

# Gordon School News

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## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the **Year 2** SATs workshop on Tuesday evening. We hope you now have a much clearer understanding of the national assessments that will take place in the summer. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the handout we produced, please see Mrs Abrey or Miss Kemp.

We hope that the parents and carers who attended the **Year 4** maths workshop on Wednesday morning found it useful and informative.

**Dachshund Class** presented a great assembly on Thursday. They were unable to perform last week due to school closure but it was worth the wait! We all enjoyed their fantastic retelling of *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*.

We were privileged to have two great class assemblies this week. **Collie Class** performed their first ever assembly Friday. They shared super work on the book *The Snail and the Whale*. Well done, Collie Class.

It felt like spring in school today as we had lots of beautiful daffodils in the hall. Representatives from the **London Children's Flower Society** came in to judge the daffodils and, as always, they were impressed by the children's gardening skills. Well done, everyone!

**Years 5 and 6** took part in *Betty for Schools* Sex and Relationships Education workshops today. *Betty for Schools* is a programme for 8 to 12 year olds, designed to help create a generation of girls and boys who are truly at ease talking about periods. The workshops were educational, fun and informative and the children responded in a very mature manner to them.

## GORDON DAY

Gordon Day, our annual celebration of music and singing, will be taking place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Please come along and see just how talented the children are.

- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ~ 9:30am.
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 ~ 2pm.

## NURSERY PLACES

We have started to send out offer letters to families who have requested a place in the Nursery for September 2018. If you received a letter this week please confirm you want the place by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## POSTPONED ACTIVITIES

Dressing up for **World Book Day** will now take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The **Crown Woods Dance Festival** has been postponed until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Friends of the Gordon **Spring Discos** are now taking place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

The **Pop-Up Bike Market** will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

The **Year 5 parent workshop** has been rescheduled for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The theme is the Power of Reading and it will take place at 9:10am in the Middle Hall.

## FOREST SCHOOL & THE POND

We have been without Forest School for a while now because of the hoarding around the huts in the playground. We are hoping there will soon be some news about the future of the huts and in the meantime we have decided to develop the area around the school pond as a second Forest School site. The pond is very large and overgrown and we have dug out a new smaller pond. This should be ready in the next week or so. We will then pump water across and transfer the wildlife. Once this is completed we will fill in the old pond and use this space for Forest School.

We would like to thank FoG for funding the pond-lining and other materials, and Mrs Olding's dad for his fantastic help and advice on creating a new pond.

## LOCAL ELECTIONS

We will be operating as a Polling Station for the local elections on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We will not have to close the school as only the Sports Hall will be used. We are having new, higher fencing erected around the car park so that the public will not be able to gain access to the rest of the school.

## CALENDAR

### MARCH

Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Dogs Trust visiting Year 5 FoG meeting – 7pm (re-scheduled)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dressing Up as Book Characters
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Great Dane Class Assembly, 9:10am Crown Woods Dance Festival (re-scheduled)
19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup>	GSG and Band take part in <i>Greenwich Schools' Music Association</i> performances
19 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dance group visiting
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Pointer Class Assembly, 9:10am Spring Discos (re-scheduled)
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ~ 9:30am</li><li>• Years 3, 4, 5 &amp; 6 ~ 2pm</li></ul>
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Workshop for Year 3 parents, 9:10am Pop-Up Bike Market (re-scheduled)
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	Decorated Egg Exhibition Science Theatre Group visiting End of the Spring Term. School finishes at 3:30pm.

### FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA) REMINDERS

The **Spring Discos** will be taking place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The disco for Years 1, 2, and 3 will be from 3:45pm to 5pm and the Years 4, 5 and 6 disco will be from 6pm to 7:30pm\*. Tickets cost £3 each. Letters about how you can buy tickets were sent out last week. You will need to complete the reply slip and return it with your payment in an envelope to the box by the office or to the class teacher by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

*\* There was a mistake with the times of the discos in the letter that was sent out. The times listed above are the correct times. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.*

**Please note: Paper tickets will not be issued for the disco. Instead, the children's names will be compiled on a list and we will check them in on arrival.**

The next **FoG meeting** will take place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Lower Hall. We will be discussing future fundraising ideas and making decisions on how to spend some of the money we have raised. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### LONDON CHILDREN'S BALLET

We are thrilled that Ruby Cordery in Year 5 has been selected to dance with the London Children's Ballet in their production of *The Canterville Ghost*. Over 670 dancers auditioned for only 56 roles in the company, and Ruby has been rehearsing for the production since the beginning of January. For more details visit the Peacock Theatre's website - <http://peacocktheatre.com/whats-on/-childrens-ballet-the-canterville-ghost/> The production is on from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Good luck, Ruby!

**WELL DONE**

### PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

- Alsatian (N):** Kore, Jack and Kourtney for great role-play
- Basset (R):** Ruby for painting such a lovely African mask
- Beagle (R):** Alicja for super sewing
- Corgi (1):** Avry for his fantastic attitude to learning
- Collie (1):** the whole class for working hard on their assembly
- Dachshund (2):** the whole class for working so well together to produce a great class assembly
- Dalmatian (2):** Eleanor for her continued dedication in all areas of her learning
- Great Dane (3):** Teddy for writing a fantastic summary of a story
- Greyhound (3):** Rio for trying hard to improve his handwriting
- Pointer (4):** Justin for working well with his group to create an imovie
- Pug (4):** Domantas for super effort when writing a story based on the book *Varjak Paw*
- Red Setter (5):** George for working hard on a persuasive letter
- Retriever (5):** Ellie for working hard at using the correct punctuation
- St. Bernard (6):** Kane for writing a fantastic diary entry
- Spaniel (6):** Scarlett for writing an excellent letter

### PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you for completing and returning the questionnaire. We are currently working our way through your responses and will provide feedback soon.

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