

# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be!

### THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Our **Year 6** embarked on their School Journey to Wiltshire on Monday and have enjoyed many exciting activities: abseiling, orienteering, fencing, canoeing and archery to name just a few! Our special thanks go to the staff who have supported them throughout the week.

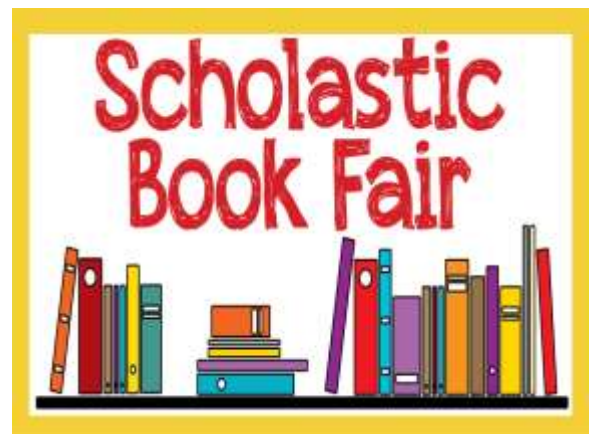
As part of our World Book Day celebrations, **Year 4** visited Blackheath Prep for an inspiring workshop with Carnegie award winning author Katya Balen. She signed copies of her most recent novel for our school library, kindly donated to us by Blackheath Prep.

On Thursday we hosted 10 schools from across South-East London for Anti-Bullying Ambassador Training, part of the Diana Award for schools. We were proud to host and share our approaches to anti-bullying, belonging and pupil-led action that creates our safe and kind school community.

### BOOK FAIR

As part of World Book Day, every child will receive a £1 book voucher. We will be hosting a Book Fair from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the lower hall. They can spend the voucher in a book shop or use it at the Book Fair.

Thank you for supporting the Book Fair. As well as being able to update your child's own personal library, the commission we receive enables us to select free books for the classrooms, so your support benefits everyone! Thank you!



Fantastic Mr Fox and Mr Strong!

### WORLD BOOK DAY

We had a fantastic day at school on Thursday celebrating World Book Day. The children looked magnificent in their costumes and cosy bed time story outfits. Throughout the day they took part in celebratory book and reading activities - **Year 5** and **Reception** collaborated on a shared activity around the story 'A Wild Walk to School' and **Year 4** and **Year 2** got together for book making where they wrote and illustrated a traditional tale in pairs. **Year 1** and **Year 3** also worked on a traditional tale together, demonstrating their wonderful Oracy skills by becoming captivating storytellers! Upper Key Stage 2 also took part in an online writing workshop run by author Mark Ballabon with the additional challenge of writing a 500 word story to enter a National writing competition! We also spent a lot of time of course simply enjoying reading! We have thought about how reading as a pastime links to Article 31 of the UNICEF Rights of the child, and their right to rest and play.

## DIARY DATES

### March - Women's History Month

Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>	International Women's Day
10 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nasturtium</b> Class visit to Woodlands Farm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Road Safety Workshops for <b>Years 1 to 6</b>
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4</b> visit to Greenwich Maritime Museum
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bright Sparks Concert for <b>Year 2</b> Nursery Show Round for prospective parents & carers (3.30pm)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Osmanthus</b> Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:40pm - Middle Hall) "Understanding Anxiety" Workshop for <b>Year 4</b>
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	FoG Spring Bounce
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Music Celebration Concert - <b>Years 4 &amp; 5</b> (2:15pm - Sports Hall)
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Music Celebration Concert - <b>Years 4 &amp; 5</b> (9:30am - Sports Hall) <b>Reception</b> visit to the Planetarium
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bike Marking event - see information below
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nigella</b> Class visit to Woodlands Farm <b>Year 5</b> visit to the Royal Observatory <b>Reception</b> - Spring Walk to the Pleasaunce Open Evening for <b>Nursery</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for <b>Nursery</b>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh Stationers' Academy Dance Festival (evening performance)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6</b> Assembly (9:10am / 2:40pm - Middle Hall)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Open Evening for <b>Reception, Kalmia, Violet and Years 3 to 6</b>

