



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies and curriculum Events

- The importance of politeness and respect was focused on in assemblies this week.
- **Year 6 visited Kenwood House in Hampstead:** On Wednesday. Victoria Gordon, from English Heritage, delivered an engaging talk, about the importance of Lord Mansfield and his great niece Dido Belle and its complicated link to slavery in Georgian times. The children had the opportunity to look at a range of paintings depicting the family and also explore the grounds. With a focus on Black History Month, stereotypes of that time were considered and how Dido Belle's presence impacted her uncle's Justice of the King's Bench. They enjoyed challenging the ethics of the time and were passionate about the mansion house, asking lots of interesting questions.
- **Y5 workshops 'Quest for Windrush':** This work supported the focus on Black History that Year 5 are studying this term. The children recreated the journey from Jamaica to England, from packing suitcases and saying goodbye to loved ones to boarding the ship with Lord Kitchener. The children explored the difficulties of finding a room and working in a foreign, and not necessarily friendly, country. The children gained an in-depth knowledge of the topic and explored both the emotional and practical aspects of migration.
- House captains led house assemblies today with a focus on introducing themselves and promoting our 'Learning Powers'.

Health and Welfare Reminders

Covid

Children should remain off school for three days following the day of a positive test. They may return to school if they have no symptoms.

Vomiting and/or diarrhoea

Please note that there must be 48 hours after the last time of any vomiting and/or diarrhoea before returning to school.

Mid-Morning/After School Snacks

Children should only be bringing fresh fruit or vegetables for their mid-morning/after school snack. Please be aware that we are a nut aware school and nut products should not be in snacks or packed lunches. We also have a child who has a severe allergy to sesame and we would appreciate if this could also be avoided. Crisps, bars and sweets etc are not allowed at all.





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Parenting Support: Monday 3rd October 9:00am - 10:30am

Information regarding a series of parent workshops we are holding in school, in partnership with the Early Help Team in Barnet, was sent home a few weeks ago. The workshops are on managing your child's emotions and behaviours.

Please email Mrs. Goldman at senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net if you would like to attend or would like more information.

PTA Coffee Morning Friday 21st October 9:00am

Thank you to the small group of parents who attended the meeting today. Fund raising for this term was discussed. We will be holding a coffee morning on 21st October – everyone is welcome! We would especially like a class representative from each class to attend.

School Fund

A reminder to both existing and new parents who have not yet contributed this year: we do appreciate the contribution of £20 per family per year, towards the school fund. This money is spent in various ways for classroom extras. **You will find the item available to pay in your ParentMail shop under Donations > School Fund (Juniors).**

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 1st October 2022, 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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

