

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be!

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who attended this week's Open Evenings. We hope you found it useful to speak with your child's teacher. Thank you also, for completing the parent survey. If you haven't completed it yet, please check you ParentMail account for details.

Well done to the **Chamber Choir** who performed brilliantly at the Spring Sing Choir Festival last Saturday. The **School Band** were equally brilliant at the Greenwich Schools Music Association Festival on Tuesday!

The children in **Year 6** demonstrated excellent entrepreneurial skills at the Mini-Enterprise event on Tuesday! They planned lots of activities that the rest of the school enjoyed and raised £782.44 towards their summer trip to the seaside! What an amazing achievement! Well done, Year 6.

On Thursday, Rev Juliet from St Luke's Church visited the children in **Nursery and Reception** to talk about Easter. We explored the Easter story with the rest of the school in assemblies.

And finally, well done to everyone who decorated or drew an egg for today's exhibition. As always, we were very impressed with the children's creativity! Please check out our Instagram page for some of the fantastic designs.

GORDON PENGUINS HEAD TO UKRAINE



Eltham Library is currently hosting an art photographic exhibition, which is being displayed simultaneously, with the Central Library in Kyiv, Ukraine. Eltham Library is twinned with the Central Library.

Children in **Years 4 and 5** have participated in a penguin themed art project because penguins are a symbol of unity. The children's artwork will be part of a collaborative exhibition with other local groups and some of the artwork will be sent to the Central Library in Ukraine.

Some of our children visited Eltham Library today to see the exhibition and the wonderful penguins they created.



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 previously for more information.

DIARY DATES

April

Tuesday 22 nd	First day of the Summer Term - all children return
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 4 trip to Royal Naval College
Thursday 24 th	Parent workshop "Let's Talk about our kids and their tech" (9am)
Monday 28 th	"Understanding Anxiety" workshop for Year 5
Tuesday 29 th	Year 3 trip to Horniman Museum
Wednesday 30 th	Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panel Meeting (6pm - Lower Hall)

May

Friday 2 nd	FoG Sponsored Fun Run
Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thursday 8 th	RNLI Water Safety talks for Years 5 & 6
Friday 9 th	Class photographs
12 th to 15 th	Year 6 SATs
Friday 16 th	Kalmia Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
Wednesday 21 st	Peddle My Wheels - bike sale
Friday 23 rd	Violet Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
26 th to 30 th	Half term break

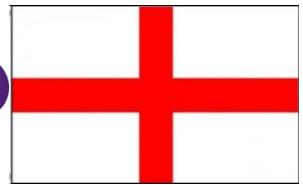
June

Tuesday 3 rd	Vision checks for Reception
Wednesday 4 th	Year 4 trip to Prince Philip Maritime Collection
Friday 6 th	Jasmine Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall) Me & My Screen workshop for Years 4 & 5
Friday 13 th	Nigella Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
Monday 16 th	Secondary School Transition workshop for Year 6
Tuesday 17 th	Fix-A-Bike workshop

CELEBRATE ST GEORGE'S DAY

It will be St George's Day on Wednesday 23rd April and we invite the children who are members of the Scouting Movement to wear their uniforms to school on this day.

St George was chosen to be the Patron Saint of Scouts, and as a symbol of courage and service, he aligns with the values upheld by Scouting.



LET'S TALK

Discuss: What are the holidays for? Why do you think this?

Sentence stems:

I think ... because ...

I agree because ...

I disagree because ...

You mentioned ... but what about ...

Thank you Mrs Faiers for this week's discussion point.

ATTENDANCE AWARD & HOUSE POINTS CUP

We are pleased to let you know that the class with the best attendance for this half term is **Fuchsia** Class. Well done to all of the children in **Fuchsia**. They will receive a small treat to celebrate their fantastic attendance next term!

We awarded the House Points Cup to **Grangehill** House today! Congratulations go to everyone who has earned House Points! Here are the final house points for this half term:

Grangehill 1641	Rochester 1597	Dunvegan 1602	Nesbit 1575
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The children in **Grangehill** House will receive their treat next term! Well done everyone!

HENRY LUK KINDNESS AWARD

We were delighted to present the **Henry Luk Kindness Award Cup** to **Renee** in **Violet** Class today.



Miss Vander, who nominated Renee, said: Renee is a kind, quiet and sweet girl. She has the biggest heart. Every single day she gives all of herself to make sure people are happy - both her peers and adults. She always asks children who are sat on the friendship bench to play her games and is always helpful in the classroom - helping peers with their work or helping to tidy up. I am extremely lucky to have Renee in my class!



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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HAPPY EASTER

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. We hope you all have a wonderful break.



Please remember that the children return to school for the Summer Term on Tuesday 22nd April.

We are delighted to inform you that Gordon Primary School is now recognised as a Rights Respecting School with a Bronze Award. We are busy working towards achieving Silver!

Well done, Miss Niazi, for leading us on this exciting and important journey.



SPONSORED FUN RUN

FoG's annual sponsored Fun Run will be taking place on Friday 2nd May at Eltham Park South. Hopefully, you have received a letter and sponsorship form via your child. Please let us know if you need another copy.



We thank you in advance for supporting this event and would appreciate if you could encourage friends and family members to sponsor your child.

Well done!

Aster (N) - Darcie for brilliant number work this week

Bluebell (R) - Lara for her effort and perseverance in handwriting

Candytuft (R) - Spencer for his kindness and positivity to all the members of the class

Jasmine (1) - Oscar for his fantastic focus and contributions this week in class

Kalmia (1) - George for always setting a brilliant example to others with his fantastic dedication and attitude towards learning

Allium (2) - Sophie for working hard in English this week on using verbs and connectives in writing sentences about Amelia Earhart

Violet (2) - Ziggy for his lovely poster linking Amelia Earhart and *The Rights of the Child*

Nasturtium (3) - Erika for her fantastic perseverance and resilience when working out fractions of an amount

Nigella (3) - Kaythan for being very kind and thoughtful

Cosmos (4) - Aria for always being the best she can be across all areas of her learning

Fuchsia (4) - Sonny for writing more varied sentences which engage the reader

Dahlia (5) - Eleanor for her fantastic persuasive letter to the King using formal words and phrases

Osmanthus (5) - Orla for working really hard in maths when adding and subtracting decimal numbers

Year 6 - the whole of Year 6 for all their hard work in putting together their fantastic Mini Enterprise event

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