



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Internet Safety** was a focus this week in assembly. Our digital leaders led an assembly to the whole school. This is an example of how 'pupil voice' can have an impact on our curriculum.  
We have recently had to remind children and parents about being involved in WhatsApp groups. Children do not have the maturity to be part of these groups and inappropriate language and bullying has recently been a problem. This is all happening at home and should be monitored by parents.  
**In line with many other schools (including secondary schools), we have reviewed our mobile phone policy for lone travellers: from the beginning of the summer term, lone travellers will not be permitted to bring smart phones or smart watches into school. Children will only be allowed to bring 'brick phones' which have no access to the internet / any social media. These can be purchased for as little as £15 (Tesco/ Argos). If your child already owns a smart phone, this can be purchased as a second phone / second number just for lone travel to and from school. Parents need to have this in place by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 please.**
- **Art Gallery:** Thank you to the Mini Masterworks team for providing the fabulous gallery. Over the 2 days, 273 pictures were sold out of the 352 that were on show and as a result we raised £2 per picture rather than the usual £1.50. In total we raised £546. The school has also purchased one picture from each class to be displayed around the school. Thank you everyone for supporting this event and to Miss Quinn, art co-ordinator for coordinating it.  
**Anyone still wishing to purchase a print can contact the company direct: [lucy@minimasterworks.co.uk](mailto:lucy@minimasterworks.co.uk)**
- **Rugby** - children from Y5 and Y6 attended Allianz Park - home of Saracens - to take part in a rugby tournament. As well as making tackles and scoring tries, the children showcased excellent sporting behaviour with one of our players even stepping in for the opposition when they were a player short.
- **Football tournaments** - both our girls' and boys' football teams were fortunate enough to qualify for the finals of the borough football tournament. Both teams enjoyed testing themselves against strong opposition.

**Barnet Nightingales FC**, the first female-only club in Barnet, are currently looking for female players of all ages from 9 to 16 and also anyone over 18 who wishes to volunteer to coach a team. Please contact them directly on [barnetnightingalesfc@gmail.com](mailto:barnetnightingalesfc@gmail.com)

## 'Bling your Bike, Sparkle your Scooter' competition

Garden Suburb Infant and Junior School will be holding a 'Bling your Bike, Sparkle your Scooter' competition **on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** to encourage active travel and creativity. You can use brightly coloured paper or card, old bits of fabric, tape, tinsel, pipe cleaners, balloons, or anything you like to make your bikes and scooters look as good as you can! You do not need to buy new materials; you can use recycled materials. Please remember you still have to ride your bikes and scooters to school – so nothing trailing in the spokes, wheels or on the ground and nothing which will make the bike unstable. Don't forget to decorate your helmet too! If you are unable to bring your scooter or bike into school, please take a picture instead so your effort can still be rewarded. The top 3 entries for both schools will be selected and displayed. Parents and carers, feel free to have a look at all entries at the end of the day. There will be prizes for the best decorated and most creative bikes!

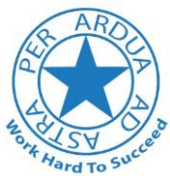
## School Uniform

From April 2020 we are moving our uniform suppliers to the local shop '**Uniform 4 Kids**'. We have taken the opportunity to review our uniform and have introduced an updated PE kit. Anyone considering purchasing the new PE Kit is advised to wait and purchase it in April. The new PE Kit is on display in the main entrance.

## SATs Meeting for Year 6 Parents- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm-8:00pm

We will be holding a meeting to give more details about how parents can support their children in the preparation for the end of Key Stage 2 SATS.





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## Class Assemblies

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 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

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

Congratulations to Mr M who won last week's School Lottery Draw.

If you haven't signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000:

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>

Good luck everyone!

## Easyfundraising

You could WIN a £500 donation for the school in the #easyfundraising Raise to Win competition! The School get a FREE entry for every supporter who signs up using our unique referral link before 24th February:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/referrals/?origin=CA450&carpos=2>

## Funtime February 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. 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. Please see attached flyer for more details.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2020

Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day   School closed to the children
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 7:00pm - 8:00pm	Year 6 SATs Meeting for Year 6 parents
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 9:00am-10:00am	PTA Meeting – Class Reps meeting with Mrs Bhavsar
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - children are invited to dress as book characters
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week – more details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Trip – RAF Museum
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations – booking details nearer the time
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 5:00pm- 7:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations - booking details nearer the time
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term

