



Garden Suburb Junior School

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3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Dates for your diary

Science Week	Week beginning 6 th March
Parent/Teacher Consultations	Tuesday 7 th March 3:40pm - 6:30pm Thursday 9 th March 3:40pm - 6:30pm Book appointments online
Possible School Closure for Industrial Action	Wednesday 15 th , Thursday 16 th March
Y6 Visit to RAF Museum	Tuesday 21 st March
Y3 and Y4 Spring Disco	Monday 27 th March 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Y5 and Y6 Spring Disco	Tuesday 28 th March 3:30pm - 5:00pm
PTA meeting	Friday 31 st March 9:00am Junior Hall
Last Day of Spring Term - School closes early for the holidays	Friday 31 st March 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
School opens for the Summer Term	Monday 17 th April

PTA Events

See above the date of the next PTA meeting.

Please email gardenjpta@gmail.com if you are able to be the class representative for your child's class. The Class Rep manages the WhatsApp group and helps to circulate information. They also attend PTA meetings to discuss fund raising and other school issues. **At the last PTA meeting many classes were not represented. We are trying to improve communication and engagement. Class Reps could really help with this.**

The next fun event is the Spring Disco. Please email gardenjpta@gmail.com if you can help.

Mental Health

Place2Be is a children's mental health charity with over 25 years' experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools. They have just launched a help page for parents which offers plenty of practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour, which we would like to draw to your attention. They cover topics like gaming and supporting your child with homework, to shyness and routines, with plenty of videos and short reads to help parents. The website can be found below:

[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=9aa6e0e510-Non-Partner Schools Newsletter March 2023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-9aa6e0e510-220816124](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=9aa6e0e510-Non-Partner%20Schools%20Newsletter%20March%202023&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-9aa6e0e510-220816124)





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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>

- **Safeguarding:** Over the last couple of weeks I have talked to the children about the importance of understanding respect and consent in relation to their body. Understanding the places on their body that are private, as well as respecting the boundaries of others was discussed. I also talked about the importance of saying no to things that we are not comfortable with and the need to tell an adult if something happened that they were not comfortable with. It is a good idea that you find opportunities to discuss these kind of issues with your children to reinforce this safeguarding message.
- **Health and Safety:** It has been drawn to my attention that some children have been selling drinks outside school before drop off and after school. The drink is called Prime and it is not suitable for children as it contains additives and a high amount of caffeine. Please do not allow your children to buy or sell anything in and around school. Children should not be bringing money into school at all and should be closely supervised by an adult when they are buying anything at primary school age.

We have also noticed that children are bringing in a range of sugary drinks in their packed lunch. **From Monday packed lunch children are only allowed to drink water with their packed lunch.** This is available in the dinner hall for all children and is much healthier.

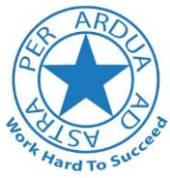
Reminder: We encourage you to provide a fruit/veg snack for your child to enjoy at playtime. We have noticed that many upper school children do not bring a snack. You might want to discuss this with your child as a snack may support better concentration, especially now that their longer learning block is after play.

- **World Book Day:** We had an amazing collection of book character costumes today and the children enjoyed a range of activities to promote the love of reading.

Amazon Wish List: To celebrate World Book Day, we have updated our Amazon Wishlist. We would be so grateful if you could purchase one of these books for your child's class. The list features lots of high-quality, age-appropriate books which reflect diversity in genres, authors and characters.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/24AGPETJO56RO>





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- **Royal Academy Young Artists' summer show 2023.** The Young Artists' Summer Show is a great opportunity to engage creatively with young people, offering them the chance to make and share a piece of artwork that truly expresses their own voice. There is no theme and they accept artworks of any kind. A drawing, painting, print, photograph, sculpture or a textile piece.

If your child wants to enter please send their work via email on Friday 24th March 2023 by 3pm.

Parents will need to:

- read the guidance of how to photograph art pieces attached
- complete the permission form attached
- email entries with your child's full name, class name, title of the piece and a short written statement about their piece

Photographed entries and permission forms need to be sent to Miss Aziz via email to:
3g@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head teacher

