

Gordon Primary School News

Headteacher: Jason Taylor

Assistant Head (Curriculum): Amanda Black

Assistant Head (Inclusion): Hannah Cuesta

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THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Members of our **Chamber Choir** took part in the Spring Sing Choir Festival in Bexleyheath on Saturday evening. It was a charity event raising funds for the Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice. They performed brilliantly and impressed everyone. Well done, Chamber Choir!

Pupils from **Year 5** have been taking part in Bikeability cycle training this week. It has helped them gain practical skills and understand how to cycle safely on roads. Our 5-year-old pupils in **Reception** and **Year 1** had dental checks on Tuesday. This was part of a national survey and the team will be returning soon to host some dental health workshops for the children. **Year 4** took part in workshops on friendship and boundaries on Wednesday. With support from the **Green Team**, some of our classes have been planting and sowing in the Gordon Garden this week. Thank you, Green Team, for all your hard work.

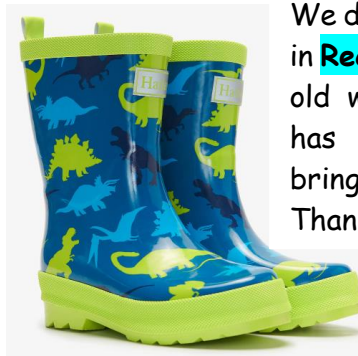
Many thanks go to everyone who supported FoG's uniform and cake sale. As always, the funds raised will be used to support events and buy resources for the children.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to **James** in Year 6 for raising funds in his own time to have our steel pans re-tuned. What a great achievement. Well done, James.

SCHOOL

Well done to everyone who has earned house points this week. Here are the scores so far for this term:

Grangehill 567	Rochester 547
Dunvegan 504	Nesbit 517



We desperately need wellies in **Reception**! If you have any old wellies that your child has grown out of, please bring them into school. Thank you!

RETIREMENT NEWS

We have two members of our teaching staff who will be retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Black has been with us as a teacher and Assistant Head since 2003 and Mrs Miller has been our Nursery teacher since 2004. They are both incredible, hard-working, dedicated and talented members of the Gordon team and we will miss them enormously.

Governors are currently seeking a Deputy Headteacher to join the Senior Leadership Team. The application deadline has passed and 50 candidates applied for the post. It's fantastic that so many people want to work with our wonderful children. We will be interviewing the shortlisted candidates next week.

DIARY DATES

April

Monday 29th Class photographs

May

Thursday 2nd Local elections (Sports Hall) - school open as usual
 Friday 3rd **Cairo** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
 Monday 6th Bank Holiday - school closed
 Tuesday 7th Royal Greenwich Singing Spectacular concert (evening)
 Wednesday 8th **Year 4** trip - London Philharmonic Orchestra
 13th to 16th **Year 6** SATS tests
 Wednesday 15th **Year 5** first aid training
 First aid training for parents and carers (3:30pm to 5pm)
 Friday 17th **Krakow** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
 20th to 24th Walk to School Week
 Friday 24th **Vienna** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
Year 4 Greek Day
 27th to 31st Half term break

June

Monday 3rd Inset Day - school closed
 Tuesday 4th Children return to school
 Wednesday 5th Secondary transition workshops for **Year 6**
 Monday 10th **Year 6** trip to the Royal Observatory
 Thursday 13th Sports Day for **Years 1 & 2** (morning)
 Friday 14th Sports Day for **Years 3 to 6** (morning)
 17th to 21st Dance workshops for **all year groups**
 Tuesday 18th **Year 6** trip to Minnis Bay
 Thursday 20th Empathy workshops for **Year 6**
 Wednesday 26th **Reception** trip to the Royal Observatory
Year 2 trip to the Maritime Museum
 Secondary transition workshops for **Year 6**
 Friday 28th **Adelaide** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)

July

Tuesday 2nd Meeting for new **Reception** parents and carers (September 2024 intake)
 Wednesday 3rd Meeting for new **Reception** parents and carers (September 2024 intake)
 Friday 5th **Sydney** Class Assembly (9:10am / 2:45pm - Middle Hall)
 9th to 11th Gordon Exhibition (Middle Hall)
 Thursday 11th Stay & Play session for new Reception children (3:30pm)
 Friday 12th **EYFS** Sports Day (morning)
 Wednesday 17th **Year 6** Leavers' performance (6pm)
 Thursday 18th **Year 6** Leavers' performance (9:30am)
 Friday 19th 120th Anniversary celebration day
 Tuesday 23rd Last day of term for **Nursery**
Year 6 Leavers' Disco
 Wednesday 24th **Year 6** Leavers Assembly for parents & carers - 11am
 Last day of term for **Year 6** - leave at 11:30am
 Last day of term for **Reception to Year 5**. School closes at 1:30pm

THANK YOU FROM MR TAYLOR



I would like to say a huge thank for all of the great support I had when taking part in the London marathon last weekend. Thank you to everyone who cheered me on - it was lovely to see you! It was an amazing experience and I loved (almost) every minute of it!

Thank you also for your support with sponsorship and donations. I have raised over £2800 for Barnardo's and a lot of that is down to you!

THANK YOU!



JOGGERS

If your child has borrowed a pair of joggers from the Nursery, please remember to wash and return them. We only have a limited number of pairs. Thank you.

We are always looking for more pairs of joggers. If you have any at home that your child has grown out of, we could make good use of them. Please take your unwanted joggers (black and navy blue only) to the Nursery. Thank you.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

If you have concerns regarding a child's wellbeing, care or safety, including bullying, please contact a member of our Child Protection Team: Mr Taylor, Mrs Cuesta, Mrs Black, Ms Newlove and Miss May. You can also call Greenwich Council (020 8921 3172) or the NSPCC (0808 800 5000). In the case of an emergency where you feel a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999.

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Manaus (N) - Polina for showing skill, concentration and perseverance when learning how to saw and whittle wood at forest school

Beijing (R) - Emily for wonderful drama techniques in our 'hotseat' this week

Copenhagen (R) - Johanna for writing a super sentence

Krakow (1) - Brenie for her fantastic effort and participation in phonics sessions

Vienna (1) - Muhammed for the amazing progress he has made with his handwriting

Adelaide (2) - Bryn for great descriptive writing about a dragon

Sydney (2) - Leo persevering with improving his handwriting

Fuji (3) - Kayanna for representing data using bar graphs

New York (3) - Teddy for writing a detailed and interesting newspaper report

Athens (4) - Alice for carefully describing a setting using figurative language

Cairo (4) - Felix for his brilliant and thoughtful contributions to whole class discussions

Memphis (5) - Jayden for consistently working hard in all areas of the curriculum this term

Ouagadougou (5) - Matthew for writing an excellent account in History as a Maya Leader creating a rainforest settlement

Delhi (6) - Otilija for her great work on fractions and percentages in maths

Winnipeg (6) - Pavel for his interesting contributions to discussions about an alternative ending to 'The Landlady'