

Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Democracy** was the theme of assemblies this week. The children learnt about the significance of the Magna Carta and the process of how laws are made.
- **Y5 Black History Workshops** - The Year 5 classes took part in Black History workshops today. They learnt about:
 - **Mary Seacole** who is known for her medical work in the Crimean war.
 - **Claudia Jones** who founded Britain's first major black newspaper and helped start the Notting Hill Carnival.
 - **Lilian Bader** who was one of the first Black women to join the British armed forces.

Flu Vaccine

On Wednesday 2nd December the Barnet Health Team will be in school to give the flu vaccine to the children whose parents have given permission. All parents/carers have been asked to confirm **yes or no** on the online portal. If you haven't given your response yet, please do so by Monday.

PTA Notices

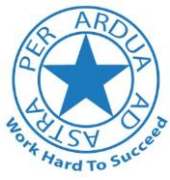
- **PTA Lottery - You have got to be in it to win it!**
Congratulations to Mr C who is our latest Garden Suburb School Lottery Winner. If you haven't signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000. Next draw takes place this **Saturday 28th November**.
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>
Good luck everyone! From the PTA.
- **Discounts for Parents/Carers - Support small businesses and help support GSJS PTA fundraising.** The PTA are delighted to be able to offer you the following discounts from these fantastic two companies who are helping to support our PTA.
- **Christmas Trees** - Holidays are coming 🎄🎅🎄. Get a discount when you buy a gorgeous real Christmas Tree and help to raise money for our school. Please use the code '**GARDEN**' to get your discount.
Buy your tree here: <https://christmastreeexpress.co.uk/>
- **Wooden Gifts** - www.esjaylondon.co.uk Use Discount code: GARDEN10

Seasonal Events

Restrictions due to Covid-19 are obviously limiting our seasonal events. Wherever possible we are trying to incorporate some seasonal fun!

- **Seasonal Performance** - the children are rehearsing class performances which we hope to be able to share through 'Showbie' (if the technology works!)
- **Seasonal Door** – all classes are decorating their doors with a seasonal theme
- **Seasonal Post Boxes** – will be in each class if your child wishes to send a seasonal card to their friends
- **'Wear Your Seasonal/Favourite Jumper to School' Friday 11th December – suggested donation £1**
We are taking part in this fundraising day for 'Save the Children'. This is a non-uniform day and the children are invited to bring a donation in for the charity.
- **Parties** – all classes will be having a party, more detail to follow.





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Attendance

Our attendance remains high. **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@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

It has been our custom for many years for the children to say 'thank you' to our support staff, for all that they do for the school, by giving them a Christmas gift. These are invaluable members of staff whose dedication and hard work is often unseen. This includes our: meal time supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaning staff, caretakers Mr Adolphe and Mr Shepherd and the team of learning support assistants.

We would be very happy to receive your donations – please send any donations, in a **sealed envelope marked 'Support Staff Christmas Gifts'** and ask your child to hand to their class teacher, by **Friday 4th December**, thank you.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

