

Gordon School News

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EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We had a visit from the **Dogs Trust** on Monday. They worked with the children in Year 5 on how to be a responsible dog owner. The children especially enjoyed spending time with Fudge the greyhound.

Many thanks go to everyone who attended the **Friends of the Gordon** meeting on Monday evening. Please see the item on FoG news for details of our discussions.

On Wednesday, the children dressed up as book characters for our belated **World Book Day** celebration and we marked **SingUp Day** by having a whole-school sing-along. We managed to fit all of the children from Nursery to Year 6 into the Sports Hall and each year group performed a song they had specially prepared. Well done, everyone.

Year 6 had the fortune to skype scientist Julie Bloomaert this week. She spoke with them about her studies in genetics and she answered their questions. This linked to their topic on evolution and inheritance.

Great Dane Class presented a great assembly this morning. We all enjoyed their fantastic work on their PSHE topic: *It's Good To Be Me*. Well done, children!

Dalmatian Class would like to thank Emma's mum for coming in to help them with their artwork today. They cannot wait for next week's follow-up session.

The **Crown Woods Dance Festival** is taking place this evening. Our dancers have been rehearsing hard so we know they will perform brilliantly. Many thanks go to Mrs King, Mr Dean, Mrs Faiers, Mrs Cuesta, Miss Carter, Mrs Bishop and Mrs Hollingum for accompanying the children.

GORDON DAY

Gordon Day, our annual celebration of music and song, will be taking place on **Tuesday 27th March** in the Sports Hall. You are very welcome to join us.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing at 9:30am.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing at 2pm.

DECORATED EGGS

We will be hosting our traditional Decorated Egg Exhibition on the last day of this term. In the past we've seen some truly incredible designs and we cannot wait to see what the children create this year.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to the children in Retriever, Red Setter and Pug classes for their great attendance last week. All three classes managed 99% attendance!

EASTER HOLIDAY DATES

The last day of the Spring Term is Thursday 29th March. The children return on Monday 16th April.

MORE SNOW?

If you have been following the weather reports this week you will know there is a forecast of snow at the weekend. It is not expected to be as severe as the snow we had a couple of weeks ago and we do not anticipate it affecting us to any great extent. However, if there is such heavy snowfall that the school has to close we will inform you via the school website and parentmail as soon as we can.

Hopefully, it will not be necessary, but if you do need to check the website, please close the browser and log out straight away afterwards. This should ensure that the system does not overload so other users can still gain access. Thank you.

POINTER CLASS ASSEMBLY

Pointer Class will perform their class assembly in the Middle Hall at 9:10am and 3pm next Friday. Family members are welcome to join us at whichever time is more convenient.

FUN SNAPS

It has come to our attention that Fun Snaps (small bundles of explosive that bang when thrown on the ground) have been used on the way to school. The recommended age of use for these items is 16. We are concerned that they may frighten young children and other members of the community as well as leaving a trail of litter to the school.

CALENDAR

MARCH

Mon 19 th	Collie Class to the Cutty Sark <i>Greenwich Schools' Music Association</i> performance at St Thomas More Secondary School
Tues 20 th	Corgi Class to the Cutty Sark <i>Greenwich Schools' Music Association</i> performance at St Thomas More Secondary School
19 th to 21 st	Dance group visiting
Thurs 22 nd	Easter Crafts for Foundation Stage, after school
Fri 23 rd	Pointer Class Assembly, 9:10am Spring Discos (re-scheduled)
Tues 27 th	Gordon Day – celebration of music and singing <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 ~ 9:30am• Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 ~ 2pm
Wed 28 th	Workshop for Year 3 parents, 9:10am Pop-Up Bike Market (re-scheduled)
Thurs 29 th	Decorated Egg Exhibition Science Theatre Group visiting End of the Spring Term. School finishes at 3:30pm.

FRIENDS OF THE GORDON (PTA) NEWS

The Spring Discos will be taking place on Friday 23rd 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. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will need to bring a small amount of money with them to buy refreshments.

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

There will be an Easter Crafts session after school on Thursday 22nd March for the children in Reception and Nursery. It will take place in the Lower Hall and we hope to see lots of you there!

Many thanks go to everyone who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening. Those present agreed on items that FoG will be funding. These include some playground improvements suggested by the School Council and a new shelter area in the Reception outdoor space. They have already funded a cookery station and resources for the new pond. Thank you for supporting FoG events.

HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 701 Rochester 718 Dunvegan 751 Nesbit 687

LET'S LEARN FRENCH

We have spaces in our French clubs for Years 1, 2 and 3. They take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30pm. If you would like more information, please contact Angie on 07951 543 470.

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Alsatian (N): Gia and Lara for a beautiful demonstration of their ballet show dance

Basset (R): Harrison for brilliant sewing

Beagle (R): Betty for having good ideas about the best 'skin' for a drum

Corgi (1): Liberty for a fantastic retelling of *The Snail and the Whale*

Collie (1): Tian for wonderful work in maths this week

Dachshund (2): Tommaso for always trying his best and thinking hard

Dalmatian (2): Ruby May for excellent effort in maths

Great Dane (3): the whole class for presenting a wonderful assembly

Greyhound (3): Ella for her amazing progress in swimming

Pointer (4): Salim for writing lovely recounts of *Varjak Paw*

Pug (4): Noah H for working hard to plot co-ordinates to make a *Lion King* picture

Red Setter (5): Giulia for explaining her methods when solving percentage problems

Retriever (5): Gabriel for excellent work on percentages in maths

St. Bernard (6): Teddy for excellent work on angles and co-ordinates

Spaniel (6): Chloe for excellent work on co-ordinates in maths

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