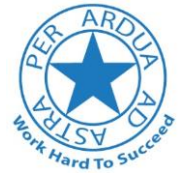


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28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Curriculum Events

- **Football:** It is wonderful that we have enough enthusiasm around girls' football that we were able to enter two teams into the six-a-side football tournament this week. The quality at this event increases year-on-year and it's great to see girls' football looking so healthy. Our school teams try to play with the philosophy of dribbling and beating an opponent whenever possible. It was evident that the teams had taken this on board as they played with freedom and enjoyment. Congratulations to both teams who can be proud of their skill and efforts. One of our teams was fortunate enough to win all of their matches, meaning they were the champions of the tournament! They had to beat some excellent teams to do so and first place is a phenomenal achievement. Well done girls!
- **Children's Mental Health Week** will be a focus next week. The theme this year is 'Growing Together'. All classes across the school will be planting seeds which will be transferred to beds in the vegetable garden later in the term. We are also asking children to **wear odd socks on Tuesday 1st February** - to help us to celebrate our uniqueness whilst also showing that we are part of a community that grows and learns together.
- **Maths Week: Maths Fun Week – 7th February – 11th February 2022**
Maths week will promote and celebrate an enjoyment of maths. We are organising a range of activities throughout the week including:
 - Quiz on 'Jobs Involving Maths'
 - 'Famous Mathematician' poster competition
 - TT Rockstars tournament
 - 'Mathematical Cake' competition.

'Mathematical Cakes - Friday 11th February

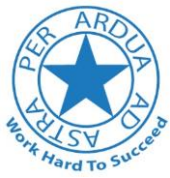
We are encouraging children to take part in a '**Mathematical Bake-Off**'. They are invited to make cupcakes, biscuits or tray bakes decorated with a mathematical theme. Due to COVID-19, we are not permitting children to bring in entire cakes to share with their peers. **Instead, we are asking children to bring in only one item, for their own consumption.** We will not be accepting entire cakes or multiple cupcakes, tray bakes or biscuits.

Please bring in **one** of the following:

One singular cupcake, One singular biscuit or One singular tray bake slice

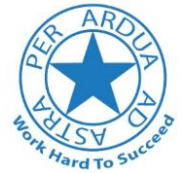
The children should bring all entries into school at drop-off on the morning of **Friday 11th February**, take them straight to their classroom, where Judging will take place.





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Please remember – all cakes and biscuits must be nut free.

Children may bring in a donation on this day (suggested donation £1). All donations will be divided evenly between the NSPCC and our own School Fund for the purchase of mathematical teaching resources.

- **Art Gallery- Save the dates!** This term the children have been focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend in the Junior School Hall.

Years 3 and 4 on Monday 7th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Years 5 and 6 on Tuesday 8th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Each Year group has focused on a different artist:

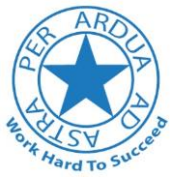
Year 3: French Post-Impressionist, Artist Georges Pierre Seurat. They learnt about Seurat's work, in particular about the painting technique, pointillism. Children used nature as their main theme to create an outline and they painted dots using cotton buds. The dots were placed together and this blended the dots to make a solid colour. Finally, they used fine liner pens to fill in details on their image.

Year 4: Brazilian Artist, Romero Britto. They looked at his work and discussed the common features, including the mixture of complementary and analogous colours in the patterns. Children used stencils, rulers and circular objects to create the partitions and draw the patterns within them. Felt tips were used to colour their piece and they finished them off with freehand patterns using fine-liner pens.

Year 5: Russian Artist, Wassily Kandinsky. They spent some time learning about his style and use of vibrant colour. They considered how he was inspired by music to paint in a more abstract way using shapes and lines. The children chose to paint a landscape vision or an abstract piece based on shapes and lines intertwining. They mapped out their creative design and then used paint and/or pastels to design a colourful art piece. Finally, they used fine liner pens to emphasise the shapes and to make the colours stand out.

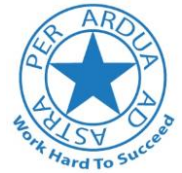
Year 6: Author and illustrator Jan Pieńkowski. They spent some time learning about his influences, in particular that of Polish folk stories and their traditional illustrations. They then designed their own silhouettes based on a happy memory. Next, they used marbling or watercolour techniques to design an eye catching background. Finally, they sketched the design onto their background using fine liner pens, adding intricate detail for effect.





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Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition- an order form will be sent home next week. The PTA raises £1.50 for every A3 framed picture purchased. Profit raised from this event will be used to buy additional art resources for the children to use.

The children view all of the galleries with their class earlier on in the day.

The children/parents will be able to take their picture away with them on the day, so to avoid disappointment, parents who want to view more of the other pictures need to view the gallery 2:30pm-3:20pm.

Please see the 'Latest News' on our website for more details on our curriculum events

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

Assemblies this week focused on:

- **Pollution from plastic in the ocean was the theme of Lower School Assembly** – 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**
Well done to 4G for their well-presented assembly on equalities which was well attended by parents. Please see the date for the other Year 4 class assemblies which will take place in the school hall at 2:30pm on the following dates:
4S Tuesday 1st March **4J Tuesday 8th March**
Please note the change of date for 4S class assembly

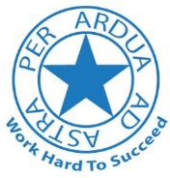
Amazon Wish List: *There is still plenty of books left to purchase and we are adding to the list all the time.*

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

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GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 29th January. 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.





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Kind regards

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