



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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## Newsletter 07/2020

9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

### Curriculum Events

#### Black History Month

Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we have focused on Black History month for many years. This year we will be incorporating aspects of black history throughout the year across the curriculum.

This week all year groups began their focus on an aspect of Black History:

**Year 3** - Desmond Tutu who was once the curate at Golders Green Parish Church.

**Year 4** – Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South.

**Year 5** - Floella Benjamin’s book ‘Coming to England’ and also ‘The Windrush’.

**Year 6** - Slavery and injustice.

#### World Mental Health Day – Wear Yellow to School on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 is World Mental Health Day. This day is dedicated to promoting the understanding of mental health education, awareness and advocacy.

On Monday, in class, the children will be talking about World Mental Health Day. They will be having class assemblies to discuss the importance of learning how to recognise and deal with difficult emotions or thoughts. To raise awareness, we are asking the children to wear something ‘Yellow’ on Monday. This can, of course, be their yellow school top or any other yellow garments they may have- hats, hairbands, trousers, etc.

#### Harvest/Sukkot

As part of our focus on Harvest/Sukkot this focus we will be collecting food for **Homeless Action Barnet (HAB)**. Please see below the types of food we are asking for. Food will be collected in the main entrance until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring donations into school next week.

#### The Food We Would Like:

<u>Tins</u>	<u>Packets/Jars</u>
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Pasta Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags

#### Showbie - Parental Engagement is Important

Although the children are progressing well with ‘Showbie’, it is really important that parents also engage with this resource. In the event of a school closure, or need to self-isolate, ‘Showbie’ will be used. It is much better for you to trouble shoot any problems now so that you are able to support and motivate your child.

A guide for parents is available in ‘Home Learning’ on the website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Zone&pid=323>

If you have any further questions, or if your child has difficulties accessing their account, please contact your class teacher using your class email. (class number)@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk





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## Getting in touch with the school

**Making contact with your child's teacher** – you can make contact with your child's class teacher by email. These emails are detailed on the school website: <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238>

**Attendance and Welfare issues** – should be directed to Mrs Morgan Chiswick at [mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk)

**Urgent messages** - should be sent to the School Business Manager - Ms Bailey in the school office [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

## Secondary Transfer Information for Year 6 Parents

Information about Secondary Transfer can be accessed on our website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>

Most secondary schools are now offering virtual open evenings. We are forwarding details of zoom open evening meetings as and when we are informed of them. However, not all schools are informing us. It is therefore recommended that you visit the websites of the schools that you are interested in, as soon as possible, to find out more details of their open evenings.

## School Photographs

An individual 'proof copy' was sent home last week and you will be able to purchase your child's school photograph directly from the photographer. **Orders can be made up until Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

## PTA Lottery- You have got to be in it to win it!

Congratulations to Mr C who is our latest Garden Suburb School Lottery Winner. If you haven't signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000. Next draw takes place this Saturday 10th October

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

Good luck everyone!

From the PTA

Finally, I am still pleased to report that there has been no positive Covid-19 tests reported within our community this week.

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**If your child does develop symptoms, please do not bring them to school. You must seek advice from NHS 111**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or you can speak on the phone by calling 111. They will advise you if you should book a Covid-19 test. To book a test you can also call 119. Please inform Mrs Morgan Chiswick of any test results by email: [mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

*E. Bhavsar*

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