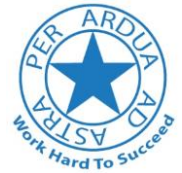


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6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope that you had a healthy and restful holiday.

As I am sure that you will have heard in the news there are still some nasty viruses around. We are being vigilant, and will promptly report outbreaks of scarlet fever or respiratory viral infection to our local Health Protection Team, in line with their guidelines. For more information, and visit: [UKHSA update on Scarlet Fever and invasive Group A strep \(prgloo.com\)](https://www.ukhsa.gov.uk/news/2022/01/06/scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep)

If your child is unwell and off school, it is important that you tell us the nature of your child's illness, and give us regular updates, so that we can be alerted to any potential outbreaks.

Mrs Morgan-Chiswick manages attendance and she should be informed by email welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net
Please remember to include your child's full name and class in the message.

Dates for your diary

- **PTA Annual General Meeting Friday 13th January 9:10am– All Parents are invited to attend**
- **Year 5 and Year 6 Curriculum Talk - Monday 16th January 6:00pm**
At this meeting the expectations of upper school will be discussed including information on the Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATS tests taken in May. In order to prepare for this, we would like to invite you to an information evening on Monday 16th January at 6pm.
- **Save the Date for the Year 4 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend.**
Over the course of the year all classes will have an opportunity to perform to their parents.

The Year 4 Class Assemblies are at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

4G Tuesday 17th January

4J Tuesday 31st January

4S Tuesday 28th February

- **Art Exhibition - Save the date**

This term the children will be focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend. We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance.

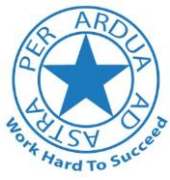
Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 6th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 7th 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. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition. It is a memento that you will keep forever!

– more details to follow.





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Assemblies and Curriculum Events

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>

- **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.

- **World Religion Day**

The week beginning the 16th January we will be celebrating World Religion Day in assemblies. In preparation for this, your child's class teacher will be uploading a 'Showbie' World Religion Day activity today.

The activity is to design an informative poster showcasing a religion your child is interested in, or their own religion. World Religion Day was inaugurated in 1947 and acts as a reminder of the need for harmony and understanding between the many different religions and belief systems in our world. All the poster entries will displayed in the hallway.

Attached are the term dates for the next academic year. Please refer to these before booking appointments and trips.

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head teacher





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