



Garden Suburb Junior School

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15th October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19

We have had three positive PCR tests this week and are awaiting the results of three more tests. We are only able to get further guidance from the DfE if these tests are positive. I will update you as soon as possible if there is any further action we need to take.

This really highlights the importance of doing regular lateral flow tests twice a week at least. If the test is positive, or if anyone has symptoms of cough and temperature, a PCR test should then be carried out to confirm the result and the school kept informed throughout the process. Whilst waiting for the result of the PCR test children should remain at home until they get the result and they feel well enough to come to school.

Children have been acting out games in the playground from a violent programme on Netflix called Squid Game

Parents should check that their children do not have access to this programme. The programme features characters competing in a series of games where failure results in death.

Snacks in School

Children should only bring fresh fruit or vegetable for their mid-morning snack. We are noticing that children are bringing a variety of inappropriate items. Please support our school policy on snacks and ensure that your child is not breaking the school rules.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Black History:** In assembly we discussed the contribution of black people throughout history. We also discussed that it was important to discuss their contributions all year around, not just in October.
- **Harvest/Sukkot:** thank you for the contributions made to our food collection.
- **Football:** Last week eleven girls played an away football fixture with The King Alfred School. This was our first sports fixture of the academic year. Mr McGwinn reported that the enthusiasm and enjoyment of the players was matched only by those spectating from the sidelines! Thank you to all involved for creating such a positive atmosphere. This week the boys' team played their first league match of the season against Moss Hall School. The team displayed a fabulous attitude and enjoyed the event.

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>

PTA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting this week. We had a fabulous turn out.

Annual General Meeting of the PTA at 9:00am on Friday 5th November in the Junior School Hall

If you would like to be a Class Representative, or just be involved with the PTA, please email your details (name and class) to the Chair of the PTA, Rachel Josephs gsjspta@yahoo.com

The Class Representative provides a link of communication between the school and parents/carers.

Thank you to those who have already emailed Rachel. It's not too late to register your interest.

Secondary Transfer Information for Year 6 Parents

Information about Secondary Transfer can be accessed on our website. **Please remember the deadline for completing your application is 31st October 2021.**

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>





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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 16th October 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. **You might even win some Harry Potter tickets!**

Please check your emails and spam folders to see if you have won as there are 3 people who have yet to claim their winnings!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

