

Gordon Primary School News

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Be the best you can be!



THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

It has been a very busy week! The **school photographer** visited us on Monday to take individual and sibling shots. You child should have given you a flyer with a QR code that you can scan to access the photos and place orders.

Many thanks to everyone who came along to this week's **Open Evening** appointments. It was great to see you! We hope you found the meetings useful and informative.

The children in **Reception** and **Year 6** had their height and weight screening checks with the school Nursing Team on Tuesday, and **Year 2** enjoyed a **Great Fire of London** workshop. **Year 5** went to Eltham Library on Wednesday afternoon to meet author Clive Jordan.

In Monday's assembly we continued our journey through literature linked to Black History with an Anansi story. On Wednesday, we talked about Diwali which many of our families will be celebrating next week.

This morning's **SEND Coffee Morning** was well attended. Thank you to everyone who came along.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN IN TO WIN A PRIZE!
BEST DECORATED WILL GET A CASH PRIZE.
SPOOKIER THE BETTER!

MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
BRING YOUR PUMPKIN TO GORDON GARDEN
AT MONDAY MORNING DROP-OFF

£20 1ST PRIZE
£10 2ND PRIZE
£5 3RD PRIZE
£1 PER PUMPKIN

Entry fee

If your child will be carving a pumpkin over the half-term holiday, we would love them to enter our **Pumpkin Carving Competition**.

It costs £1 to enter the competition and there are cash prizes!

Please write your child's name and class on the back of their pumpkin and take it to the Gordon Garden in the Key Stage 2 playground on Monday morning. After the competition, we will compost the pumpkins.

All funds raised will be used to buy resources to support the children's use of the Gordon Garden.

DIARY DATES

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

The closing date for ordering Christmas cards and other items with your child's artwork is Wednesday 30th October. Please visit www.sforders.co.uk and follow the instructions on your child's artwork flyer. Artwork went home in book bags on 7th October. Thank you!

November

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

December

Monday 2 nd	Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (pm)
Tuesday 3 rd	Year 3 and 4 Pantomime (am)
Wednesday 4 th	Year 4 - Virtual workshop: Volcanoes
Thursday 5 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (pm)
Friday 6 th	EYFS Christmas Singalong (am) Christmas Discos
Tuesday 10 th	Open session for Nursery children (January intake) - 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 12 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (pm)
Friday 13 th	Year 1 and 2 Nativity (am) Christmas Jumper Day Children's Christmas Lunch
Friday 20 th	Last day of the Autumn Term - school closes at 1:30pm

January

Monday 6 th	Spring term begins - children return to school
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ATTENDANCE

This week we gave Attendance Star Awards to **Dahlia**, **Fuchsia**, **Nigella**, and **Allium** classes! Well done everyone in these classes. We will be announcing this half-term's Attendance Champions when we return after the half-term holiday.

ANTI-BULLYING STEERING GROUP

We are looking for parent and carers to help us to develop our anti-bullying work in school. If you would like to be involved and could attend a termly steering group meeting please get in touch with Ms Newlove newlove@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk so that we can arrange a meeting for November.

Please also get in touch if you have any ideas you want to share but can't attend. We really value parent/carer voice and support. Thank you!

We have sent out our latest Anti-Bullying Newsletter. Please check ParentMail and find out what we have been doing to make our school a safe, welcoming and inclusive space.



friends
of the
Gordon **PTA**

**JOIN US FOR GORDON'S
FAVOURITE NIGHT OUT**

**QUIZ
NIGHT**

**Tickets
£10 per person
BYO drinks &
snacks**

ADULTS ONLY

**Come as a team of six,
or join a team on the night!**

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER
SPORTS HALL, 7PM TIL LATE**

www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofthegordon

Year 2 Maths Workshop for Parents & Carers

Tuesday 5th November
9am to 10am

Middle Hall & Classrooms

Come along, spend some time
with your child in their
classroom and find out how
you can help develop their
maths skills at home.

pageborders.org

PE KIT

Please remember that next half term we are trialling a system where children wear their PE kit to school rather than change in their classroom.

Please note when the children have PE as they will need to come to school in their PE kit on these days:

Bluebell - Tuesday
Candytuft - Thursday
Jasmine - Tuesday
Kalmia - Monday
Allium - Tuesday + Thursday
Violet - Tuesday + Thursday
Nasturtium - Tuesday + Thursday
Nigella - Tuesday + Thursday
Cosmos - Monday
Fuchsia - Monday
Dahlia - Tuesday + Wednesday
Osmanthus - Tuesday + Wednesday
Magnolia - Monday + Wednesday
Wisteria - Monday + Wednesday

REMEMBRANCE

We will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppies after half term. If you would like your child to support this charity, please send them in with a small amount of money. Thank you.



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

We would like to remind the parents and carers of the children in **Year 6** that the closing date for secondary school applications is Thursday 31st October 2024. Please visit <https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/> for more details.

THANK YOU FOG!

We are very grateful to FOG for using some of their funds to buy a class set of Chromebooks and a secure storage trolley. Children across the school have been enjoying using them. FOG have also agreed to pay for new flooring in Nursery and Reception. The old carpets are being replaced with new lino over the half term holiday. Thank you to everyone who has helped raise funds for us.

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