop

### December

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

**PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## HARVEST DONATIONS



Our **Harvest Festival Assemblies** will be taking place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

## OPEN EVENINGS

Thank you for your patience whilst we resolved the IT difficulties with our booking system. You can now book an appointment to see your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing you.

## HOUSE POINTS

Grangehill 1241
Rochester 1207
Dunvegan 1225
Nesbit 1262

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

## ATTENDANCE

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



## 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 15<sup>th</sup> October

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

Venue: Lower Hall,  
Gordon Primary school





## READING RECORDS

Regular reading has many benefits for children including language development, improved cognitive skills, concentration and academic success. This is why we encourage you to support your child with reading for a few minutes every day. We know that life is busy and this isn't always possible, but everything you can do has a positive impact.

You do not need to record all of your child's reading in their Reading Record Book, but a few comments each week is great. **Please also make sure that your child brings their book bag and Reading Record Book to school every day.** Thank you!

## RAISE MONEY FOR FOG WHEN YOU SHOP AT ASDA

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 this link:

[www.asda.com/cashpotforschools](http://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools)

## CCTV

To enhance security, we have had some new CCTV cameras installed. These enable us to monitor the gates and the entrances to buildings. If you would like to see our CCTV Policy, please visit our website.



**Aster (N)** - Neve for demonstrating perseverance when using her cutting skills

**Bluebell (R)** - Milla for excellent use of language when describing herself

**Candytuft (R)** - Jaxson for his creativity when painting

**Jasmine (1)** - George for his wonderful effort in reading this week

**Kalmia (1)** - Mila for having a superb attitude towards phonics and working hard during reading sessions

**Allium (2)** - Hugo for his partner work and contributions during guided reading sessions

**Violet (2)** - Alexandra for making a huge effort in her handwriting in English

**Nasturtium (3)** - Susanna for the details she used to create a historical character

**Nigella (3)** - Charlie B for engaging in great discussions about the *Stone Age Boy* book

**Cosmos (4)** - Ewan for great focus and valuable contributions when discussing the features of persuasive writing

**Fuchsia (4)** - Fionn for persistence and showing a huge improvement in his handwriting

**Dahlia (5)** - Jenson for his fantastic effort when writing a newspaper report in English

**Osmanthus (5)** - Christopher-Lee for his excellent contributions during guided reading this week

**Magnolia (6)** - Lily for always being kind and supportive of her classmates

**Wisteria (6)** - Molly for her enthusiasm and participation in all class discussions

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# Glow Our Lebanon

Hello, my name is Anton and I am 7<sup>2/3</sup>. I have little twin brothers Liam and Daniel who are 4<sup>3/4</sup>.

**We want to bring play and laughter to the children of Lebanon who lost their homes and family.**

We live in London with our mama and dada who are from Lebanon.

We have a lot of family in Lebanon. Teta and gedo, aunties, uncles and cousins.

We love our holidays in Lebanon.

We love our home there, the forest, the beach, the waterfall and the play park. The food is a bit weird.

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We are worried about the bombing in Lebanon and about our family there.

We are also sad that many children left their homes and lost their family because of the bombing.

Our great cousin Sabine has a team who does clowning shows for these children.

This helps the sad and scared children, play, laugh and feel less worried about the future.

The shows are called **Clown Me In** and they are a kind of art therapy.

You can find out about how they help if you search '**Lebanon's Clown of Hope**' on YouTube (kids' trigger warning).

We would like to help the **Clown Me In** team go to as many schools, churches, mosques, clubs and stadiums, that are sheltering these children.

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So we are making beaded bracelets of the Lebanese flag to thank you for your support.

The bracelets even glow in the dark.

You can wear them at night if you're scared of the dark like Liam and Daniel. I'm not scared of the dark.

Threading beads is hard for me and Liam and Daniel find it boring but we still think it's important to help.

I bought the beads from money I earned while doing chores.

I was saving the money to buy a Nintendo Switch,

but I think it's ok to spend my money a different way when it's an emergency.

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**Please donate as much as you can to Clown me In, maybe £5 minimum.**

When you donate, please write 'Glow Our Lebanon' in your note to help me keep track.

You can collect your bracelet in lots of ways.

If you go to our school we will be outside the school gates under the trees after every pick up.

If you live on our estate come and knock on our door when you can.

If you found out about our campaign a different way get in touch with mama or dada and they can help.

Thank you for being kind,

Anton (with a bit of help from Liam and Daniel).



[www.gofundme.com/f/laughter-as-healing-in-times-of-crisis](http://www.gofundme.com/f/laughter-as-healing-in-times-of-crisis)