



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and curriculum Events

- **Anti Bullying:** The focus of assemblies this week has been anti bullying. The children learnt about the importance of telling someone if they were unhappy about any of their relationships in school. We also discussed how important it was that, if they knew someone was being unkind to someone else, they must tell an adult. Telling helps everyone to get the help they need.
- **Y6 Suburb Quest:** This week, Year 6 ventured out into Hampstead Garden Suburb to learn about our local area. They visited St Jude's Church, Henrietta Barnett school and Big Wood Nature Reserve and enjoyed sketching the Free Church in Central Square. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring their area and hunting for blue plaques and were pleased to find local buildings linked to the figures after whom their houses are named: Barnett, Unwin, Melvin and Coates.
- **Black History Month** has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we have focused on Black History month for many years. We now incorporate aspects of black history throughout the year across the curriculum. All year groups began their focus on an aspect of Black History in October:  
  
**Year 3** - Desmond Tutu who was once the curate at Golders Green Parish Church. They will also look at Benjamin Zephaniah's new book "The Nature Trail" and also Jacob Lawrence's art  
**Year 4** - Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South.  
**Year 5** - Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England' and also 'The Windrush'.  
**Year 6** - Slavery and injustice.
- **Girls' Football:** Last week, the mixed football team braved the rain to play Alma school in a friendly. Tonight, the girls' team are also playing Alma. Both teams are preparing for the new football season with their first league fixtures in the coming weeks.

Visit the 'Latest News' on our website to see more details of the curriculum events that have been taking place. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>





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## Workshops and outings to supplement our curriculum

We supplement our curriculum with a range of workshops and trips for the children to enjoy. As school budgets are extremely limited, we ask for a voluntary contribution from parents/carers towards these. Frequently we do not collect enough donations to cover all of the costs. Unfortunately rising costs, particularly for fuel, are having an impact on what we have to charge. We could not afford to provide these important educational activities without your contributions. If you can, please make every effort to contribute. Thank you!

## Flu Vaccine

The flu vaccine will be taking place on Tuesday. You have been sent the NHS link to sign up and the consent list will close today.

## Parenting Support: Next Workshop is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net) if you would like to attend or would like more information.

## PTA Coffee Morning Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 9:00am

We will be holding a coffee morning on 21<sup>st</sup> October – everyone is welcome!  
We would especially like a class representative from each class to attend.

## Thank you for your School Fund donations!

### Please make a donation if you haven't done so already

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 8th 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

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