### April

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Open Evening for <b>Nigella</b>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Evening for <b>Reception, Kalmia, Violet, Nasturtium and Years 4 to 6</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Decorated Eggs Exhibition
	Last day of the Spring Term - school finishes at the usual time
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	First day of the Summer Term - all children return

### NURSERY SHOW ROUND - 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

If you, or someone you know, is looking for a **Nursery** place, please note that we will be hosting a Nursery show round on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This is an opportunity to find out about our Nursery provision and chat with staff.

If you are interested in attending, please email us: [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) Thank you.

### MISS MORGAN'S HALF MARATHON

Our very own Miss Morgan is going to be running in the 2025 London Landmarks half marathon on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April! She is fundraising for Tommy's, the pregnancy and baby charity. We wish her the very best of luck. If you are able to support her fundraising efforts you can find out more by visiting:

[www.justgiving.com/page/gemma-morgan-2](http://www.justgiving.com/page/gemma-morgan-2)



**Bike Marking Event**

**Where:**  
Gordon Primary School, Grangehill Road, SE9 1QG

**When:**  
Thursday 20th March 2025  
From 1430 hours

METROPOLITAN POLICE

For more info contact Eltham Park & Progress Safer Neighbourhood team. [ElthamPark&Progress.SNT@met.police.uk](mailto:ElthamPark&Progress.SNT@met.police.uk)

Please note that FoG's **Bounce into Spring** event has now sold out. This means that there are no more inflatables sessions available. However, if you are still interested in attending, please check back with FoG regarding ticket returns.



You can still attend the event even if you don't have inflatables sessions booked. **The Egg Hunt, crafts, food and bar are open to everyone.** Please note that it is a condition of our licence that we must limit numbers, so you may need to wait to be admitted if places are not immediately available when you arrive.

## Let's Talk

Discuss: "Spring is the best season of the year." Do you agree or disagree?

Sentence stems ...

- I think that ... because ...
- I agree because ...
- I disagree because ...
- You mentioned ... but what about ...

## PE KIT REMINDER

The children should continue to wear their PE kit to school on their designated PE days. Please remember that the children should be wearing navy blue shorts / tracksuits, plain white t-shirts and black trainers. Football kits or other tracksuits should not be worn.

Thank you for your support in keeping the children looking smart every day of the week!

## HOUSE POINTS

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points this week. The totals for this week are:

Grangehill 118	Rochester 137
Dunvegan 159	Nesbit 136

## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week we presented Attendance Stars to **Osmanthus**, **Magnolia** and **Wisteria** classes. Well done!



**Aster (N)** - Rosella for engaging in conversations during story time

**Bluebell (R)** - Noah for effort and enthusiasm in all areas.

**Candytuft (R)** - Irum for super imaginative play this week.

**Jasmine (1)** - Olivia for her use of adjectives in writing descriptive list sentences.

**Kalmia (1)** - Johanna for her brilliant attitude towards learning and school life.

**Allium (2)** - Lucas C for a big effort with handwriting!

**Violet (2)** - Minnie for her exceptional work ethic and dedication to everything she does.

**Nasturtium (3)** - Yilu for using a range of interesting features in her instruction writing.

**Nigella (3)** - Mason for showing enthusiasm and resilience during swimming lessons.

**Cosmos (4)** - Alexander for his enthusiastic dedication to all areas of his learning.

**Fuchsia (4)** - Sammy for explaining how tectonic plates form mountains in Antarctica.

**Dahlia (5)** - Farouk for his fantastic independent work in maths.

**Osmanthus (5)** - Lilly-Eve for her care when evaluating works of art and in her own work.

**Magnolia and Wisteria (6)** - A huge well done to everyone in Year 6 for their courage, enthusiasm and conduct on their school journey this week!

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