



Garden Suburb Junior School

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6th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Coronavirus Update

I would like to reassure you that we have not been made aware of anyone in our school community who has travelled to infected areas nor who has been exposed to the virus. I will keep you updated if the situation changes.

Good hygiene is being encouraged at school, and we ask you to also talk to your children about the importance of hand washing and disposal of used tissues. This week our attendance has been 97.16% which is excellent. The additional focus on handwashing seems to have improved the general health of the children, who have been extremely sensible and have responded well to the guidance we have given them. Thank you for your support too.

Some pupils require their own hand wash soap due to allergies etc. Please inform the school in writing and ensure the container is labelled clearly for your child to place in the sink area in the classroom.

Please see the following link for a Newsround clip that you may want to watch with your child.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51204456>

The government are advising not to travel to infected areas at the moment

Advice to returning travellers:

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days, even if you do not have symptoms:

- Iran
- Hubei province in China
- [lockdown areas in northern Italy](#)
- [special care zones in South Korea](#)

Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people if you've travelled to the UK from the following places in the last 14 days and have a cough, high temperature or shortness of breath, even if your symptoms are mild:

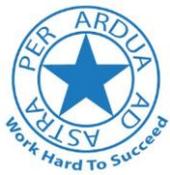
- mainland China outside of Hubei province
- Italy outside of the [lockdown areas](#)
- South Korea outside of the [special care zones](#)
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- Japan
- Laos
- Macau
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Singapore
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Vietnam

Use the [111 online coronavirus service](#) to find out what to do next. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital.

Meanwhile, we will continue to follow Public Health England guidance and we urge you to do the same:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>





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Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Fairtrade:** An assembly took place on Fair Trade on Monday and children have focused on this in class. We hope you had a Fairtrade breakfast at home today. We plan to have one in school in the summer term if we feel it is safe to do so. Thank you for your understanding.
- **Birthday Treats:** In order to reduce the amount of hand/mouth contact we are not permitting children to share any kind of treats in class until further notice.
- **World Book Day:** Yesterday, the children celebrated World Book Day with the following activities:
 - An assembly led by the Bookworms celebrating World Book Day
 - Dressing up as a book character. The children looked fantastic and made such an effort
 - Listening to a story being shared by a teacher from across the school. Teachers shared some of their favourite stories with other classes
 - Competing a 'scavenger hunt' in the library. Classes were set the task of finding a list of words in books in the library
 - Partner reading with a child from another year group
 - Children from the Climate Council also presented each class with a copy of 'No One Is Too Small to Make a Difference' by Greta Thunberg to encourage children to take the issue of climate change seriously.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we also held our annual Scholastic book fair. For every book sold, the school receives a percentage of the money to spend on books from the Scholastic website. This will be used to buy new books for the school library and individual class libraries, as well as replacing dictionaries across the school. Thank you very much to the parents/carers who volunteered their time to support.

- **Tag rugby:** a team of children from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Colindale Primary School on Monday to play a game of tag rugby. Our team were able to show good pace and trickery to score lots of tries as well as working together to form a solid defence.
- **Year 4 football:** Two teams participated - a mixture of boys and girls - in a Year 4 football tournament at Barnet Powerleague. Both teams were able to keep a good shape, dribble with skill and make good decisions about when to pass the ball. One team were fortunate enough to win the tournament whilst the other team finished in third place.

Science Week Next Week

The children have got a week of engaging scientific activities to look forward to next week.

- Look out for the 'Duck Cam' on our website from Tuesday. You will be able to enjoy the hatching of the ducklings from the comfort of your own home
- The house captains will share some magical science in their House assemblies
- Classroom doors will be decorated on the theme of 'Our Diverse Planet'
- Parents who have jobs with a science background will talk to the children about their work
- A Science Fair will be provided by the Year 6 children for all of the other year groups to visit

Class Assemblies

Well done to 5G for their fabulous assembly on Climate Change. The children did extremely well managing without Mr David. Thank you to Mrs Jain for covering the class and rehearsing with the children in his absence. Thank you also to Miss Baker and Mrs Alvares for supporting the children on the day. I am pleased to announce that Mr David has recovered from his back injury and is now back in class.

Please see the dates below for the rest of the assemblies 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.**

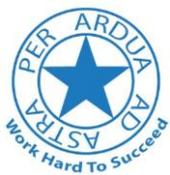
Year 4

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

Year 5

Tuesday 10th March 5J
Tuesday 24th March 5S





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MESSAGES FROM THE PTA....

➤ **EASYFUNDRAISING** easyfundraising.org.uk

4,000 shops and sites will donate to Garden Suburb Junior School - Childs Way for free when you use #easyfundraising to shop online. This includes all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, M&S, Moonpig, Viking, Groupon, Waitrose, Screwfix, uSwitch and many more – so you can raise no matter what you’re buying! https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsj/?block-header=true&utm_campaign=raise-more%26utm_medium

➤ **ASTRA CLOTHING RECYCLING BANK - Next collection is Tuesday 10th March 2020**

Having a spring clean? There’s no need to hoard all your old clothes, sheets, towels, bags, belts and shoes. Pop them in a bag and drop them in our Green Clothing Bank located in the Junior Playground at drop off or pick up and help to raise some much needed funds for our school. You can get rid of as little or as much as you like!

➤ **FACEBOOK PAGE**

Our facebook page is run by our PTA Chair, Rachel Joseph just for parents/carers. Join our group today to be kept up-to-date on all PTA and school events, chat with other parents and become part of a great community.

Search for GSJS PTA COMMUNITY under Facebook Groups or follow this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSJSPTACOMMUNITY/> and request to join - it's a simple as that!

(Please note your personal facebook profile will not be public to the group unless your privacy settings allow it to be)

➤ **PTA GARDEN SUBURB SCHOOLS LOTTERYyou’ve got to be in it to win it!**

This lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children! We hope to raise funds that can support and enrich the education of our children - we aim to provide extra resources for the children and improve the school environment. Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

How the lottery works

£1 per ticket. For every ticket you play, 76% goes to our school and prizes. If you haven’t signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>

Good luck everyone!

Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Playground - Monday 9th March from 3:10pm. Items cost around £1 each and are clean and of good quality. Please do come along! All proceeds support the Infant and Junior PTA.

Please see the diary dates below for the Spring Term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

Diary Dates Spring Term 2020

Week beginning 9 th March	Science Week
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 6 Trip – RAF Museum
Thursday 26 th March 3:30pm – 6:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations – booking details nearer the time
Friday 27 th March 9:00am- 10:00am	PTA Meeting – Class Reps meeting with Mrs Bhavsar
Tuesday 31 st March 5:00pm- 7:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations - booking details nearer the time
Monday 6th April- Friday 17th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	Back to School Start of the Summer Term

