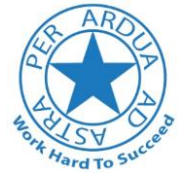


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2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Safeguarding - Parent Waiting Zone

In order to safeguard the children at pick up time it is important that children are closely supervised.

A new dotted red line has been painted on the playground in order to identify the waiting area for parents at pick up time. We politely request that, in order to allow staff to monitor collection properly:

- parents do not cross the red line
- parents allow the teachers ensure the safe collection of all the class before trying to talk to the teacher
- ensure that children, especially younger siblings, do not run or scoot around the junior playground or climb on the equipment.

## Playtimes

I am pleased to announce that we have purchased a new outdoor table tennis table which is a popular new addition to the playground. This has been funded from the PTA funds. We are also planning to purchase more equipment for the children to play with as well as teach them some new cooperative games.

Next week we will be trialing some timetable changes in order to maximise learning time. We will be trialing having whole school morning playtimes, with separate playing areas for lower school and upper school which will be alternated each week. More details will follow after we have concluded our trial.

## Dates for your diary

### ➤ 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:

**4J** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February      **4S** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

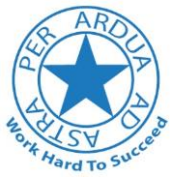
### ➤ Art Exhibition – Parents invited to attend

**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**

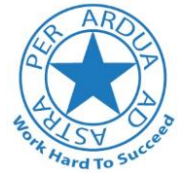
We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance. The musicians will be performing from 2:30pm – 3:15pm. The time may allow for the children to perform their piece more than once. It is advisable that you arrive promptly at 2:30pm in order to ensure that you are present for their performance.





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- **PTA meeting - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.** This is an opportunity to plan for our next event and discuss school issues. We will first discuss fundraising and then I would like to get some feedback from parents on school communication. It would be really useful for Class Reps to attend.
  
- **Parent/Teacher Consultations- Save the date**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March      3:40pm - 6:30pm**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March     3:40pm - 6:30pm**  
All parents are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and look at their child's work. Booking will be through ParentMail and an email will be sent on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to inform you that booking is open.
  
- **Spring Disco**  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Y3 and Y4 Lower School Disco  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Y5 and Y6 Upper School Disco  
**More details to follow-** Please email [gardenjpta@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjpta@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

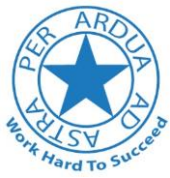
We engage and motivate your children with a wide variety of events that enrich their learning experiences across the curriculum. We put a lot of emphasis on developing the children's 'cultural capital' this way. In addition, these events also support remembering of their learning.

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>

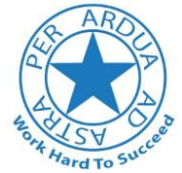
- **Maths Week:** Thank you everyone! The engagement with our Maths Week activities was fabulous. We also had an impressive amount of cakes and biscuits creatively decorated on a maths theme. Cakes will be sold in the playground at the end of the day so don't forget to bring some cash! Thank you for your donations. So far we have collected £470.41 which we will split between the school and the charity NSPCC.
  
- **Safer Internet Day Tuesday 7th February:** we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2023. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at:  
<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>  
Also attached to this letter is 'Tips for Encouraging Open Discussions About Digital Lives' from National Online Safety.





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**Reminder:** Cancellation of football clubs and taekwondo next week due to the art gallery.

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head teacher

## Other PTA Fund Raising initiatives:

**You could win £25,000! - GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY - You've got to be in it to win it!**

You could be the lucky winner at the same time as raising funds for the school! The next draw is this Saturday 4th February 2023. Only £1 per ticket. Click on the link [Join GSJS School Lottery](#)

## Looking for Name Labels?

[Click here to order Stikins® Name Labels](#) and raise money for the school - just remember to fill in the school's unique code **7729**.

## Shopping Online?

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to **easyfundraising** to support Garden Suburb Junior School - Childs Way? It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. When you make a purchase, **the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.**

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