

# Gordon School News

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*Be the best you can be!*

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Our swimming team earned a well-deserved second place in last Friday's gala! Congratulations! The children in Year 4 showcased their instrumental skills in a concert on Monday. We were all very impressed with how well they can play even after such a short time learning. Reception went to the National Maritime Museum on Monday to attend some storytelling sessions and our band performed at a Bexley special school on Wednesday. On Thursday, Year 6 visited the Museum of London and we held Welcome Meetings for the families of the children who will be joining Reception in September. Finally, this morning, the children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed their Sports Day at Eltham Park, and Red Setter Class had a felting workshop from Luke's mum this afternoon! Phew! It's no wonder we're all feeling tired!

## FoG NEWS

Your amazing fundraising efforts mean that our **Sponsored Fun Run** has now raised over £3,500. Well done and thank you! We will soon be planning the playground improvements we can put in place with this money!

If anyone who has a ticket for next Friday's **Barbeque and Disco** is willing to volunteer on the bar, sweet stall, toy tombola or barbeque for just half an hour please contact us via Facebook (see below) or send an email to: [friendsofthegordon@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofthegordon@gmail.com). All offers of help will be much appreciated! Thank you.

## CALENDAR

### JULY

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Family Picnic, 12pm
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Closed – welcome meetings for new families
	Steel Pans perform, 3:30pm (bandstand)
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Red Setter Class trip to Pizza Express
	Band perform, 3:30pm (bandstand)
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Reports distributed
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	FoG Barbeque & Disco
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production, 6pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery visit to the Environmental Centre
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Disco, 7pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of the Summer Term – finish at 3:30pm

## SWIMMING

Swimming lessons for Years 3 and 4 will continue right up until the end of the term. This means that the last lessons will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July.

The children currently in Year 2 will begin their swimming lessons in September. If your child has little experience of swimming we recommend that you (or a confident family member/friend) take them for a few sessions beforehand. This is a great way for them to build confidence.

## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Rehearsals for the Year 6 Production are well under way and the singing is sounding incredible! The children will be performing for their families on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. On the actual evening, the children will need to meet in the Lower Hall at 5:30pm to get into their costumes. If there are parents who could come in and help us with make-up and face paints we would be very grateful. We also need volunteers who could help with make-up and face paints at 9am on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July for when they do the dress rehearsal to the school. If you can help, please contact Mrs Sanders or Miss Deacon. Thank you!

## MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Next Monday and Tuesday we will be holding musical performances in our Bandstand after school. There will be steel pans on Monday and the School Band on Tuesday. Please come along – you will be very impressed by our talented pupils! FoG will be selling ice-poles, so it will be a great way to enjoy some music and cool down!

## ATTENDANCE

Well done to Pointer, Pug and Great Dane classes for super attendance last week.

## CLASSES FOR 2018 / 2019

Year Group	Teacher	New Class Name	Current Class Name
Nursery	Mrs Miller	Amber	Alsatian
Reception	Miss Kemp	Amethyst	Alsatian
	Miss Ticehurst	Aquamarine	Alsatian
Year 1	Mrs Cullum	Citrine	Basset / Beagle
	Mrs Hollingum & Mrs King	Coral	Basset / Beagle
Year 2	Mrs Abrey & Mrs Cuesta	Diamond	Collie
	Mrs Hill	Emerald	Corgi
Year 3	Mrs Faiers	Jade	Dalmatian
	Miss White	Jasper	Dachshund
Year 4	Miss Knibbs	Onyx	Great Dane
	Mrs Smyth	Opal	Greyhound
Year 5	Mrs Olding	Pearl	Pointer
	Miss Carter	Sapphire	Pug
Year 6	Miss Deacon	Topaz	Red Setter
	Mrs Sanders	Turquoise	Retriever



**easyfundraising** is a free service that allows our school to raise money when our supporters shop online. Over 2,700 retailers give commission when you shop with them via the **easyfundraising** website or app. New joiners can earn us a £4 donation each by following the link below:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/S2JDS1/13YB96>

### BARBEQUE AND DISCO – MESSAGE FROM MR TAYLOR

Whilst I can completely understand some parents' disappointment at not being able to buy tickets for next week's barbeque and disco, I am deeply disappointed to hear how some people have reacted and the negative comments that have been directed at FoG. FoG do an absolutely brilliant job raising money and arranging social events and we are very lucky to have such a hard-working team. Despite what some parents believe, there is a limit to the number of people who can attend this event. The reason for this is that we have to apply for a temporary event notice to sell alcohol and have entertainment. You can see Greenwich council's guidance on event notices here: [http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/860/licence\\_-\\_alcohol\\_and\\_entertainment/716/apply\\_for\\_a\\_temporary\\_event\\_notice](http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/860/licence_-_alcohol_and_entertainment/716/apply_for_a_temporary_event_notice)

If you do not have tickets but would like to attend, please email FoG (address above) to join the waiting list. If there are any returns we will re-allocate the tickets.

## PUPIL COMMENDATIONS

**Alsatian (N):** everyone for enthusiastic participation in Sports Day activities

**Basset (R):** Sammie for fantastic effort in PE lessons

**Beagle (R):** Megan for increased confidence in phonics

**Corgi (1):** Julia for a great design of a house for an elf

**Collie (1):** Rosina for always having a great attitude to her learning

**Dachshund (2):** Jeremiah for working hard in all subjects

**Dalmatian (2):** Nadia for thoughtful and descriptive writing

**Great Dane (3):** Teresa for carefully constructing a mini-shelter

**Greyhound (3):** Mikey for a great improvement in his handwriting

**Pointer (4):** Lily for an outstanding piece of persuasive writing

**Pug (4):** Eliza for working hard in maths lessons

**Red Setter (5):** Luke for always aiming to be the best he can be

**Retriever (5):** Klevis for learning spellings and times-tables consistently throughout the year

**St. Bernard (6):** Max for his enthusiasm on the trip to the Museum of London

### HOUSEPOINTS

Grangehill 786    Rochester 820  
Dunvegan 790    Nesbit 945

### NEW RECEPTION PICNIC

Our annual picnic for the families of the children who will be joining Reception in September will be taking place tomorrow at Well Hall Pleasance. Staff will be there between 12pm and 1pm and families are welcome to stay after that.

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