

Garden Suburb Junior School

Childs Way • London • NW11 6XU



Tel: 020 8455 3269 • E-mail : office@gsgs.barnetmail.net • Website : www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Bhavsar BA (Hons) MSc • Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Berger BEd (Hons)
Administrator / School Business Manager: Ms Andrea Bailey

Dear Parents/Carers

20th December 2023

I hope that you have had the chance to read the letter that I sent yesterday reflecting on our achievements and developments over the past year.

The children and staff have worked hard and had a successful first term of the 2023-24 academic year. Everyone is now ready for a well-earned holiday!

Thursday 21st December is the last Day of term and it is a non-uniform day

Please note that we have an early closure
1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6

Please see below some of the key dates for next term.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 9th January	Start of the Spring Term
Friday 19th January 9:10am Junior Hall	Meeting for all parents on our Relationship Sex and Health Education Programme. There will be an opportunity to view resources – more details to follow
Monday 29th January 6:00pm-7:30pm Junior Hall	Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents – more details to follow
Week beginning 29th January	Maths Week
Friday 2nd February Junior Hall	Annual General Meeting of the PTA All parents are welcome
Monday 5th February	Lower School Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 6th February	Upper school Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Half Term	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Monday 19th February	INSET Day - School closed to the children
Friday 1st March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Wednesday 6th March 3:40pm-6pm Tuesday 12th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Week beginning 18th March	Science Week
Monday 25th March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 26th March 3:30pm-5:00pm	Lower School Disco Upper School Disco

Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

- 5G** Tuesday 30th January
- 5J** Tuesday 5th March
- 5S** Tuesday 19th March

Extra - curricular activities – there are still places available in some clubs. Check the club information pack sent out in early December for more details.





Garden Suburb Junior School

Childs Way • London • NW11 6XU



Tel: 020 8455 3269 • E-mail : office@gsjs.barnetmail.net • Website : www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Bhavsar BA (Hons) MSc • Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Berger BEd (Hons)
Administrator / School Business Manager: Ms Andrea Bailey

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>

- **House Captains:** In order to give opportunities for children to be recognised as role models, the teachers select eight different Year 6 children each term to be House Captains. They carry out a range of duties and responsibilities. During their term of office, the house captains will have the opportunity to take on responsibilities and to work together to create presentations to deliver to their house. House points, certificates and stickers are awarded to children to recognise positive behaviour. New House Captains were announced in assembly today and the retiring House Captains were thanked.
- **Scratch Competition:** There was an impressive number of entries for the Scratch competition. Well done to everyone who participated. In assembly today the winners were announced and prizes awarded.
- **Thank You for Your Generous Charity Donations:** We collected £242.46 for Children in Need in November and £123.90 for Save the Children in December.
- **Performances:** Well done to the children who performed in the choir concert. Thank you to our Music Co-ordinator, Mr Silverman, for preparing the children for this event. Well done also 4J for their fabulous class assembly. These events are always well attended by parents, which we greatly appreciate.
- **Y3 Bikeability:** This event was funded by Barnet Local Authority. Y3 pupils had the opportunity of practising road safety skills on Monday. Unfortunately, the bad weather prevented the Tuesday session from taking place. For further information on Bikeability, see the link below.
<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/>

Attendance

Our attendance registers are monitored regularly by the Barnet Educational Welfare Officer. Parents are reminded that extensions of holidays are not permitted. Any absence, apart from sickness, must be requested in advance. Any sickness absence directly before or after a holiday will not be authorised unless medical evidence is provided.

Do you have any unwanted games?

At this time of year families may be having a clear out. We are in need of some games for our lunchtime games club. Games aimed at ages 5-11yrs would be welcome eg board games/puzzles/card games. Please ensure that they are in good condition and bring them into school in January if you wish to make a donation.

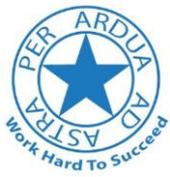
School opens to the children on 9th January. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar / Head Teacher





Garden Suburb Junior School

Childs Way • London • NW11 6XU



Tel: 020 8455 3269 • E-mail : office@gsjs.barnetmail.net • Website : www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Bhavsar BA (Hons) MSc • Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Berger BEd (Hons)
Administrator / School Business Manager: Ms Andrea Bailey

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 23rd 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/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>

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

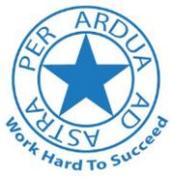
Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00





Garden Suburb Junior School

Childs Way • London • NW11 6XU



Tel: 020 8455 3269 • E-mail : office@gsjs.barnetmail.net • Website : www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs Eileen Bhavsar BA (Hons) MSc • Deputy Head Teacher: Mrs Lisa Berger BEd (Hons)
Administrator / School Business Manager: Ms Andrea Bailey

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

