



Garden Suburb Junior School

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10th January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new Year! The staff would like to thank you for your good wishes and seasonal gifts at the end of last term.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

Assemblies this week have focused on:

- The new house captains in Year 6. The children are selected to be good role models, to represent their house and take on responsibilities across the school.
- The Australian bush fires were discussed in assembly this week and the links to climate change. Thank you to everyone who donated to our collection to The Red Cross appeal. We will keep the collection open until Monday for those who would like to contribute, and will let you know our final collection figure then.
- Climate change was also the focus of an assembly this week and the impact of Greta Thunberg.

Clothes Recycle Bank – Next collection Tuesday 17th January

Have a clear out this weekend, pop things in a bag and put in the bank. Every little thing helps to raise much needed funds for the school.

PTA Events- Art Gallery Event

All of the children will be taking part in 'Art Day' on Monday 13th January. The children will create their own pieces of art work inspired by the style of the artist their year group are studying. Ask the children to tell you about the year group's chosen artist.

Year 3 Antoni Gaudi - Mosaic Artist

Year 4 Georgia O'Keefe - Painter

Year 5 Banksy - Graffiti Artist

Year 6 Lauren Child - Illustrator

The children's completed work is going to be professionally printed, framed and displayed in a gallery that will be created for pupils and parents to view in the Junior hall. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition- more details to follow next week. Please see the times below and save the date for this exciting event.

Years 3 and 4 on Monday 10th February from 2:30pm – 5:00pm (last entry 4:45pm)

Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 11th February from 2:30pm – 5:00pm (last entry 4:45pm)

Profit raised from this event will be used to buy additional art resources for the children to use.

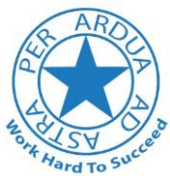
PTA Coffee Morning for Class Reps | Friday 24th January 9:00am Junior Hall

All PTA class reps are invited to attend a meeting to discuss school events. We still have some classes without a class rep. Please contact Rachel Joseph gsjspta@yahoo.com if you are interested in being a class rep.

Cyber Security at Science Museum

If you are looking for a fun day out, London's Science Museum has a free exhibition called 'Top Secret: From Ciphers to Cyber Security'. You can discover the remarkable world of codebreaking, ciphers and secret communications. It is showing until 6th February. Just ensure you book in advance (free) online at <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/top-secret>





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Healthy Lifestyles - PE Kit

We are committed to ensuring that the children receive at least two hours of quality physical education during the week. This is a requirement of the National Curriculum. Children can only participate in lessons if they have suitable kit to wear.

In order for all of our children to participate in PE lessons both securely and safely, it is essential they bring clothing suitable to the activity and weather conditions. During the winter months, clothing for outdoor lessons should afford good freedom of movement but also offer insulation from cold weather, with additional layers essential. Students who are not suitably dressed and experience discomfort will not be appropriately focused and this has an impact on learning.

It is essential that every child bring:

- Trainers (not plimsolls)
- Tracksuit bottoms /joggers/leggings (blue)
- PE T-shirt (yellow)
- Change of jumper/tracksuit top (blue)
- Hats and gloves, suitable for wearing during exercise, are also advisable in order to minimise any discomfort.

It is a parental responsibility to ensure that children have the correct PE kit and are able to fully participate in the National Curriculum. A surprisingly large number of children currently do not have appropriate kit in school on a regular basis.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Spaces are still available in our lunchtime chess clubs. Please use ParentMail to sign up for the relevant age group. There are also spaces in the Fun In Sport clubs (footballs, multisports, gymnastics) and Street Dance.

Class Assemblies

The Years 3, 4 and 5 classes will perform a class assembly over the next two terms. Please see the dates below. The assemblies will be in the Junior Hall. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend. Parents wishing to bring Infant siblings need to inform the Infant School in advance and follow guidance from them regarding registration.

All assemblies will be at 2:30pm

Year 3

Tuesday 21 st January	3S
Tuesday 28 th January	3G
Tuesday 4 th February	3J

Year 4

Tuesday 5 th May	4S
Tuesday 12 th May	4G
Tuesday 19 th May	4J

Year 5

Tuesday 3 rd March	5G
Tuesday 10 th March	5J
Tuesday 24 th March	5S

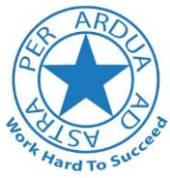
Please see the diary dates below for the Spring Term; additional dates will be added next week.

Yours sincerely

E. Bhavsar

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Diary Dates Spring Term 2020

Monday 27 th January	Year 4 Trip – Tate Britain
Mon 10 th Tues 11 th February (Save the date)	Art Exhibition – PTA fund raising event - more details to follow
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February	Half Term
Monday 24th February	INSET Day School closed to the children
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day - children are invited to dress as book characters
Week beginning 9 th March	Science Week – more details to follow
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 6 Trip – RAF Museum
Monday 6th April- Friday 17th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	Start of the Summer Term

Our PTA is sponsored by local estate agent Ellis & Co in Golders Green. If you are thinking of selling your house, Ellis & Co will take £3,000 off their fee for any parent with a child at our school. They will also donate £1,000 to the PTA if the sale completes with them. Please let the school office know if you are taking up this offer.

