



Garden Suburb Junior School

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8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

RAAC Update

I have had confirmation that RAAC is not present within the areas that have been surveyed this week. Barnet Local Authority have responded promptly to changes in guidance. We are extremely grateful for the support that has been provided to give us the necessary reassurance. So it is business as usual!

We have had a successful first week back! Well done everyone for working hard, especially during this unusually hot weather.

The Y3 children are settling well into the Junior School and we are very pleased with how the Y6 children are being excellent role models. The new House Captains have been selected and they will be introduced to the whole school next week.

School Games Mark Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. We are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements included:

- winning the sportshall athletics competition
- finishing second in the Barnet athletics meet
- reaching the girls' football cup final
- entering teams into the girls' and mixed football league
- competing in swimming.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Mr McGwinn – our PE coordinator – for his hardwork in facilitating these events. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

We will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 15th September

The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

Most importantly, the campaign:

- brings together the genetic condition community in order to make a loud noise about the issues that matter to them,
- shines a light on the organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of affected individuals
- celebrates the achievements of those living with a genetic condition.

Children are invited to wear their jeans or casual trousers, with their school uniform top. We will be collecting for this charity for those who wish to make a donation.





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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

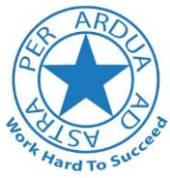
Friday 15th September	Jeans for Genes Day Children are invited to wear their jeans or casual trousers, with their school uniform top, on Friday 15 th September. We will also be collecting for this charity for those who wish to make a donation.
Monday 18th September 6:00pm-7:15pm Junior Hall	Meeting for Y6 Parents - Secondary Transfer and School Journey
Wednesday 27th September 3:40pm- 6:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Friday 29th September	Photographer in school to take individual photos
Wednesday 4th October	Y6 Visit Kenwood House
Thursday 5th October	Y4 Visit Verulamium
Friday 6th October 9:00am- 11:00am Junior Hall	Curriculum talks for Y3 and Y4 Parents
Monday 9th October	Y5 Drama Workshops on Wind Rush
Thursday 12th October 3:40pm- 6:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Monday 16th October- Friday 20th October	Y6 Residential School Journey to the Isle of Wight
Half Term Monday 23 rd October- Friday 27 th October	
Monday 30th October	INSET DAY – School closed to the children
Friday 3rd November Junior Hall	Y6 Shakespeare Workshops Romeo and Juliet
Wednesday 8th November	Y5 Visit Hampton Court
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Friday 1st December	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair
Friday 8th December	Seasonal Jumper Day
Thursday 21st December	Last Day of term – Non uniform Day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 8th January	Start of the Spring Term

Please note below some general information below:

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head Teacher





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Extra- Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular Activities will start week beginning 11th September 2023 (please check booking information)

Football Year 3 and Year 4	Monday
Football Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday
Taekwondo (all year groups)	Tuesday
Dance Club (all year groups)	Wednesday
High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
Spanish Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Friday

Lunch time clubs Chess clubs, Choir.

Orange Performing Arts Academy (OPA)

An exciting new Performing Arts Academy is coming to Garden Suburb Schools on Saturdays from September 2023. *Orange Performing Arts presents... OPA Academy!*

A chance for 4 - 18 year olds to build confidence, have fun and develop their performance skills.

Sign-ups are now open. Book now to take advantage of the Early Bird Offer. www.opaacademy.com

See the flier attached.

PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child’s PE days

When your child has PE, **they need to come into school wearing their PE kit**. They will wear it for the whole day. If you have not yet purchased the new PE Kit, please ensure that your child wears plain blue coloured track suit bottoms (no branded kit). Our aim is that over time everyone will purchase the new kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

Year 3 Monday and Thursday

Year 4 Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

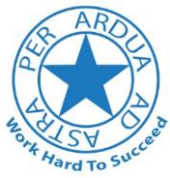
Year 6: 6G Wednesday and Friday

6S Wednesday and Friday

6J Thursday and Friday

ParentMail – Keep informed! *If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact Ms Bailey in the school office as soon as possible.* Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** - please look out for them! ParentMail is used for all other communication from the school, including emergency messages regarding school closures etc., either by text, or by email. It is your responsibility to keep your ParentMail account updated with any contact detail changes by logging into your ‘Settings’. **Please remember to also notify the school office with changes in contact details for our own records system.**





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Making contact with the school

We always like to hear from parents and carers in our community but would ask that all **non-urgent** messages be sent to the school by email and directed to the following contacts below:

Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements Mrs Morgan Chiswick, welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net

Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -
office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Class teachers

Miss Hovell **3J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Miss Clarke **3S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Ms H Vitow **3G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Mr J Morrissey/ Miss Childs **4G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Ms N Aziz **4S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Miss N McKenna **4J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Mrs Margolis **5G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Ms James **5S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Mrs S Solden (formerly Miss Levin) **5J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Miss J Gardner **6G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Miss Miss Quinn **6S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Miss H Buck **6J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs (ChildCare)

Funtime is open for both breakfast and after school club. Due to the fact that we have to limit our group sizes, all places **MUST** be booked and paid for in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com

Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

