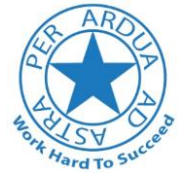


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5th November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Using Lateral Flow Tests Helps to Keep Our Community Safe

Please continue to use lateral flow tests on Sundays and Wednesdays and more frequently if your child has symptoms.

Gate Intercom Problems

Apologies for those who have experience problems with our gate intercom. We are in the process of having it repaired.

Fire Evacuation

We had to evacuate the building today due to a smoke alarm being triggered by something burning in the oven in the Infant School cooking room! The children were extremely sensible as they evacuated the building safely. Well done everyone! The Fire Brigade arrived but very quickly gave the all clear!

Amazon Wish List: Please support the school to purchase new books

At Garden Suburb Junior School, we believe that a quality English curriculum should develop a love of reading. We are fortunate to have a central library and a book corner in each class. Before the pandemic, we refurbished our library with the help of a library specialist. During this process, we disposed of old, out-of-date and tatty books. In addition, we have recently purchased a new library system to monitor the borrowing of books.

We now need to restock the library and class book corners to ensure the children have the resources to continue to develop their love of reading.

We will not be able to purchase new books without your support as school budgets becoming increasingly stretched.

We have carefully put together a list of high-quality and engaging books that are available to purchase, for the school, on our Amazon wish list. When you browse the wish list, you will notice that the books are labelled with the year group that they are appropriate for and the quantity in which they are needed. Once you have made a purchase, on the school's behalf, they will be delivered to our school and added to our library and classroom book corners.

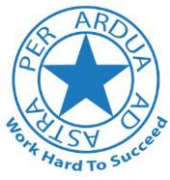
Thank you in advance if you are able to support us. Please visit the following link to visit our wish list:

<https://amzn.eu/7BUe39B>

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

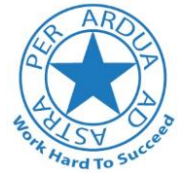
- **COP 26:** Upper school assembly focused on learning about this important conference that we are hearing about in the news at the moment. Ask your children if they can remember what COP 26 means.
- **Diwali:** The Hindu festival was discussed in assembly on Tuesday. Happy Diwali to everyone who celebrates!
- **Safety with Fireworks:** Class assemblies focused on safety with fireworks. Please discuss this with your children if you are going to be attending a display this weekend.
- **Drama Workshops:** Workshops took place in Year 4 today called 'Hidden Figures – Black and British'. The children learnt fascinating stories of brilliant Black people, often omitted from our history lessons, who have shaped our country. These 'hidden figures' were used to entertain and inform discussions to give an insight into our history; a history that includes Black people as fundamental to creating the fabric of our society and the rich tapestry of who we are today. Over the next few weeks all year groups will be taking part in these workshops.





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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>

The Year 3 Class Assemblies are at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

3S Tuesday 16th November

3J Tuesday 30th November

3G Tuesday 14th December

Seasonal Cards/Items- Order deadline Wednesday 10th November

Your child took home their proof of their Seasonal Card this week with the order form for other items that you can order if you wish. This information is also in a ParentMail. The deadline for getting your orders back to school in Wednesday 10th November.

Seasonal Fair – Friday 3rd December 2021

This is a wonderful fundraising event, organised by the PTA and is a highlight of the children's annual school calendar! A separate Parentmail was sent earlier and a printed copy with a reply slip has gone home with the children today with all the details, instructions and what YOU need to do to support this event. Please also make a note of the summary of important dates to ensure everyone is included.

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

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting today. The accounts were presented and the new committees elected. 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 Joseph gsjspta@yahoo.com
The PTA Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSJSPTACOMMUNITY/>

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 6th November 2021, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoolottery.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!**

Have a lovely half term holiday!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

