

Garden Suburb Junior School

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21st January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Curriculum Events

- **Visit by Member of Parliament:** On Monday morning, Year 4 were lucky enough to welcome local Member of Parliament, Mike Freer, to our school. Mr Freer gave a talk to the pupils in Year 4 about what his job entails as an MP. He spoke about splitting his time between his constituency and parliament and all of the travelling he does. He also showed the children his 'red briefcase' and talked about the history of the briefcase and what it is used for. The children found it very heavy as it is lined with lead and wood.
- **Football:** The boys' and girls' have got the year underway with some action in their respective cups. The boys' team were able to progress to the third round of the Dick Bailey Cup. They showed great resilience to twice come back from a goal down to defeat Danegrove 4-2.

The girls travelled to Orion School to play in the John King Trophy. The team went a goal down early but showed good tenacity to equalise after half-time. Unfortunately, despite some excellent dribbling skills and teamwork they weren't able to find a winner meaning the match was decided by a penalty shootout. Our team were able to win the shootout and are now through to the John King Trophy quarter final.

- **Netball:** This afternoon, we had the pleasure of hosting St. Anthony's for a netball match. The game was a great chance for both teams to practise their skills in a competitive environment. Well done to our team who showed good movement and passing skills to win the game.

Assemblies this week focused on:

- **Our learning power 'Respectfulness'** – the children learnt about the importance of being polite, remembering to say please and thank you, listening to others and speaking kindly about one and other.
- **Pollution from plastic in the ocean** – The children learnt about the damage that the use of plastic products is having on our planet, particularly the ocean. They learnt that the United Nations Environment Assembly are due to discuss the idea of a Plastics Treaty in order to get the world to commit to reducing the use of plastics. I asked the children to think of ways that they could reduce their use of plastic in their daily lives.

Year 4 Class Assemblies

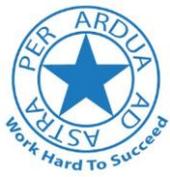
Save the date for your child class assembly which will take place in the school hall at 2:30pm on the following dates:

4G Tuesday 25th January

4S Tuesday 1st February

4J Tuesday 8th March





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Amazon Wish List: *There is still plenty of books left to purchase and we are adding to the list all the time.*

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>

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 22nd January. 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.

EasyFundraising

Please remember to sign up and use **EASYFUNDRAISING** when doing any online shopping. It is a really easy way for us to raise vital money for our school. Sign up now: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsj>

Our current number of COVID-19 positive cases is:

3J – 1
4G – 2
5J – 2
6G – 2
6J – 1
6S - 1

Please see below details of COVID-19 and guidance on self-isolation.

Kind regards

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COVID-19 Guidance

Please do not send your child to school if they have symptoms of COVID-19. If children have any ill health symptoms they should not come to school and take lateral flow test. Please keep the school informed on welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net and **include your child's full name and class in the subject of the message.**

Changes to Self-isolating

- From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.
- If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.
- Further information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19 is available. Further information is available by clicking this link [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) .
- Please ensure you have a stock of lateral flow tests at home so you can continue to test regularly. Tests can be ordered (for free) from the NHS, click on the following link to either have some sent to your home, or to be collected from a pharmacy near you: [Rapid lateral flow coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

