

Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

8thDecember 2023

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

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.
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

Online Safety

Children should not be using social media at primary school age. I have been made aware that some children are using messaging apps such as Snapchat and Whatsapp. This is concerning and dangerous without very close adult supervision. Please see the link below to a very useful site to support parents. <https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>
Also see some fliers attached with guidance for parents.

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>

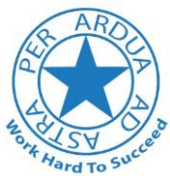
We also provide a range of competitions for children to take part in. It is a good idea for parents to encourage their children to take part in these extra-curricular activities.

- **Seasonal/Favourite Jumper day:** The children learnt about the charity Save the Children today. This charity helps children by funding projects around the world.
- **Seasonal Decoration Competition:** The winners of the Seasonal Decoration Competition were announced this week and prizes were awarded in each year group.
- **Scratch Coding Competition:** We have launched a seasonal Scratch coding competition. Your children have the opportunity to create their own animation using 'Scratch'. They could create a seasonal game or a seasonal card, which could celebrate a religious holiday or the winter season. All the information is available on Showbie and entries will be judged on Monday 18th December by the Digital Leaders. Have fun coding! See flier attached.
- **Travel Ambassadors:** The Travel Ambassadors announced the winning entries for the road safety poster competition in assembly this week. The winner will be entered for the borough competition.

St Jude on the Hill - Community Event

Please see details of a Christmas Market and Santa's Grotto that is taking place tomorrow.





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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 no later than Friday 15th December. Thank you.

New Girls Football Sessions taking place in Barnet

In partnership with Barnet Council and Middlesex FA, local football clubs across Barnet are delivering new football sessions for girls.

Club Name	Venue	Sessions	Club Contact	Club Email
Barnet Nightingales	Barnet Powerleague, N10 1ST	Club Training sessions, 6–16-year-olds	Dominic Carini	secretary@barnetnightingalesfc.co.uk
Belsize Park	Hampstead Heath Extension, NW11 7HL	Weetabix Wildcats, 5–11-year-olds	Ioannis Mavroudis	belsizeparkfc@outlook.com
Eagles United	Burnt Oak Leisure Centre, HA8 ONP	Weetabix Wildcats, 5–11-year-olds Squad Girls, 12-14-year-olds	Petrit Krasniqi	petrit.krasniqi@gll.org
East Finchley Girls	Christs College Finchley, N10 OSE	Weetabix Wildcats, 5–11-year-olds	Jess Marks	Eastfinchleygirlsfootball@gmail.com

Weetabix Wildcats and Squad Girls sessions are a non-competitive environment, with sessions aimed at making friends, having fun and playing football.

Further information on the above programmes can be found via the links below –

- <https://www.Englandfootball.com/play/youth-football/weetabix-wildcats>
- <https://www.Englandfootball.com/play/youth-football/Squad-Girls-Football>

All clubs have FA Qualified and DBS checked coaches who have taken additional FA training to deliver these football programmes.

We recommend parents to contact clubs directly to find out further information on sessions days and times.

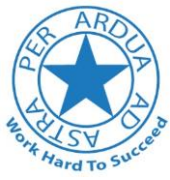
The above sessions are part of a wider World Cup Legacy project that Middlesex FA are delivering to get more girls playing football. If you would like any further information please contact Participation Development Officer, Andy Perren at andrew.perren@middlesexfa.com or call 02085151926.

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar / Head Teacher





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GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 9th December, 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

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/gsis/>

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>

Extra- Curricular Activities

Football Year 3 and Year 4	Monday
Football Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday
Taekwondo (all year groups)	Tuesday
Art Club (Year 4)	Tuesday
Art Club (Year 5)	Wednesday
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
Orange Performing Arts Academy	Saturday

Lunch time clubs

Chess club -Thursday

Lower School Choir - Tuesday

Upper School Choir - Thursday

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





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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

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

