



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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11<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Our P.E coordinator, Mr. McGwinn, receiving the Gold School Games Mark.**  
The best sporting talent from across Barnet descended on the Arts Depot in North Finchley for the 2019 Barnet Partnership for School Sport Awards evening on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The Barnet Partnership for School Sport (BPSS) Team invited all shortlisted nominees and family members to attend this prestigious event, to celebrate the sporting achievements of the 2018/19 academic year. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2&storyid=115>
- **Girls' Football.** Our girls' football team have started the season strongly. Last Friday, they played All Saints and won 3-1. On Tuesday, they travelled away to The King Alfred School and won again. The team have been training weekly since May and their hard work has obviously started to pay off. They hope to continue their good form after the half-term. Well done everyone and thanks go to Mr McGwinn for his commitment to coaching the team and arranging matches.
- **Black History Event** – Reverend Rex Morton from Golders Green Church, came to talk to the Year 3 children about the work of Desmond Tutu who, many years ago, spent some time as the curate at Golders Green Church. See the latest news on our website for more information <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2&storyid=116>
- **Yom Kippur** The children learnt about this Jewish festival in assembly today.

## Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> will be a non-uniform day and the children are encouraged to wear red and bring a £1 donation.**

Each October 'Show Racism the Red Card' holds its annual 'Wear Red Day'! The 5<sup>th</sup> annual 'Wear Red Day' will take place in England and Wales on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. This is a national day of action which encourages schools, businesses and individuals to wear red and donate £1 to help facilitate the delivery of anti-racism education for young people and adults throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Every penny raised during the event day enables the campaign to work with more young people and adults across the UK, to challenge racism in society.

## Curriculum Meeting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended the curriculum talks today. The slides from the talk are on our website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Year+3&pid=315>

## Secondary Transfer - Choice Advice Service

The Choice Advisor provides advice and assistance to parents when they are in the process of deciding which secondary school they want to send their children to. In particular, the purpose of the service is to provide advice and assistance to enable parents to express a realistic preference for a secondary school for their child. The Choice Advisor can also provide support with completing the Common Application Form.

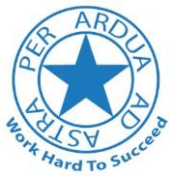
The Choice Advisor, Joanna Zarkadoulas, will be in school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to make an appointment with her, please contact Ms Chalfen in the school office as soon as possible,

***Please remember that the closing date for online secondary transfer applications to be submitted is Thursday 31 October 2019.***

## Brass instrument lessons – spaces are available for the Spring Term

Please contact Ms Chalfen in the office if you would like your child to learn to play a brass instrument (Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tenor horn, Baritone, Tuba).





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## Harvest/Sukkot – thank you for your donations

We are collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). Please see below the types of food we are asking for. Food collected will be displayed in the main entrance until Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, so please bring donations in by Monday. **The Food We Would Like:**

Tins	Packets/Jars
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags

## English Classes for Parents - Every Tuesday 9:15am-10:45am | Infant Dining Room

Lessons are delivered by Melanie Bruck who is a qualified teacher of English . The first trial lesson is free so come along and see what you think! These classes aim to:

- Improve your knowledge of the English language
- Improve your fluency
- Learn more about life, customs and culture in the UK
- Be enjoyable and meet new friends

## PTA Annual General Meeting: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November in the Junior Hall

There will be an Annual General Meeting of the PTA on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November**. At this meeting there will be a review of the year and a new committee voted in. Everyone is welcome.

## The Hanging Seasonal Decoration Competition

The competition was announced in assembly this week. The rules are on the website but here is a quick checklist:

- It must be able to hang - it can't be too heavy and needs a loop at the top
- It can be made from any materials
- It must have your child's name and class on it
- Please bring them in on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October– (no sooner as they may get damaged before they can be hung up around the school)

They will be judged by school council on Friday 1st November.

There is a prize for every year group (a seasonal crafting set) and winners will be announced the following week.

## Funtime Half Term Holiday Club

Funtime will be running their holiday play scheme again this half term for children in both the Infant and Junior schools. It will run every day from 8.30am until 5.50pm for £25 a day. Children can attend for half days (8.30am to 1pm or 1pm to 5.30pm) for a reduced rate of £15 per session. The children will participate in activities such as arts and crafts, team games, cooking, outdoor play and visits to a local park (weather permitting!).

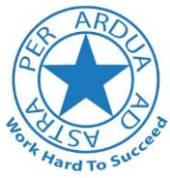
Bookings must be made in advance as if the club doesn't have enough bookings they will have to cancel the play scheme. If you would like to book a place then please telephone/text Sharon on 07506 030 037 or pop in and see them in the dining room before 9am or from 3pm in the afternoon.

Please see the diary dates for the autumn term below. Please note that these will be updated regularly in the weekly newsletter.

Yours sincerely

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## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential trip to The Isle of Wight
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>INSET DAY ~ School closed</b>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Back to School
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Theatre Shakespeare Workshops
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>PTA Annual General Meeting 9:00am Junior Hall</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Young Shakespeare Theatre Trip 'Macbeth'
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Last week of Clubs
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Seasonal Fair- PTA Fund Raising Event
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Term   School closes at 1.30pm</b>

Please note that dates may be added to this calendar over the next few weeks.

