

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I spoke to the children in their year group assemblies on Tuesday to welcome them back to school and told them how delighted their teachers were the school is remaining open during the new lockdown. We will be continuing to follow all of the health and safety requirements detailed in our Covid-19 risk assessment and advise you too to follow all government guidelines regarding lockdown.

**If your child does develop symptoms, 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 ensure that you follow all advice regarding testing and self-isolating** and inform Mrs Morgan Chiswick of any test results on the new welfare email address: [welfare@gajs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gajs.barnetmail.net)

## Curriculum Events

Over the next month you will need some support with keeping your children entertained. The staff have asked me to draw your attention to the following competitions you could encourage them to enter.

Please see the competition page on the school website for more details of the competitions listed below

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Competitions&pid=530>

- **Seasonal Decoration Competition** - we have extended the deadline to Wednesday 11th November.

The decoration can be made from any material - paper, felt, pipe cleaners, pom poms etc. and must:

- be able to hang - it can't be too heavy and needs a loop at the top
- be labelled with your child's name and class.

Children should bring their decoration to school on Wednesday 11th November. The competition will be judged by School Council on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. A winner will be awarded in each year group. The prize will be a box of seasonal crafting materials. We are looking forward to seeing your creative designs.

- **TT Rock Stars Competition** - we are taking part in 'Rock Out 2020', a competition for Maths Week. It

Can be accessed online via <https://play.ttrockstars.com> All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 9th to Saturday 14th November. In the spirit of the competition, please do not play on their behalf. Please do encourage and support your child to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family time. We suggest a limit of 45 minutes a day – some will play more, some will play less.

- **'Design a Secret Garden'** - The Royal Horticultural Society have launched a competition to celebrate the release of 'The Secret Garden' on Sky. Here is a link to the RHS website where there is a short video from the young actress who played Mary in the film promoting the competition.

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/The-Secret-Garden>

If your child wishes to enter, they need to use the entry form that was sent by ParentMail today and give their entry to their class teacher by Monday 16th November.





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- **Showbie - we are currently testing the new video chat option.** Thank you for your patience and support while we sort out some start-up problems. 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>

**Next week - Year 3 and Year 4** will be having their sessions after school. A separate Parentmail has already been sent with the dates and times for each class.

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

Congratulations to Miss O 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 7<sup>th</sup> November**.

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

Good luck everyone! From the PTA

## Making contact with the school

We always like to hear from parents and carers in our community but would ask that all **non-urgent** messages be sent to the school by email to the following contacts below.

- **Class teacher:** Various | (**class number**)@gsjs.barnet.sch.net
- **Welfare and Attendance:** Mrs Morgan Chiswick | [welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net)
- **Other messages:** Ms Bailey | [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)
- **Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman | [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

## Payment of Lunch Money

Some families have forgotten to pay for lunch money this half term. It is completely understandable as at the start of the Autumn Term we only gave the option of paying for the first half term, due to the uncertainty of how reopening would go. Please return to the shop on your ParentMail account and pay for this half term.

## Attendance and Punctuality

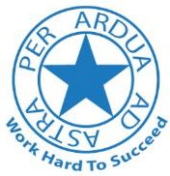
Out attendance today was 97.7% which is fabulous! Regular attendance and punctuality is so important.

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) talk to them about coming straight to school and not to wander around the shops on the Finchley Road.

## Health and Safety Reminders

- Ensure that your child always brings a coat to school
- Ensure trainers are suitable. Some are decorative fashion accessories that are not safe for PE
- Ensure packed lunches include healthy options with no nut products





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Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

*E. Bhavsar*

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

