



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Newsletter 08/2020

16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS – IMPORTANT

We have a new welfare and attendance email address so please update your contact details.

Attendance and Welfare issues should now be directed to Mrs Morgan Chiswick at the new email address welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Other Urgent messages should be sent to the School Business Manager - Ms Bailey in the school office office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

We are a 'Nut Aware' School

Several children have severe food allergies and we ask that all children **do not bring items containing nuts into school** either for snack or packed lunch. We have noticed that some children are accidentally bringing products like Nutella products, Naked Bars and some have brought nuts to school as well. Please support our school policy of avoiding nuts in school in order to keep everyone safe.

False Alarm

Yesterday we had to evacuate the building at lunch time as the fire alarm went off. It was a false alarm. Nobody was in danger at all but the fire brigade arrived to do some double checking. The children were extremely sensible and went to their lining up positions extremely calmly. As the firefighters walked across the playground, the children spontaneously gave them a round of applause as they left the premises, which was quite a memorable moment. Understandably some children were distressed by this incident and you may need to reassure them, as I did, that everyone was safe and there was nothing to worry about. Please congratulate them again on how sensible they all were.

World Mental Health Day

We held year group assemblies on Monday to discuss mental health with the children. We talked about what they could do if they were feeling worried or stressed and also strategies to maintain good mental health.

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>

Please remember that the deadline for submitting applications is **31st October 2020**.

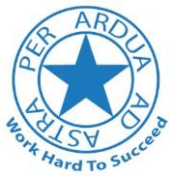
School Photographs

An individual 'proof copy' was sent home a couple of weeks ago and you will be able to purchase your child's school photograph directly from the photographer. **Orders can be made up until Sunday 25th October 2020**.

Parking Buddies

I am sure that you will have noticed our parking notices asking parents not to park or drop off on the Willifield slip road. Thank you to the members of the PTA who have monitored parking in that area and are continuing to encourage parents to have more awareness of safety





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Food Collection

We have been collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). Thank you very much for your donations.

Showbie - Please look at your child's account to see work that they are proud of.

In class most of the children have now uploaded some work that they are most proud of, and would like to share with their parents. Please support your child by taking a look.

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 by email. The class teacher's emails are detailed on the school website:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238>

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

Congratulations to Mr W 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

Attendance and Punctuality: Please note that your child should arrive at school by between 8:40am and 8:55am.

If your child arrives after 8:55am they are late. Please ensure that you supervise your child in Childs Walk, before school starts, in order that they maintain a social distance from other children. If your child is a lone traveller (Y5 and Y6 pupils only) please ensure that you talk to them about coming straight to school and not to wander around the shops on the Finchley Road. It has been reported to us that some children are dropped off by parents and instead of coming straight to school they are lingering on other roads around the school. This is not safe.

Thank you everyone for your vigilance with monitoring your children's health. Our attendance over the last couple of weeks has been 96% which is excellent. Although London is now facing tighter restrictions, there has still been no positive Covid-19 tests reported within our community this week.

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 on the new welfare email address: welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Yours sincerely

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