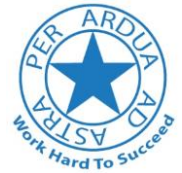


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Newsletter 7/2021

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

We have achieved a great deal in the last few weeks:

- The partnership between school and home is working well and communication with our families is ensuring that the children are safe and supported during this difficult time
- The use of 'Showbie' and 'Zoom' live sessions is going well and is facilitating quality home learning
- The year group key worker classes are set up and are also supporting our vulnerable pupils
- Our 'blended learning' offer is ensuring that the children who are learning at home, as well as those who are learning at school, are getting quality provision
- Our vulnerable pupils and families are being supported through a range of initiatives
- The free school meal voucher system has been set up and vouchers have been issued to parents
- The DfE laptops have been set up and offered to those in need of technology

I am extremely proud of what we have achieved thanks to my hard working and committed team.

Thank you to the teaching staff who have adapted effectively to the use of 'Showbie' and recording of lessons etc. whilst also taking shifts in our key worker school.

Thank you to our dedicated, hard-working and adaptable team of support staff. A special well done and thank you, during the last few weeks, as support staff have taken on a greater teaching role in the key worker classes and or on zoom to groups and individuals. This has relieved workload for teaching staff, especially when teachers have been unavailable to work in school.

Thank you parents! You are doing a great job. It is difficult to keep children motivated during this period. Celebrate what your child does achieve and be kind to yourself. We are aware that this is a difficult period for everyone and some families are struggling with completing all of the work that we are providing.

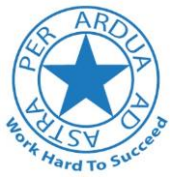
Finally, well done to your children who we know are missing the social interaction of school life. They have shown resilience and are responding to the demands of this new way of learning - but they want it to end!

We live in hope, that with the news of the vaccination roll out, we will be back in school soon.

## Online Safety

With our children spending more time on the computer, it is essential that we all ensure privacy settings and parental controls are in place and filtering the necessary content. It is also important to know which sites, apps and/or games your child is using and be aware of any 'hidden' features they may have. [www.kidsonlineworld.com](http://www.kidsonlineworld.com) is an excellent website which gives details about many of the popular games and apps and all their different features.





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## Next week is Online Safety Week

We will be holding virtual **Internet Safety Workshops** for the children, staff and parents.

- The links for the children's workshops will be posted on 'Showbie'
- Look out for ParentMail on Monday with the link to online workshops for parents. We have purchased this resource but it will only be available for you to view for a week.

It is important that Internet Safety is an ongoing conversation and that your children are aware of your expectations and how to keep themselves safe.

## Key Worker School

Our team of learning support assistants have taken on a greater teaching role in the key worker classes over the last few weeks and will continue to do so moving forward. This is enabling us to manage staff shortages and teacher workload.

Please ensure that you discuss with your child the reasons, as well as the importance, of keeping a social distance from the school staff when in the Key Worker School.

### Symptoms or contact with Covid-19

**PLEASE ENSURE:** If your child develops symptoms you must not send 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 ensure that you follow all advice regarding testing and self-isolating** and inform the school of any test results on the email address: [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net) When communicating with the school - Please ensure that you include the **full name of your child and their year group and class.**

**CONTACT TRACING OVER THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ON SITE:** As at Christmas we are required to report to Test and Trace any staff or pupils who develop symptoms during the first 48 hours of the half term break.

## Home Learning

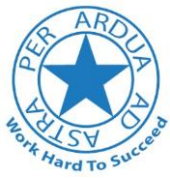
### Safeguarding and Live Video

Today you will have received a form via Parentmail. We are asking all parents to submit this form confirming that they have read and understood the safeguarding requirements for live video sessions.

### Virtual Sport

At the moment, sporting competition has to be virtual. Year 4 have been representing Barnet in various challenges created by the London Youth Games. So far, they have completed challenges in jumping jacks, Russian twists and speed bounce. Well done to everyone who has taken part so far, they have helped Barnet reach 9th place out of the 32 London boroughs. More information can be found on the following link: <https://www.londonyouthgames.org/virtual-games/lyg-school-games-fitness-challenges/>





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

Congratulations to Mr J 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 6<sup>th</sup> February**.

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

Thank you everyone for your continued support. Enjoy the weekend - Snow is forecast!  
Stay safe.

Kind Regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

