



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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23rd February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2024

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day Celebration</b> We celebrate the day on Friday to avoid disruption to the timetable
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>PTA Meeting</b> All parents are welcome. At this meeting we will be discussing planning for future events. Our Travel Plan Co-ordinator will also be attending to discuss traffic issues around school.
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 3:00pm	<b>Second Hand Uniform Sale</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> <b>Look out for the email to book an appointment on Thursday next week</b>
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 9:00am	<b>PTA Disco Planning Meeting</b> – all welcome
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science Week</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm	<b>Lower School Disco</b> <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

## 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>

**Chinese New Year:** The story of how the twelve Chinese zodiac signs were named after animals was the focus of upper school assembly.

## Year 5 Class Assemblies

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

## World Book Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Dress up as a book character

Children are invited to dress as a character from a book of their choice. However, if they need some inspiration, they can dress as a character from a book or theme that they have studied or will be studying in class. Teachers will also be discussing this in class with the children after half term:

**Year 3** – The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo or any historical figure from Ancient Egypt

**Year 4** – The Iron Man by Ted Hughes (farmers, space dragon, The Ironman), Victorian theme (chimney sweep, factory worker, teacher, Queen Victoria, Prince Albert, courtiers)

**Year 5** – Treason by Berlie Doherty or any Roald Dahl character

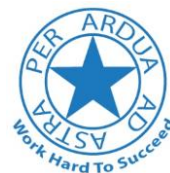
**Year 6** – Goodnight Mr Tom/World War II (dress as an evacuee, soldier, a WAAF, home guard, 1940s outfit)





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## Second Hand Uniform Sale Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 3:00pm

The PTA will be holding a second hand sale next Wednesday after school in the front playground. Pick up good quality uniform for £1!

## PTA meeting

Thank you to those who attended the PTA meeting today. Our Travel Plan co-ordinator attended to get feedback from parents on how to make the streets around the school safer.

There will be a PTA disco planning meeting on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 9:00am. All are welcome.

## Bike Club Scheme

As we endeavour on our journey towards safe and sustainable travel, we would like to bring your attention to the Bike Club Scheme - the kids' bike subscription service with over 40,000 members. Join today from as little as £4.49 per month and gain access to lightweight kids' bikes from all the best brands. Exchange to the next size as your child grows, keeping them on the perfect size bike all the time.

<https://www.johnlewis.com/content/subscription-kids-bikes>

## Money Worries? Could You be Missing Out on Financial Support?

Nationally, it is believed that people are missing out on billions of pounds of benefits they are eligible for simply because they didn't know and haven't made a claim. Thanks to the [Barnet Financial Calculator](#) the council is now able to help residents find out if they are missing out.

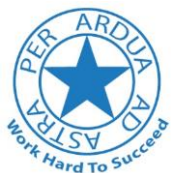
Our award-winning calculator asks users to complete a short and simple self-assessment which then tells them exactly what they are eligible for as well as one-click access to then proceed and make those claims. It is also now immediately available via a Google Translate plug-in, in over 100 languages.

But even if you aren't eligible for benefits but are finding monthly bills a struggle, through our Money Adviser Network, we could help you. If you are in problem debt, we can put you in touch with free, confidential and personalised debt advice through our partnership with the Money and Pensions Service.

And if you would prefer to meet someone face to face, why not come along to one of our outreach sessions – running every Tuesday from 10am to 12.30pm at Chipping Barnet Library and every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm at Burnt Oak Library.

Don't suffer in silence – we are here to help. Find all the links you need and more at [www.barnet.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/costofliving)





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## Residents across Barnet can now apply to host a play street.

Hosting a play street gives children an opportunity to play safely and freely on their street. Play streets also act as a community building activity with children getting a chance to play with all the children in the neighbourhood and neighbours can come together to meet.

Our pilot programme was a success, and the residents really appreciated the scheme. One of the Leopold Road resident shared, "We loved getting to know neighbours and playing safely, my daughter has learned to ride a bike while safe from cars."

Barnet play streets are free to apply for and it can be a long-term application, up to a maximum length of twelve months. Residents need to apply least 10 weeks before the planned date. [Find out more here.](#)

## Please see some general information below:

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head Teacher





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**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 24<sup>th</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

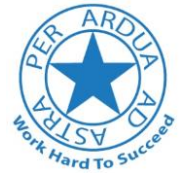
Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00





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

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

