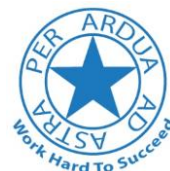




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Dear Parents/Carers

19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

For more details of our engaging curriculum see the latest news section of our website:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2&storyid=1352>

- **World Religion Day:** Assemblies focused on learning about similarities and links between religions as well as celebrating the cultural diversity of the world and our community. A competition was announced to the children. We also had a lovely presentation from a child who completed her first Umrah, a Muslim pilgrimage. The children have been invited to share presentations on aspects of their faith in order that the whole school can learn from each other. Next week there will be a presentation from a pupil on what happens at a Bar Mitzvah. Children sharing these experiences is a lovely way for children to learn and celebrate our cultural diversity. It is also an invaluable presentation experience for the pupils doing the talks in an assembly.
- **Maths Week:** See the email that was sent out today with details of our maths week. There are lots of competitions and events for your children to get involved in.

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 6:00pm-7:30pm Junior Hall	Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents – more details to follow
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Maths Week</b> See flyer attached
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Mathematical Cake Sale</b> See maths week flyer
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February Junior Hall	<b>Annual General Meeting of the PTA</b> All parents are welcome
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Lower School Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Upper school Art Gallery</b> Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
<b>Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>INSET Day - School closed to the children</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Y3 Egyptian Workshops</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science Week</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm	<b>Lower School Disco</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm	<b>Upper School Disco</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Last Day of term- Non uniform day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4      1:30pm Y5 and Y6

## Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

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

**5G** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

**5J** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**5S** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March





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## Art Exhibition - Save the date

This term the children will be focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend. We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance.

**Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm**

**Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm**

## Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)

Thank you to the parents who attended the meeting today. We had a fabulous turnout. A feedback form will be sent out next week on Parentmail. Please take the time to complete it as your feedback is really valued. Thank you to Miss Clarke for her comprehensive presentation. Miss Clarke is also happy to meet with parents who have any questions or concerns about RSHE. The presentation will be put on the website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=PSHE+and+RSHE&pid=1695>

## 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 if you wish to make a donation.

## Parenting - the hardest job in the world!

From **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January**, in the **Junior School Hall**, we will be providing a course for parents called 'Family Links'. This **10- week** parenting programme aims to improve the emotional health of both adults and children and strengthen family relationships. The course is available to both Infant and Junior School parents. Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment! Please see the letter attached for further details.

## Keeping Children Healthy

As levels of winter illnesses including flu, COVID-19 and norovirus continue to rise, there are some simple steps that parents can all take to reduce viruses from spreading in our community.

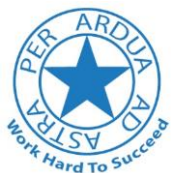
- Teach your children to wash hands properly for 20 seconds, use tissues for coughs and sneezes, and stay away from others when sick.
- Know when to keep your child at home to help stop the spread of stomach bugs and other illnesses
- Spot the signs of common illnesses, including scarlet fever which tends to see cases peak in late winter and early spring.
- Ensure your child is [up to date with their vaccinations](#)

For more information and advice, visit UKHSA's blog: [A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school year](#).

## Car Engines Running During Drop-off and Pick-up Times- Polite Request

We are concerned about the number of cars parked with the engines running at the beginning and end of the school day. One resident reported that their air purifier, which regularly monitors the air quality, consistently shows a spike in pollution during school pick up times. We should all be concerned about this, as we know that pollution created by idling vehicles disproportionately affects children. Not only are many schools daily hot-spots for vehicle idling, but young people have greater exposure to harmful pollutants. You can read more about this here: <https://idlingaction.london/>





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## Information sessions for parents with special education needs or disability

Barnet SENDIASS is pleased to announce an in-person information session event for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disability.

This is a free event where they will have an opportunity to meet with other parents/carers and young people. Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team will be giving a short presentation on what is ordinarily available in schools and will be available to answer any questions that the attendees may have.

- Date: Wednesday 28 February 2024
- Time: 10am – 12.30pm
- Location: Colindale Office, 2 Bristol Avenue, NW9 4EW
- Presenters: Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT)
- Theme: What is Ordinarily Available? A guide to the provision that should be ordinarily available in state funded schools in Barnet.

[To register please click here.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact: [sendiass@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:sendiass@barnet.gov.uk)

## Next Academic Year Term dates

The holiday dates attached for the academic year Sept 2024- July 2025 are attached.

## 'Funtime' Holiday Child Care

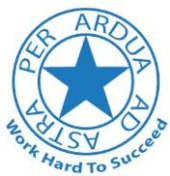
The Club will be running during the half term holiday – see the flyer attached

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> January, 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/gsjjs/>

**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
Ukulele Year 3 and Year 4	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](mailto:Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com)

## Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

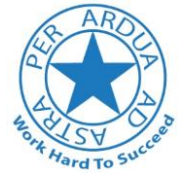






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## PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child's PE days

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](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

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

