



Garden Suburb Junior School

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31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Dates for your diary

School opens for the Summer Term	Monday 17 th April Please note there is no INSET day
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Year 5 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend.

The Year 5 Class Assemblies are in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

5J Tuesday 25th April 2:30pm

5G Tuesday 16th May 2:30pm

PTA Spring Disco

The discos were a great success. Many thanks to the PTA for organising this fun event.

£1,969.70 was raised which is amazing! Thank you everyone.

School Lunches

Our catering company regularly monitors the standards in the school kitchen. Over the last couple of weeks some additional monitoring has taken place in response to concerns raised by some parents. I can confirm that the food that is being prepared for your children is at the required standard and the kitchen are working hard to ensure that the items that the children particularly like, don't run out. The new menus for next term are attached. We are encouraging your children to take a balanced meal, including items from the salad bar. It would be helpful if you took a look at the menus with your child and encouraged them to do the same. Please contact the school if you have any further concerns.

Curriculum Events

- **Beekeeper Visit:** Year 5 enjoyed a visit from a beekeeper from North London Beekeepers based in Alexandra Palace. She explained to the children about how bees are an essential part of our eco-system due to their role in cross-pollination. Bees, however, are under threat: the children learned about the dangers posed by pesticides, climate change and invasive species such as the Asian hornet. The children, across all three classes, were enthusiastic and tested the beekeeper's knowledge with the amazing questions they had
- **Big Walk and Wheel:** Thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Big Walk and Wheel. Garden Suburb are proud to be STARS Gold Award holders, which is only possible with the support from our community. Over the last two weeks, we have logged 1260 journeys and out of primary schools in Barnet, we ranked 4th, which is an amazing achievement. Well done to everyone who took part.





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- **Science Door Competition:** Well done to the children in 6S who won the competition, judged by the school council representatives, with a fabulous door on the circulatory system.
- **Egg Decoration Competition:** The prizes were awarded at assembly yesterday. Well done to everyone who entered with their creatively decorated eggs.

Second Hand Uniform Sale, Friday 21st April in the Junior Playground:

Summer uniform, shorts, PE tops and summer dresses will be for sale on the first week back after holidays.

If you are able to help out at the sale, please email office@gsjs.barnetmail.net and we'll put you in contact with Natalie who organises the sales for us (if you've volunteered previously please contact Natalie directly).

Communication and Engagement Survey

Please see the email sent out earlier today with an overview of the results of the survey. Thank you again to everyone who completed this survey.

Have a lovely holiday!

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head teacher

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 25th March 2023, 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!

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>

