



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

17th November 2023

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

4G Tuesday 28 th November 4S Tuesday 12 th December 4J Tuesday 19 th December	Year 4 Class Assemblies Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall
Violin Concert - Miss Lodge's Pupils Monday 11 th December 2:15am -3:00pm Choir Monday 18 th December 2:30pm.	Musical Concerts in the Junior Hall Parents of the children who are performing are invited to attend these concerts.
Friday 1st December	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair Children can wear their seasonal/ favourite Jumper on this day with their uniform
Friday 8th December	Seasonal/Favourite 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 9th January	Start of the Spring Term

Sir Lenny Henry Visits Garden Suburb Junior School

Sir Lenny Henry visited Garden Suburb Junior School this week to read extracts from his children's books. With the lower school he shared the picture book 'You Can Do Anything Tyrone' and explained to the children that he wrote the book because when he was young, there were no books with pictures of children that looked like him or pictures of grownups that looked like his grandad. He also wanted a book that inspired children to have the courage and confidence to be whatever they wanted to be.

With the upper school he shared the extracts from the series 'The Boy with Wings'. The children were inspired by Sir Lenny, who also answered many questions about the writing process. Sir Lenny reminded the children how lucky they were to be in a culturally diverse school.

The opportunity to listen to a fabulous role model talk about his work will be an important memory for the children at Garden Suburb Junior School, as will the jokes that were also part of this engaging session. There was a lot of laughter.

The children hope that he will return in the future to share his next book, we would love to have him back!





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Assemblies and Curriculum Events

See our latest news for more information about our engaging curriculum.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

- **Poetry Competition:** The winners of the poetry competition were announced in assembly. There was a fabulous response from the children. There was a winner in each class. Well done everyone!
- **TT Rockstars:** We were very successful in the TT Rockstars competition. Out of 4,357 schools that took part we came 389th. Well done everyone!

What Children Need for the Seasonal Fair Friday 1st December - *remember to get some cash!*

The fair is during the morning and is a wonderful fundraising event which is a highlight of the year!

On the day of the fair children should bring:

1. Spending money for shopping (**recommend no more than £15, coins only no notes**) in a named purse/wallet
2. A carrier bag with their name on it for their purchases
3. Children can wear a seasonal/favourite jumper

Class Assemblies

All Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes will be presenting a class assembly to their parents over the year. The Y6 children will be performing their Y6 production at the end of the summer term.

This Year we are starting with the Y4 classes. The dates for the other year groups will be published in the Spring term. Please see below the dates for the **Year 4 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:**

4G Tuesday 28th November

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Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

It has been our custom for many years for the children to say 'thank you' to our support staff, for all that they do for the school, by giving them a Christmas gift. These are invaluable members of staff whose dedication and hard work is often unseen. This includes our: meal time supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaning staff, caretakers Mr Adolphe and Mr Shepherd and the team of learning support assistants. We would be very happy to receive your donations – please send any donations, in a sealed envelope marked 'Support Staff Christmas Gifts' and ask your child to hand to their class teacher, by Friday 8th December. Thank you.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 25th November, 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





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Shopping Online?

We need your help! If you shop online, please sign up to **easyfundraising** to support Garden Suburb Junior School - Childs Way. It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. When you make a purchase, **the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.**

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page and click 'support us'. It's easy! Just click here <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsj/>

Amazon Wish List: Please see the link below for our Amazon Wish list. 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>

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar / Head Teacher

Online Safety

It is essential that parents are aware that children need to be protected from viewing inappropriate material online. This also includes, news channels, Youtube, Tik Tok and Instagram. **Children should never have unsupervised access to anything online. Lone travellers who may have a mobile phone should not have access to viewing material online. Parental controls must be used to protect children.**

Please see the link below to a very useful site to support parents.

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

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





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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

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 **6J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

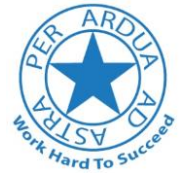
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Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs (ChildCare)

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

