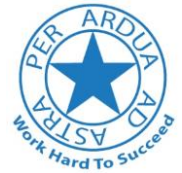


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10th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent/Governor Election

Both the infant and junior school will be holding parent governor elections after half term. Look out for more information in the coming weeks. If you want to find out more about being a governor click the link to the governor area on our website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Becoming+a+Governor&pid=268>

Health and Safety Concern- Polite Request

I have requested, many times, that dogs are not brought at drop off and pick up times. Many children have expressed that they are frightened of the dogs in the confined space on Childs Walk. We also on a regular basis have to clean children's shoes as some dog owners are not cleaning up their dog mess from the verge areas along the paths. **This a now becoming a real health and safety concern. Please do not bring your dogs onto Childs Walk.**

Curriculum Events and Assemblies

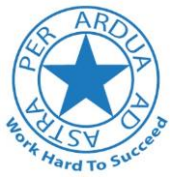
We engage and motivate your children with a wide variety of events that enrich their learning experiences across the curriculum. We put a lot of emphasis on developing the children's 'cultural capital' this way. In addition, these events also support remembering of their learning.

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>

- **Maths week:** The children engaged with Maths week very well this week. Thank you to parents for supporting your children with their mathematical cakes and mathematician posters. We have had some fabulous entries to our competitions and the children have clearly benefited from the support that you have given them with these enrichment activities. Thank you!
- **Art Exhibition:** This was a lovely event and an opportunity for parents to come into school to look at the children's fabulous art work and purchase a memento to treasure forever. Parents were also able to enjoy listening to a range of our talented musicians play their musical instruments. We raised £391 from the sale of the pictures. Thank you everyone for supporting this event.





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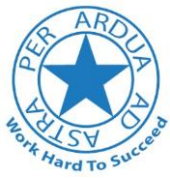
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- **Football:** Last Friday, both the girls' and mixed football teams were in action. The girls had a league match against All Saint's. The team had worked on their shape, particularly on opening up the pitch, before the match and they were able to showcase this against a resilient opposition. A victory means that a win in their final match - against Wessex Gardens - will see the girls win their league.
- The mixed team had a tough game against an unbeaten St John's side in the Dick Bailey Cup. An early goal helped settle the nerves but St John's battled back and had some great chances. It was only from some brilliant goalkeeping that we were able to keep them out. The team settled down and showed calmness in possession. A victory means they have booked a place in the quarter-final against Alma School which will take place before the end of March.
- **Safer Internet Day:** Children in each class, who are our digital leaders, presented an assembly to lower and upper school this week on 'Safety Online'. The focus of the assembly was respect online when playing games. ***While we advise that children should not be chatting to each other online, even in games, we know that many of our children do.*** The assembly focused on what being respectful when playing a game with someone means, including:
 - Listening to other people
 - Being kind and supportive
 - Understanding that someone might not want the same things as you
 - Thinking about how your words and actions make other people feel
 - Not putting pressure on someone and accepting their boundaries
 - Including people when they want to be included
- **Safeguarding Concern:** Please **DO Not** allow your children to use the App 'Discord'. It has been drawn to my attention that there are many children at Garden Suburb Junior School using the app 'Discord'.
 - It is a social networking app and can be accessed on an Ipad, computer or phone.
 - It is similar to WhatsApp – but you do not need a phone number.
 - The platform is not suitable for children and should not legally be used by anyone under the age of 13 years of age
 - Discord also contains adult content and is not recommended if you are under 18

Recently we have experienced a child's account being hacked resulting in unpleasant messages being sent to children. Please check your child's devices and delete this app.

Primary school children do not have the maturity to use social networking sites and it is illegal for your child to be using them. **It will be recorded as a safeguarding concern, in future, if it is drawn to our attention that your child is using, unsupervised, this app or any other social networking site.** Social networking and messaging facilities are also targeted by people who want to cause harm to children.





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- **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 1st March

4J Tuesday 8th March

- **World Book day:** Please see the email sent this week with details about World Book Day which we will be celebrating on Friday 4th March 2022.

To celebrate the cultural diversity of our school, the children are asked to come either dressed up in their national dress or in the colours of their national flag - Friday 4th March.

Our School Book Fair will be held on Monday 28th February - volunteers needed.

If you would like to volunteer to help at the School Book Fair, please email the office at office@gajs.barnetmail.net

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 12th 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.

This has been a busy and successful half term and everyone now deserves a holiday. School opens to the children on Tuesday 22nd February.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar - Head Teacher

