



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Politeness and respect** and **Children's Mental Health Week** have been the theme of assemblies this week.
- **The Year 4 Tate Britain visit:** during 2018-19 schools across London took part in a project led by globally renowned artist, Steve McQueen. Every Year 3 class across the capital was invited to take part in one of the largest group portraits ever made and to see their class photograph among thousands of others in a vast exhibition at Tate Britain in central London. 1,340 London primary schools signed up. Our school was delighted to be a part of this and is excited about our Year 3 class photograph being part of artwork which is now on display in Tate Britain until May 2020, along with thousands of other class photographs from primary schools London-wide. The Year 3 pupils, who are now in Year 4, visited the exhibition on 27<sup>th</sup> January. This short film, with Blue Peter's Radzi Chinyanganya, will give you more information about the project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cuC3zjkZBk&feature=youtu.be>
- **Girls' Football:** Two teams attended a tournament this week. Both teams won their matches and one team qualified for the finals next month. A boys' team will also be attending the finals. Well done everyone!

## Class Assemblies

### Well done to Class 3G for their fabulous assembly on the Ancient Egyptians.

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 4 <sup>th</sup> February	3J
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### Year 4

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	4S
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	4G
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	4J

### Year 5

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	5G
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	5J
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	5S

## Maths Week- Cake Sale Next Friday

Next week is NSPCC Maths week – see the letter that was sent home last week, and attached again. We will be having a mathematical cake sale during playtime so please send your cakes/biscuit donations in with your child in the morning. [Every child will get a cake on the day](#) and any that are left over we will sell in the playground at the end of the day. Please make a donation if you are able to – suggested £1. We will be splitting any money raised between the NSPCC and the school to purchase maths resources.

## PTA Events- Art Gallery - Save the date!

All of the pupils created 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:

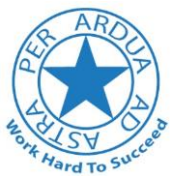
**Year 3** Antoni Gaudi , **Year 4** Georgia O'Keefe, **Year 5** Banksy **Year 6** Lauren Child

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- the order form will be sent home on Monday. 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)

The PTA raises £1.50 for every A3 framed picture purchased. Profit raised from this event will be used to buy additional art resources for the children to use.





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## PTA Fund Raising Event 'Inside Out Day' - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

The week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February is Children's Mental Health Week. Our school places a very high priority on the emotional health of our children and we offer support to children and families through a variety of different agencies. The school pay over £4,600 per year to buy in additional support from health care professionals. This enables help for groups and individuals and supports parents as well as providing training on emotional health for staff.

To acknowledge Children's Mental Health Week - **Inside Out Day calls for the children to wear an item of their uniform 'Inside Out' next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** as a way of making them all stop and think about how someone may look on the outside but inside they may be feeling sad or worried. I talked to the children about this in assembly today.

The theme of assembly was 'Being Brave'. Bravery comes in all shapes and sizes and is different for everyone. Bravery can be about sharing worries and asking for help, trying something new or pushing yourself outside your comfort zone. Finding your Brave can build your confidence, self-esteem and make you feel good about yourself.

Being brave can mean facing a situation when you're unsure about something and having a go anyway. Sometimes big and uncomfortable feelings or emotions can get in the way of being brave. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself. As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out some free resources by visiting: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

The aim of 'Inside Out Day' is to remind the children to always be kind and think of others. We want children to appreciate that we don't always know how a person may be feeling and that it's OK to talk about what they are feeling on the inside.

We will be collecting donations outside the school at drop off and monies raised from 'Inside Out Day' will help to fund emotional support for the children and families in our school. Suggested donation is £1 - however anything you would like to contribute would be gratefully welcome. **PLEASE NOTE THE ITEM OF 'INSIDE OUT' CLOTHING MUST BE SCHOOL UNIFORM - NO REGULAR CLOTHES**

## Attendance

There has been an increase in the number of children with attendance below 90%. I am aware that a small number of parents take children on holiday but claim that they are ill. There is also an increased number of families wishing to visit relatives who have fallen ill in other countries immediately before or after school holidays.

As a result, all absences taken either side of a school holiday will be treated as unauthorised and notified as such to the Local Authority, unless there is supporting evidence. The burden of proof of illness of a child or an emergency flight booking will rest on the parent and will not be chased by the school. Where such evidence is not supplied a Fixed Penalty Notice will be issued. Chasing parents for explanations for absences is time consuming and is not an efficient use of our resources.

## PTA Garden Suburb School Lottery ..... *you have got to be in it to win it!*

Congratulations to Mrs P who was the winner of our very first Garden Suburb School Lottery Draw.

Good Luck to everyone for the next draw tomorrow night! 205 tickets sold to date. £61.50 Guaranteed Prize - this will go up as tickets are sold. The winner will be announced next week. Follow the link to get your tickets: [Your School Lottery](#)

Please see the diary dates below for the Spring Term; **additional dates have been added this week.**

Yours sincerely

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## Diary Dates Spring Term 2020

Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Maths Week</b> – see details sent on ParentMail and brought home
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February – change of date	<b>'Inside Out' fundraising day</b> – more details to follow
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> / Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> February (Save the Date)	<b>Art Exhibition</b> – PTA fund raising event - more details on Monday
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 9:15am – 9:30am	<b>Brass Concert</b> - brass parents/carers warmly invited to attend
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day   School closed to the children</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm - 8:00pm	<b>Year 6 SATs Meeting</b> for Year 6 parents
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 9:00am-10:00am	<b>PTA Meeting – Class Reps meeting with Mrs Bhavsar</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> - children are invited to dress as book characters
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science Week</b> – more details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 6 Trip</b> – RAF Museum
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> – <i>booking details nearer the time</i>
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 5:00pm- 7:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> - <i>booking details nearer the time</i>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term

