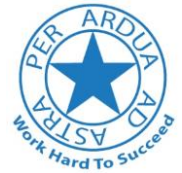


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## Circular 06/2019

18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

### Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Windrush Drama Workshops.** The Year 5 pupils enjoyed black history drama workshops linked to children's experiences during the 'Windrush'
- **Show Racism the Red Card.** Each October 'Show Racism the Red Card' holds its annual 'Wear Red Day'! The 5th annual 'Wear Red Day' took place today. 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. Thank you for your donations today - we raised £203! Every penny raised enables the campaign to work with more young people and adults across the UK, to challenge racism in society. Look out for the pictures on the website that we took in our special assembly today.
- **Harvest/Sukkot.** – Thank you for your donations which have been taken to Homeless Action Barnet this week.
- **Year 6 Residential School Journey.** The Year 6 pupils returned from their residential trip to the Isle of Wight today. I am pleased to announce that the trip was a great success. The children participated with interest and enthusiasm and their behaviour and attitude throughout the week has been exemplary. Thank you to all of the staff who gave their time to make this trip possible. Well done everyone!

### Secondary Transfer - Choice Advice Service

The Choice Advisor, Joanna Zarkadoulas, 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. You can contact Joanna directly on 020 8359 7249 – she is currently on annual leave but will be contactable after half term.

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

### English Half Term Homework

Over the half term, we are setting the children the challenge of reading a book and completing a book review. Children in years 3-5 have been given a template to use if they wish. Children in Year 6 should present their book review in an informative way on A4 paper. Children should hand in their book review to their teacher on Tuesday 29th October 2019.

### Transport for London Competition

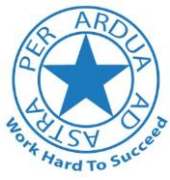
The 'Rights Respecting School' Award (RRSA) is an initiative run by UNICEF UK, which encourages schools to place the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) at the heart of its ethos and curriculum. To coincide with World Children's Day in November, 'Transport for London' are working in partnership with Unicef to launch a competition to design the roundels -the red roundel is the corporate symbol of London Transport- at London underground and bus stations.

Children can also write a 'Thought for the Day' to go on station whiteboards.

More information about this competition is provided on the entry forms being sent home today (and attached here).

The deadline for submission is November 1<sup>st</sup>. All entries must be sent with permission of a parent or guardian. We look forward to seeing the entries!





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## 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).

## 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.

## 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.

## PTA Facebook Group

We are excited to let you know that we now have a Facebook Group for our PTA. You can find it by searching GSJS PTA COMMUNITY in the Facebook search bar. Make sure you search under the tab GROUPS

You will see this:-



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The page has been set up for parents as a fun and sociable way to be kept informed of:

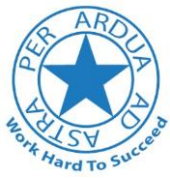
- all PTA events
- how much money is raised
- what the money is being used for

There will also be a chance for you to participate in surveys, polls, volunteer to help and exchange any ideas you may have for fundraising.

If you have any trouble accessing the group please email: [gsjspta@yahoo.com](mailto:gsjspta@yahoo.com)

**Please click the JOIN button so you can be kept informed and be a part of what is a great community!**





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This has been a busy and successful half term. Well done to all of the Year 3 children who have settled well into the Junior School. I am very impressed with how quickly they have settled and how well everyone is doing. Everyone now deserves a holiday!

**School starts for the children on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teache

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

Half Term	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> October	
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.

