



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Staffing News

I am pleased to announce the safe delivery of Mr David's daughter yesterday. Mother and baby are well and Mr David, who is our Assistant Head, will be on paternity leave until 11th October.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Friendship** was the theme of assemblies this week. Establishing good relationships with peers is extremely important for your child's mental health. I shared some illustrations and thoughts from a lovely book 'Big Panda and Tiny Dragon' by James Norbury and we discussed what makes a good friend. Teachers have also been celebrating when they notice children being good friends. Have a discussion with your children at home about what makes a good friend. It is important for parents to also realise their role is the development of friendships by encouraging playdates and social activities.
- **We Are Committed to Lowering Emissions in Barnet.** On Wednesday 22nd September, as part of a London-wide pledge, 108 members of our school community pledged to travel car free to school. Several members of our staff cycled, bussed or walked to school as an alternative. Thank you to everyone who got involved!
- **Curriculum Events:** Click on the link for more details of some of the curriculum activities that are taking place. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

Save the date for the Year 3 Curriculum Morning: Friday 15nd October 9:00am – 11:00am.

We are currently planning a curriculum morning for Year 3 parents on Friday 15th October 9:00am – 11:00am in the Junior School hall. In order to keep this meeting safe and limit numbers, will be inviting just one parent per family. No toddlers allowed. At this meeting will be giving an overview of the Maths and English curriculum and suggestions of how you can also support your child at home. More details to follow.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

We will be holding parent/teacher consultations in school on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th October 3:40pm-6:30pm

Tuesday 19th October 3:40pm- 6:30pm

This will be an opportunity for you to have a 10-minute meeting with your child's class teacher and also to take some time to look through your children's books before the meeting outside the classroom. We are delighted that we are now able to invite parents into school for these very important meetings. More details of how to book your appointment to follow.

Empowering Parents

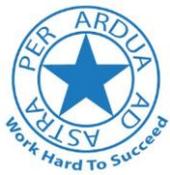
Barnet Early Help are excited to be offering a new parenting programme, Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC). This is a parenting programme for local parents, led by local parents. Parents are invited to an information session to find out more about how to become a leader in this programme.

As a group leader they will;

- Receive free training and support from the Barnet EPEC team
- Learn to lead practical, caring groups for local parents
- Share tried and tested methods that give children the best start in life
- Join a group of like-minded parents to make a difference to the local community
- Develop skills and confidence
- Gain experience that will help them to fulfil their ambitions

There are some information and coffee sessions coming up this month. Details can be found on the attached flier.





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School Fund

Thank you very much to those who have already contributed. We do appreciate the contribution of £20 per family per year, towards the school fund. This money is spent in various ways for classroom extras. **You will find the item available to pay in your ParentMail shop under Donations > School Fund (Juniors).**

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 25th September 2021, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA would like to do a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday 5th October and Friday 8th October. Let's do They need volunteers . Please email your details to gsjspta@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Please Help to Keep Our Community Safe

It is lovely that families gather on 'The Green' at the end of the day but please ensure that you supervise your children properly. It has been reported that children are playing in the area near the carpark gates where cars are leaving the carpark from 3:30pm onwards. It has been reported that children have run out from the bushes in that area in front of cars!

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

