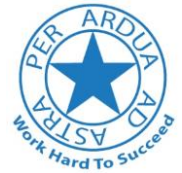


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10th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Dates for your diary

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 Y5 and Y6 Spring Disco	Monday 27 th March 3:30pm - 5:00pm Tuesday 28 th March 3:30pm - 5:00pm See ParentMail Shop to buy tickets £10 Tickets will not be issued- class teacher will have lists
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

Year 5 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend.

The Year 5 Class Assemblies are at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

- 5S Monday 27th March
- 5J Tuesday 25th April
- 5G Tuesday 16th May

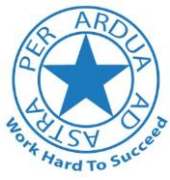
School Closure next week – Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March

You will no doubt have heard on the news about additional planned strikes in the UK, by school teachers. The next is due to take place on the **15th and 16th March**. These strikes are about the issue of funding for schools, as well as school teacher pay. These are both issues that have had a major impact on our school, and our school teachers. We are hoping that the need for industrial action will be averted before the planned strike days, but you will need to be aware that the schools are likely to need to be closed on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March**, if the strikes go ahead. We will, of course, keep you updated if this changes.

Survey

Thank you to the 114 people who have completed our survey. If you haven't completed it, please do by 14th March! *We want your feedback!* Please remember if you have a child in the Infants and Junior school you need to complete both surveys. The survey should not take longer than 10 minutes to complete. You can find the link [here](#) or use the QR code displayed near the school gate.





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PTA Events

The next fun event is the Spring Disco. Please email gardenjpta@gmail.com if you can help.
See the date for the next PTA meeting above.

Amazon Wish List: 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>

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>

- **Science week:** Science week was a great success this week. The children have participated in a variety of engaging science activities. Thank you to Miss Childs, Science Coordinator for organising these events:

Parent Talks – Parents who have jobs using science have provided talks for all of the classes:

- **Y3** Luisa Petigrew – GP and researcher
- **Y4** Rawiya Alhosni – Post doctoral medical researcher in cells and human tissue
- **Y5** Dmitry Zvenkov – Game developer
- **Y6** Kfir Cohen – PhD student in electrical engineering

Thank you to these parents who have given up their time this week.

Science Carousel – Year 6 pupils provided science workshops to all year groups

House Captain Assemblies – The House Captains have led engaging science experiments for their houses

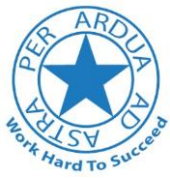
Door displays: The theme of Science Week 23 in 'Connections'. Each class is in the process of decorating their door incorporating this theme as well as their topic for this half term. Members of School Council will judge the doors.

- **Football: Year 3-4 girls' football** - Today, girls from year 3 and 4 attended a football tournament, competing against other schools in the borough. For many of the girls, it was their first time playing competitive football but they did themselves proud with their effort and engagement.

Year 5-6 mixed football team - Last week, the the mixed football team travelled to SMSJ to play a league fixture. The effort and determination of the players was phenomenal. All games must be played before the Easter holidays and the team are in with a chance of winning the league.

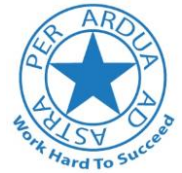
Year 5-6 girls' football team - The girls continued their season with a cup match against Dollis. They are now through to the semi-final where they will play St Vincent's or All Saints'





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- **Learning Resources and Activities on the website**

The Learning Zone includes ideas and resources for children to enjoy at home. We are regularly updating this area. Click on the individual subject links to access some interesting and fun activities.

Please also see the document '[Activities for Children to do at home](#)'

This includes a range of activities designed for your child to practise core concepts and consolidate learning in different subject areas. Most of these activities do not require access to the internet.

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

Mathematics Learning Zone website update

The Mathematics includes fun and engaging mathematical games and resources to help your child consolidate and pre learn important mathematical skills. Using games to learn can help increase participation, foster social and emotional learning, and motivate children. There are a variety of websites that can be accessed on a computer or tablet, iPad/tablet apps to download, books to purchase and activities to enjoy at home and out and about.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Mathematics&pid=328>

- **Poster Competition: Garden Suburb Junior School Spring Disco.** I talked to the children about the competition to design an eye catching poster. See the entry form attached. The children should have brought a paper copy home today too. There will be a winner in each year group announced at the disco!
- **The Theme of the Egg Decorating Competition 2023 is 'Animal Egg':** Be creative! Remember a **hardboiled egg** or an egg that has been blown should be used. **Eggs may be brought into school from Monday 20 March until Thursday 23rd March.** Entries should be labelled with:
 - Your child's name and class
 - The title of the eggPrizes will be awarded in all classes
Remember it is **how the egg is decorated** rather than the accessories around it that will be judged!

Please see attached a flier for The London Youth Band for children who play wind, brass and percussion instruments.

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head teacher

