

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be!

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We have had some exciting trips this week: **Nigella** Class visited Woodlands Farm to find out about where food comes from, which included making soup; **Year 5** went to the Royal Observatory as part of their work on *Space*, and **Reception** went to the Pleasaunce for a lovely Spring Walk. Additionally, our **School Band** took part in a concert at Bexley Grammar School, and children from **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** participated in the Leigh Stationers' Academy Dance Festival. The standard of the children's dancing was excellent and their performances were clearly the highlights of the evening!

Many thanks go to the parents and carers of the children in the **Nursery** who came along to the Open Evenings. It was lovely to see you. We hope you found the meetings useful and informative.

The week ended on a high with a fantastic assembly by **Year 6** who shared the exciting experience of their recent residential School Journey visit to Wiltshire. Well done, children!

DECORATE AN EGG

Our annual Decorated Egg Exhibition will take place on **Friday 4th April**. The children's designs can be made from real eggs, toy eggs or drawn on paper. The children always amaze us with their incredible creations and we can't wait to see what they come up with this year.



This isn't a competition, there is no entry fee and there are no prizes, but we hope the children will take part for the joy of being creative!

LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR KIDS AND THEIR TECH



We know that many parents and education professionals have growing concerns around the impact that smart phones are having on children's wellbeing, mental health and safety. To help us reflect upon and address these concerns we will be holding a **workshop for parents on Thursday 24th April at 9am**.

We will be working alongside **PAPAYA** (*Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents*) who have a positive, non-judgemental approach to raising awareness, and aim to help equip parents with the tools and knowledge that will enable them to create a better, safer future for their children in the digital age. Please see the flyer we have sent out with this newsletter for more information.

We hope you will be able to join us.

Cake & Craft Sale

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL 3.15PM

WE HAVE END-OF-TERM TREATS AND
HOLIDAY CRAFT ACTIVITIES TO TAKE HOME



CAKE DONATIONS AND HELPERS NEEDED

Please email: friendsofthegordon@gmail.com

HOUSE POINTS

Well done to everyone who has earned House Points! Here are the scores so far for this term:

Grangehill 879	Rochester 920
Dunvegan 895	Nesbit 869

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

This week we presented Attendance Stars to **Wisteria**, **Dahlia**, and **Magnolia** classes. Well done to the children in these classes.

THE GREEN TEAM



Well done to the wonderful **Green Team** for making their own compost and using it to prepare the vegetable gardens for the children. If you enjoy gardening, have some spare time and are interested in joining the Green Team, please contact Alex: 07787508226. Thank you!

DIARY DATES

March

1st to 31st

Saturday 29th

Monday 31st

Women's History Month

Chamber Choir participating in Spring Sing Choir Festival

Open Evening for **Reception, Kalmia, Violet and Years 3 to 6**

April

Tuesday 1st

Mini-Enterprise - school fair **new date**

Open Evening for **Nigella**

School Band playing in Greenwich Schools Music Association Festival

Wednesday 2nd

Open Evening for **Reception, Kalmia, Violet, Nasturtium and Years 4 to 6**

Friday 4th

Decorated Eggs Exhibition

Last day of the Spring Term - school finishes at the usual time

FoG Cake & Crafts Sale (3:15pm - Sports Hall)

Tuesday 22nd

First day of the Summer Term - all children return

Wednesday 23rd

Year 4 trip to Royal Naval College

Thursday 24th

PAPAYA workshop "Let's Talk about our kids and their tech" (9am)

Monday 28th

"Understanding Anxiety" workshop for **Year 5**

Tuesday 29th

Year 3 trip to Horniman Museum

Wednesday 30th

Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Meeting (6pm - Lower Hall)

May

Friday 2nd

FoG Sponsored Fun Run **new date**

Monday 5th

Bank Holiday - school closed

Thursday 8th

RNLI Water Safety talks for **Years 5 & 6**

Friday 9th

Class photographs

Friday 4th April is the last day of this term. We close at the usual time and will re-open on Tuesday 22nd April.

LET'S TALK

It was World Water Day on 22nd March and our discussion point for this week links with Article 24 and Article 27 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Discuss: Why do we need water?

LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES

This week's activities link to

Articles 24 and 27:

Article 24 (health and health services)

Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Article 27 (adequate standard of living)

Every child has the right to a standard of living that is good enough to meet their physical and social needs and support their development. Governments must help families who cannot afford to provide this.



OUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We've had six draws so far. Six lucky winners have won over £70 in cash prizes. Thanks to those who donated their prize money to the school. The next draw will be on Saturday at 8pm. Buy tickets at: [YourSchoolLottery](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk) for your chance to win cash prizes or the £25k jackpot.

More supporters = bigger cash prizes!

Good luck!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY

Six Lucky Winners have won
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£25k Jackpot and cash prizes!

