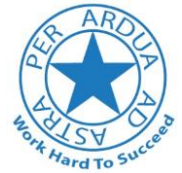


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28<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

## Curriculum Events

- **Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshops:** Today our school hall was transformed to give the children an Ancient Egyptian experience through art, craft and drama.

Dressed in costumes, the children spent the morning preparing for an Ancient Egyptian tomb ceremony. In preparation for the ceremony the children took part in the following activities: making canopic jars, oil lamps, bread, amulets, shabti dolls, perfume cones, carving soap and writing on a papyrus.

Drama workshops, provided by the company 'Off the Page', took place in the afternoon. They included an Ancient Egyptian celebration and feast where the First High Priest of Aten was appointed. Pharaoh Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti also attended.

Thank you to the Year 3 parents for supporting this event. It is especially important that we bring our history curriculum alive to enhance the children's 'cultural capital'. Immersion in a history topic like this develops understanding, enhances remembering of learning and develops your children's historical skills and vocabulary.

- **Football:** Two teams entered Thursday's football tournament at Friern Barnet Powerleague. Both teams played well. Unfortunately, after a defeat in the first match, we weren't able to progress to the semi-final stage even though we won all of the remaining games. Well done to everyone involved for showcasing excellent behaviour and attitudes.
- **Art Exhibition Next Week:** This term the children have been focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend.

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

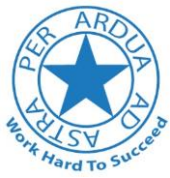
**Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 8th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm**

The company set up the gallery for us. The pictures are printed professionally and labelled with your child's name and the school logo. It is a memento that you will keep forever! We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance.

Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition at a cost of £17.50 - **an order form is attached to an email sent today and a paper copy will also be sent home with your child today.**

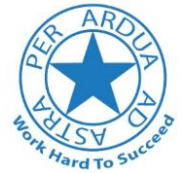
**Check your child's bag for the paper copy of the order form.**





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## Assemblies this week focused on:

- **Children's Mental Health Week.** An important element of our curriculum is to focus on personal development. Mindset and having an optimistic attitude was the focus of assemblies this week. The theme of 'Mental Health Week' this year was 'Growing Together'. All classes across the school planted seeds which will be transferred to beds in the vegetable garden later in the term. Well done to those who remembered to wear odd socks!
- **Year 4 Class Assemblies**  
Please see the dates for the Year 4 class assemblies which will take place in the school hall at 2:30pm on the following dates:  
4S Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March                      4J Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March
- **Famous Mathematician Poster and Mathematical Cake Competition** – These competitions were promoted with the children in assembly this week.

## Maths Week Next Week: Maths Fun Week – 7<sup>th</sup> February – 11<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

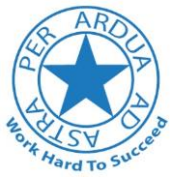
***One singular cupcake, One singular biscuit or One singular tray bake slice***

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

**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.





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- **Safer Internet Day 2022.**

Next week we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2022.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to join together in helping to create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

Please join us by reinforcing the safety messages that the children will get in school by continuing the conversation at home. See the email sent home today with further advice for parents.

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>

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head Teacher

