

Gordon School News

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FOG NEWS ~ JUNIOR CAKE SALE

Thursday 24th May, 3:30pm - Sports Hall.

Following on from the success of the Infant Cake Sale back in February, it is now the turn of the bakers from Years 3 to 6. We would love you to enter our **Cake Sale and Competition**. Please bake us some lovely cakes, biscuits, buns, etc. and bring them into the Sports Hall on the morning of Thursday 24th May. We will choose winners for each Year group.

Your bakes will be on sale to the whole school so everyone is welcome to pop along at the end of the day and purchase some delicious treats. Don't worry if baking is not your thing - donations of shop bought cakes are welcome too!

The Infants raised £225 at their Cake Sale. Juniors, can you rise to the challenge and raise even more?

Please remember that every penny raised by FoG is spent on the children! Recently, they have funded toilet refurbishments, the new Forest School, the relocation of the pond and a cookery station for the children.

FOG NEWS ~ FOG FUN RUN

Friday 22nd June – Eltham Park

FoG are delighted to be introducing a brand new event to their fundraising calendar! On 22nd June, the children will be going to Eltham Park to take part in a sponsored run. The course will be a mile long and given the push for schools to embrace the daily mile initiative, this is a great way to start the ball rolling. More information will be coming to you soon.

EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

The school photographer visited us on Wednesday to take class shots. The proofs will be ready in a few weeks' time.

Our *Wheels to School* initiative was incredibly successful last Friday! Huge congratulations go to the winning class - Dalmatian - who enjoyed a fantastic *Bikers' Breakfast* this morning. Many thanks go to our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) for being amazing breakfast assistants!

Today, Retriever Class presented a super assembly where they shared their fantastic learning about the Anglo-Saxons, and Basset Class went to Well Hall Pleasaunce for a Spring Walk. They found lots of signs of new life!

COMING UP ... WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – Monday 21st to Friday 25th May. More details next week!

PARKING UPDATE

Last week we mentioned that we would be reporting dangerous and inconsiderate parking to the Local Authority. We have kept our word on this and will continue to report drivers who are endangering others.

If you have no option but to drive to school, please start your day ten minutes earlier so you can park a few streets away and walk the last few hundred metres. This makes the roads safer, reduces pollution around the school and provides some extra exercise for the children. Please support us with keeping the roads safe.

DATA PROTECTION

You may be aware that the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) come into force on 25th May. In preparation we have:

- appointed a company to perform the Data Protection Officer (DPO) role for us and to ensure we are compliant with the law;
- reviewed our privacy notices
- reviewed our Records Retention Schedule

Our next step is to work with our DPO to update the legal aspects of our Data Protection Policy. Once we have done this, and governors have ratified the new policy, we will post it on our website.

RAMADAN & FASTING

The holy month of Ramadan begins next week. If you are considering whether to allow your child to fast, please read the *Ramadan Fasting Policy* on our website. If your child will be fasting you will need to complete a weekly *Fasting Permission Slip* so we know you have given your consent. Slips are included with the policy and are also available from the school office. Thank you.

YEAR 2 SATS TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS

The Year 2 tests have arrived and we are now in the testing period. The teachers will work with the children on these in small groups in an informal and relaxing manner over the next few weeks. We have been keeping the tests as low-key as possible and hopefully the children will view them as just another type of classroom activity.

YEAR 6 SATS TESTS AND ASSESSMENTS

The Year 6 tests begin next Monday – please see the timetable below. If your child is in Year 6 we recommend that they go to bed at a reasonable time the night before a test. They need a good breakfast and should arrive in plenty of time so the start of the day is as calm as possible. They can bring a snack and a bottle of water. It can be a stressful time for some children, so please ensure they have time to relax and have fun after school. The children have been working hard and we are confident they will do their very best.

- **Monday 14th May ~ Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling**
- **Tuesday 15th May ~ Reading**
- **Wednesday 16th May ~ Maths: Arithmetic
~ Maths: Reasoning (paper 1)**
- **Thursday 17th May ~ Maths: Reasoning (paper 2)**

There is no test for writing so the children will receive a teacher assessment grade instead.

Pupils at the end of Year 6 do not routinely sit a science test, as their performance is ordinarily measured using teacher assessment judgements.

Every two years however, in order to gauge the overall performance of the national population, a sample of pupils sit tests in science. The Department for Education (DfE) selects approximately 1,900 schools to participate. In each of the selected schools up to five pupils are chosen to take the tests, so that approximately 9,500 pupils participate in the sampling tests. This year we have been selected to be part of the sample. If your child is one of the five chosen by the DfE to sit the science test, we will let you know.

CHICKENPOX ALERT

A child in the school has been diagnosed with chickenpox. The infection causes distinctive red spots which can appear anywhere on the body. There might be other symptoms, before or after the spots, including:

- a high temperature above 38°C
- aches and pains, and generally feeling unwell
- loss of appetite

Chickenpox is very itchy and can make children feel miserable, even if they don't have many spots. **DO NOT USE ibuprofen** – it can make someone with chickenpox very ill. Pregnant women, newborn babies and people with weakened immune system should be especially careful to avoid chickenpox as it can be very dangerous for them.

WELL DONE

PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

Alsatian (N): Annie for great mood painting artwork using her left hand as her right arm is broken

Basset (R): Alex for great enthusiasm in phonics sessions

Beagle (R): Candide for fabulous maths

Corgi (1): Isla for writing fantastic descriptions of dinosaurs

Collie (1): Emma Y for always having a positive attitude to her learning

Dachshund (2): Kelly for working hard in all areas of her learning this week

Dalmatian (2): Bobby for renewed dedication to his learning

Great Dane (3): Daniel for a beautiful print of his *happy place*

Greyhound (3): Luke for confidently using the column method to multiply

Pointer (4): Harrison for working hard on our artwork for the exhibition

Pug (4): Zac for always showing a fantastic attitude to learning

Red Setter (5): Vadim for his improved effort with creative writing

Retriever (5): Frankie & Connor M for learning their assembly lines so well and behaving beautifully in rehearsals

St. Bernard (6): Madeleine for giving detailed explanations on how to solve problems in maths

Spaniel (6): Jaimie for writing an excellent newspaper report

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