



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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2nd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely seeing so many parents in school this week. Thank you to the parents who attended the Y5 and Y6 curriculum talks, the parenting workshops as well the 5G class assembly and the PTA Annual General Meeting. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the art exhibitions next week!

## Musicians Performing at the Art Exhibition

If your child has volunteered to play their instrument at the gallery, and have returned the consent slip signed by a parent/carer, they will be performing between 2:30pm and 3:15pm. Parents are invited to attend.

## 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 Competition:** The winners were announced this week and there is a lovely display in the main entrance.
- **Maths Week:** We have had an action packed Maths Week. Thank you for your donations and the amazing cakes decorated on a mathematical theme. So far we have collected £401.69. We are still happy to take donations from those who didn't have the cash on Friday! This will be shared between the school and the NSPCC.

## Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

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

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

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

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Lower School Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Upper school Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day - School closed to the children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
	World Book Day Celebration
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	PTA Meeting All parents are welcome
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm	Lower School Disco Upper School Disco
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of term- Non uniform day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6





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## PTA Annual General Meeting

Thank you to those who attended the meeting today to review fund raising for 2022-23. We formally elected our committee:

**Joint Chairs:** Sanaz Saifolahi and Andrew McHerron

**Treasurer:** Marina Borges de Oliveira

**Secretary:** Joanne Gould

The Chairs presented their review of the year. We had some wonderful events that provided memorable moments and opportunities to bring our community together. The invaluable fundraising has enabled the purchase of a new reading scheme and other teaching resources, a new server enabling more effective delivery of teaching across the school, an interactive whiteboard, a table tennis table and essential and costly maintenance of our play equipment.

**I would like to thank our PTA for their hard work and commitment to raising much needed funds for the school!**

More details to follow on our plans for future fundraising.

## Safer Internet day Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – See guidance for parents attached

On Tuesday 6th February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day 2024.

Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on young people, parents, carers, teachers, social workers, law enforcement, companies, policymakers and more, to help to create a better internet.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

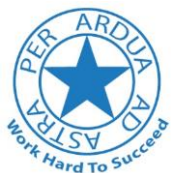
Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in Garden Suburb Junior School, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, for the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/parents-and-carers>

Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

If you have any concerns or questions about keeping your child safe online, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher, Miss Gardner (Computing Lead) or our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Bhavsar.





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## Measles

Measles is rising in London. MMR vaccine rates are still worryingly low in Barnet. Protect your children against measles. Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Cases of measles are rising in London, and with around 73% of 5-year-olds fully vaccinated in Barnet, we are well below the World Health Organisations target of 95% needed to prevent an outbreak.

Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet. Vaccination can help prevent outbreaks and protect against serious illness. Any child identified as a close contact of a measles case without satisfactory vaccination status may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

Download this [childhood immunisations leaflet](#) (translations available), explaining which vaccine to get and when. Check your child's red book and contact their GP to make sure they are up to date on their routine vaccinations. If you're 18-25 and you think you've not had the MMR vaccine, please check with your GP.

If your child has missed the vaccine as a baby or pre-schooler, contact your child's GP to make an appointment or visit a [catch up clinic](#).

[Visit the NCL website for more information.](#)

## Are you interested in becoming a child minder?

Barnet are looking to support the recruitment of childminders. Please see [the leaflet attached](#). The leaflet includes information on how to become an Ofsted registered childminder. If you require any further information or have any queries, please get in contact with Monika Ali Chowdhury or Ceri Gillo on [monika.alichowdhury@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:monika.alichowdhury@barnet.gov.uk) / [ceri.gillo@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.gillo@barnet.gov.uk)

**Reminder:** Art exhibitions next week. Please see the order forms attached.

**Orders have to be received by Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the latest.**

If you are attending the gallery you can purchase your child's picture on the day.

See the attached flyers for more details.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 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 and Year 6)	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

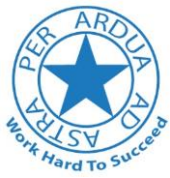
3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

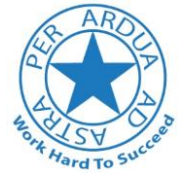






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## PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child's PE days

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.

### Spring Term

**Year 3** Monday and Thursday

**Year 4** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Year 5** Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 6: 6G** Wednesday and Friday

**6S** Thursday and Friday

**6J** Wednesday 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

Mr McGwinn **6S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

