

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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23<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

We had a good attendance at our consultations this week enabling parents to meet class teachers and learn how their children are settling into the new academic year. At this meeting a booklet was given out to parents to support with understanding the expectations for the year. Read through it with your child. This information will help you to help your child develop good behaviours for learning. The year group guides are also on the website in 'Curriculum'.

<https://www.gardensuburbschools.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=305>

## Showbie

Showbie is the home learning platform we use in the Junior School. It is used to assign, collect and review children's homework. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we also use Showbie if and when home learning is required.

Class teachers have spent time teaching the children how to use Showbie so they should be familiar with it.

The 'user guide' emailed yesterday is to aid your understanding of how to support your child using Showbie to complete home learning tasks.

This guide is also on our website in the 'Home Learning Zone'

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Zone&pid=323>

## TT Rockstars

At Garden Suburb Junior School, we know the importance of practising times tables. TTRockstars is an app and online platform that we use to practise. Class teachers have spent time teaching the children how to use TTRockstars so they should be familiar with it. Please ensure your child practises regularly at home.

Children can use the website below...

<https://trockstars.com/>

Or the free app below...

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/times-tables-rock-stars/id973811326>

The user guide is attached and is also on our website in the 'Home Learning Zone'.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Zone&pid=323>

## 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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## PTA Meeting – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9:00am

We are looking to establish a new PTA Committee so that we can start to plan our fund raising events for the year. Some of our committee members have moved on and we are looking to recruit new members.

Rachel Joseph, who was our Chair for the last few years will be stepping down, as her child has move on to secondary school. Rachel is looking to handover to a new Chair and has offered her support to get someone started. This could be a shared role as we realise parents have very busy lives!

If you are interested in taking a lead on the PTA and would like some more information please let me know via the school office email [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Please come to the meeting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9:00am :**

- If you are interested in being on the PTA Committee
- If you are interested in being the class representative
- If you are interested in helping at fund raising events in any way

## Parenting Support – New Start Date Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

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. An email has been sent out today with all of the dates.

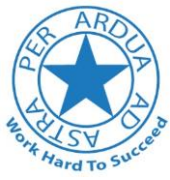
Please email Mrs. Goldman at [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net) if you would like to attend or would like more information.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> September 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





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## Assemblies and curriculum Events

- **Disability Awareness/ Jeans for Genes Day:** Thank you everyone for contributing to our charity collection. The children learnt about the work the charity does to support research into genetic disorders. Ask your child what DNA stands for.
- **Rosh Hashanah:** Class assemblies focused on understanding the Jewish festival today.
- **Girls' Football:** If your daughter is interested in trying out football then there are some opportunities in the borough.
  1. Non-Stop-Action are running some free taster sessions on Saturday mornings for girls from Year1-4.
  2. Barnet Nightingales are looking to recruit players from Years 2-3 for their new girls' team. Please look at the fliers for more details.
- **Pupil Voice Activities:** We provide a variety of opportunities for pupils to make contributions and influence in the life of the school. This includes having a say in the decisions made within the school that will affect their learning and education. In the Junior School we have a wide variety of opportunities for including pupils in school based decisions:
  - **House Captains:** The 'houses' are Barnet, Unwin, Coates and Melvin. Year 6 house captains lead assemblies and meetings and have responsibilities/jobs around the school.
  - **The Digital Leaders:** The children carry out various duties involving completing the class floor book to evidence what they have learnt in Computing lessons and helping their peers on the iPads and laptops. They are very excited about their new role as the 'digital experts' for the class. Miss Gardner will meet with the Digital Leaders on a regular basis to monitor the progression of skills in Computing.
  - **School Council Representatives:** Judge competitions, lead discussions in class on school issues, give feedback on the curriculum
  - **Travel Ambassadors:** Promote walking and carbon neutral travelling, take part in special projects eg creating a map of walking routes, introducing competitions and judging them
  - **Book Worms:** Promoting reading and monitoring reading areas in the classrooms

**Polite reminder:** Please ensure that requests for absence for religious festivals are sent in advance in order that attendance registers can be updated.

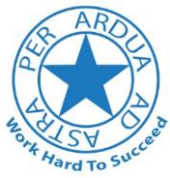
Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

*E. Bhavsar*

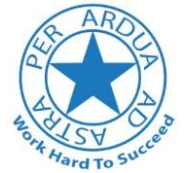
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