



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

6th October 2023

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

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
Friday 20th October 9:00am in the Junior Hall	PTA Meeting Everyone who is interested in being involved is welcome to attend.
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

Staffing News

Mr McGwinn will be starting his paternity leave from Monday 9th October and will return in January 2024. Miss Buck, Class teacher of 6S, will be taking maternity leave in January 2024. Mr McGwinn will teach 6S until the end of the academic year.

Seasonal Flu Immunisation

If you haven't already registered your child for the flu immunisation please do so as soon as possible. These are taking place at school on Tuesday 10 October 2023. The consent process is electronic. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link: <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the unique code for the Junior School. The code is CL101281

Parent Teacher Consultations

Please see the dates for consultations above. Booking information has been sent out via Parentmail. If you do not have an appointment already booked, please email the class teacher.

Y3 and Y4 Curriculum Talk for Parents

Thank you to those who attended the talks today. The presentation is on the website:
<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Year+3&pid=315>





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Harvest/Sukkot

As part of our focus on Harvest/Sukkot we are collecting food for **Homeless Action Barnet (HAB)**. Food will be collected in the main entrance until Monday 9th October.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Black History Month** has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we have focused on Black History month for many years. We now incorporate aspects of black history throughout the year across the curriculum. All year groups began their focus on an aspect of Black History in October:

Year 3 - Desmond Tutu who was once the curate at Golders Green Parish Church. They will also look at Benjamin Zephaniah's new book "The Nature Trail" and also Jacob Lawrence's art

Year 4 - Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South.

Year 5 - Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England' and also 'The Windrush'.

Year 6 - Slavery and injustice.

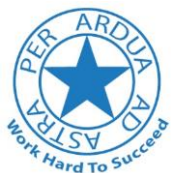
Free Community Black History Month Events

Barnet are delighted to be offering opportunities for families to be involved in workshops and showcase events. They are also providing a number of free of activities. See the flier attached Or click on the links below:

[BHM showcase tickets](#) and [Book Free BHM Activities](#)

- **Y6 Suburb Quest:** This week, Year 6 ventured out into Hampstead Garden Suburb to learn about our local area. They visited St Jude's Church, Henrietta Barnett school and Big Wood Nature Reserve and enjoyed sketching the Free Church in Central Square. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring their area and hunting for blue plaques and were pleased to find local buildings linked to the figures after whom their houses are named: Barnett, Unwin, Melvin and Coates.
- **Year 6 Visit to Kenwood:** On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Kenwood House. They had a lovely day walking around the grounds and sketching points of interest, namely the 'Thousand Pound Pond' and sculptures by Henry Moore. They also attended an informative workshop in the mansion house where the children focused on the paintings of Dido Belle and the Murray family who used to live at the house during the 1700s. Dido Belle lived at Kenwood House for 31 years. Her position was unusual because she was born into slavery according to colonial law. Lord and Lady Mansfield brought her up as a member of the Murray family. This workshop introduced the children to the Y6 topic on slavery and injustice linked to this month's Black History focus. The children were really engaged and asked and answered lots of interesting questions.
- **Year 4 Visit to Verulamium :** The children learnt all about life as a Roman, explored a Roman Theatre, toured a Roman Museum, learnt about a Roman hypocaust and even had the chance to handle real artefacts from Roman times. The children participated and behaved extremely well.





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PTA

Our next PTA meeting is **Friday 20th October** at 9:00am- everyone who is interested in being involved is welcome to attend. To email the PTA gardenjpta@gmail.com

- **National Poetry Day:** We focused on 'Caged Bird' by Maya Angelou. In addition, we looked at poems about what a home is. This also linked to our focus on collecting food for the homeless. A poetry competition was launched. See the details below:

GSJS Poetry Writing Competition.

Have a go at writing your own poem with **refuge** as the theme.

Think about a place, a person or an activity that could be a refuge for you or for someone else. Write your own refuge poem.

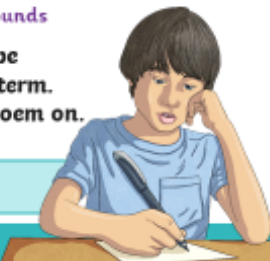
There will be a prize awarded in each class for a selected poem and others will be displayed in the reading corner and around the school.

Helpful tips:

- You can include poetic devices such as imagery, similes and metaphors
- Read your poem out loud to hear how it sounds

Deadline: Friday 3rd November 2023. Poems will be selected by Bookworm representatives after half term. Your teacher will give you a form to write your poem on.

Have fun writing!



Safety Notices

- **Stranger danger:** I have had some reports of parents observing inappropriate behaviour by adults in The Green area. If you observe adults behaving inappropriately, please report it to the Police. You can do this online by following this link <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
Parents are advised to closely supervise their children if playing on The Green after school.
- **Dogs:** Please avoid bringing dogs at drop off and pick up. Childs Walk is very narrow making it very difficult to keep a safe distance.

Please note below some general information below:

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head Teacher





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Extra- Curricular Activities

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)	Monday/Friday

Lunch time clubs

Chess club -Thursday

Lower School Choir - Tuesday

Upper School Choir - Thursday

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.

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





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Class teachers

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

