



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carers

Well done everyone! It is clear, from the communication the teachers have had with you this week, that you are accessing our home learning. We value staying in touch and it was also good to hear that you and your children are safe and well.

We know that asking you to return the reflection sheet is adding to your workload but it seems that most of you are also valuing staying in touch. **Please make the effort to return the reflection sheet on Fridays.** Teachers have to manage their workload as they are working in school as well as planning the work for next week. Mondays and Tuesdays are allocated to emailing their feedback.

We do expect all families to stay in touch weekly now and, as this is a safeguarding requirement, **we will be concerned if we do not hear from you.**

Teachers may also contact you by phone and this may be from their mobiles at home. They will usually call between 9:00am - 3:30pm so please do answer if you get a call from a withheld number.

## Good News

As well as hearing about the school work your children were doing, it was lovely to hear about the other things that your children are experiencing. They have been baking, learning to do chores around the house e.g. laundry (did you know that children who are expected to do chores evidently do better at university?!), gardening, helping younger siblings, having zoom meetings with family and friends, and spending more time skyping grandparents and elderly relatives.

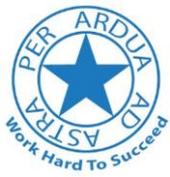
Mei 5S and Jui 4S have been inspired by Captain Tom's achievements. They have decided to challenge themselves to help raise funds for the NHS. Their target is to run the equivalent of a full marathon (42.195km) in a week, every week, until they go back to school. They completed their first milestone of a marathon at the weekend and have already raised in excess of £3,000. Well done!

## Wellbeing

We are all finding working at home and the uncertainty about the future very tiring and stressful. Prioritising your child's wellbeing, as well as your own, is essential. We are also aware that for Year 6, in particular, there is a lot of sadness about missing their final term at school. We are working on how we can support more with this.

We have included some mindfulness activities in our home learning and some other wellbeing activities but we feel it is so important we are going to develop an area on the webpage with some additional wellbeing ideas. We will send you the link when it is ready. Attached to this newsletter is a template for wellbeing cards you might like to use in the meantime.





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## Uniform

As you are aware, our uniform supplier is now **Uniform4Kids on the Finchley Road**. Our previous supplier, PMG Schoolwear, have supported our school for a number of years in the provision of the uniform for all our families, providing good quality items and online service. We are only moving away from them due to the convenience of a local store for our families to visit to purchase uniform – once the restrictions are lifted of course! - as well as online and telephone mail order.

We would like to say a big thank you to Paul Gelernter and all his team at PMG Schoolwear for their support over the years. We are looking forward to building a new relationship with a different Paul (Beresford) and his team at Uniform4Kids going forward. Our website will be updated soon with all the new ordering information and an updated uniform list with prices.

Enjoy the weekend and a break from home learning. Don't forget that next week you will only have four days of home learning as we insist that you take off the Bank Holiday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. You and your children deserve it!

We are missing you all. Stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