Draw every Saturday
at 8pm

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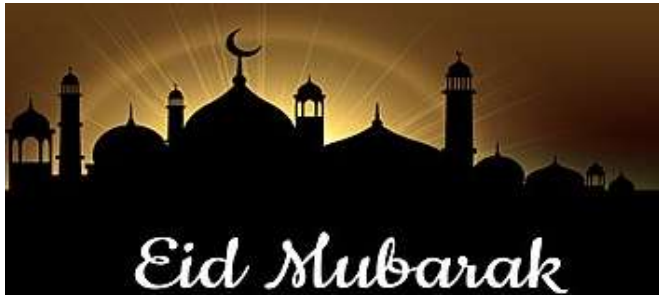
SPONSORED FUN RUN



FoG's annual sponsored Fun Run will be taking place on Friday 2nd May at Eltham Park South. Please look out for the letters we will be putting in your child's book bag next week. Thank you!

GORDON READING TEAM

Huge thanks go to everyone who has offered to help us with reading ... but as the saying goes; the more the merrier! So, if you'd like to join our Reading Team, please contact Miss Kemp: ekemp@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk



We would like to wish a very happy Eid-al-Fitr to all of the families who will be celebrating. Please note that if Eid falls on Monday 31st March and your child will not be attending school, their absence will be authorised.

MINI ENTERPRISE - SCHOOL FAIR

Mini Enterprise will take place next Tuesday during the school day. **Year 6** have been busy in groups making treats and organising games for **all year groups** to enjoy. The groups were given a small amount of money to see which group have used their entrepreneurial skills to make the most profit.



There will be games like Spin the Wheel, Beat the Goalie and even sponge throwing! There will also be cakes, drinks and ice poles to buy. All items and games will be 50p or £1. Please bring money in change. All proceeds will go towards the **Year 6** coach trip to Minnis Bay beach in the summer after the SATs. We wish them good luck!



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

Bluebell (R) - Ben for super effort in all areas

Candytuft (R) - everyone for being fabulous on our trip to the Pleasaunce

Jasmine (1) - Myron for lovely writing and focusing well in English lessons

Kalmia (1) - Gabriella for her enthusiasm, curiosity and great contributions to discussions

Allium (2) - Graihagh for wonderful writing about Amelia Earhart's childhood

Violet (2) - Finn for applying his great maths knowledge and logical reasoning to solve puzzles

Nasturtium (3) - Chloe for her fantastic diary entry which included all of the necessary features

Nigella (3) - Anandini for her brilliant work when finding fractions of amounts, and for being a positive role model in class

Cosmos (4) - Inaya for her focus and determination when writing and comparing amounts of money as decimals

Fuchsia (4) - Baran for describing the weather in French and including temperature, weather conditions and compass points

Dahlia (5) - Beau for his letter in geography explaining which renewable energy source should be used for a new city

Osmanthus (5) - Matei for working hard to write metaphors about space in French

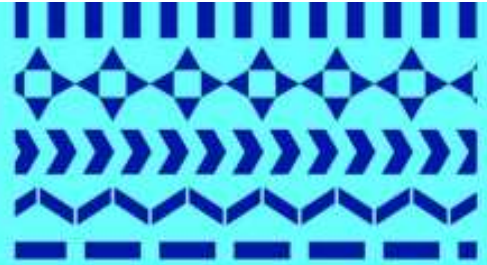
Magnolia (6) - Sam for her excellent work in Geometry

Wisteria (6) - Kourtney for her imaginative and well-designed navigation tool in DT

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Calling all transport superfans!

We are celebrating 25 years of Transport for London and we're on the hunt for 25 young transport 'superfans' aged 5-16 and love London transport.

What do we need pupils to do

Participating in the competition is straightforward. Young superfans are invited to write why they're a superfan of a particular London transport mode in 100 words or less.

Entries must be emailed to TfLSuperFansComp@tfl.gov.uk along with their name and age, as well as contact information for their parent or guardian.

Please flag to the school if you enter this competition as this will contribute to their TfL Travel for Life accreditation. Find out more about accreditation at travelforlife.tfl.gov.uk

Who can enter

Children aged 5 – 16 years old, but they would need an adult to supervise their submission.

Deadline

Superfans must submit their entry before Wednesday 23 April for their chance to win this once in a lifetime experience.

What's the prize?

Winners get to record a personalised 25th anniversary message for TfL, which will be broadcasted at a station related to their mode of entry.

Winners get a behind-the-scenes tour related to their entry, such as bus, river services, cycle hire, Tram depot, IFS Cloud Cable Car, Tube, Overground, Elizabeth line or DLR station, or coach depot.

We look forward to seeing your entry!

When you submit your entry, please remember to copy Mrs Faires into the email as this will contribute towards our **TfL Travel for Life** accreditation. Thank you.

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