



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2024

<b>Year 5 Class Assemblies</b> 5J Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 5S Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day Celebration – see details below</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b> <b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 3:40pm-6pm</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> <b>Bookings now open</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am</b>	<b>PTA Disco Planning Meeting – all welcome</b>
<b>Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Week</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm</b> <b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm</b>	<b>Lower School Disco</b> <b>Upper School Disco</b> <b>On the day of their disco children should wear their disco outfit to school</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last Day of term- Non uniform day</b> <b>Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4                      1:30pm Y5 and Y6</b>
<b>School closed for the holiday: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School opens for Summer Term – children back to school</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 6:00pm-7:15pm</b>	<b>Secondary Transfer and School Journey Meeting for Y5 Parents</b> More details to follow

## 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>

- **Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Workshops:** Today our school hall was transformed to give the children an Ancient Egyptian experience through art, craft and drama. This was provided by the company 'Off the Page'. Dressed in costumes, the children spent the morning building a new city and preparing the pharaoh's tomb. The children took part in the following activities: making canopic jars, bread, amulets, shabti dolls, perfume cones, carving soap and writing on a papyrus. Drama workshops took place in the afternoon. They included an Ancient Egyptian celebration and feast where the First High Priest of Aten was appointed. Pharaoh Akhenaten and Queen Nefertiti also attended.  
Thank you to the Year 3 parents for supporting this event. It is especially important that we bring our history curriculum alive to enhance the children's 'cultural capital'. Immersion in a history topic like this develops understanding, enhances remembering of learning and develops your children's historical skills and vocabulary.
- **Football:** The girls' team played their first fixture before half term and played with lots of energy.
- **Y4 Swimming:** Look out for the email that will go out on Monday with details of Year 4 swimming lessons





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**World Book Day – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024:** We have a number of activities planned including:

- **Poetry:** Children are invited to bring in poems throughout the week (either their own poem or one they have chosen) and these will be collated into a class poetry anthology for the book corner. Children will also be reading their poems to the class.
- **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.  
**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, 1940 outfit)

## Carpooling

As part of our Travel Plan, we are dedicated to reducing our car usage across the school by 3%. We understand that some of our community travel from further away or have additional commitments that make using a car the easier option. Where possible, we would like you to consider carpooling with other parents from the school, to reduce the amount of cars at pick up and drop off. Some advantages of carpooling include:

- Reduced traffic congestion in school zones
- Saving time
- Low fuel and maintenance costs
- Environmental benefits
- Promotion of social interactions and connections with peers
- Teaches responsibility
- Enhanced safety
- Improved school attendance
- Community building

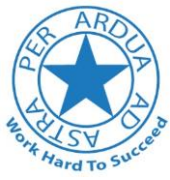
We are looking into ways of helping our parental community with carpooling but in the interim, we ask that if you are willing to carpool for other families in your children's class / classes, that you notify parents on the relevant class WhatsApp group (run by your class parent rep).

If you have any suggestions on managing carpooling within our community or have experienced carpooling at other schools, please drop an email to our School Travel Plan Advisor, Miss Clarke at [3s@gjsj.barnet.sch.uk](mailto:3s@gjsj.barnet.sch.uk)

## Barnet Children's Integrated Therapy service – See flyer attached

We are pleased to share with you the universal training menu for Spring 2024. The training sessions are FREE and will be delivered virtually using Microsoft Teams by the Barnet Children's Integrated Therapy service. The universal training may be accessed by anyone supporting a child or young person who lives or has a GP in Barnet. To register for any of these courses please click on the Eventbrite hyperlink beside the course you wish to attend. This will direct you to the Eventbrite page for that course where you will enter your name and email address - make sure you spell your email address correctly or you will not receive the link to join. Registration for each course will close 3 hours before the time of the session to allow them to send the link to all participants in good time. If you have any questions about a particular course, please email [whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net](mailto:whh-tr.barnetcit@nhs.net) and someone will get back to you.





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## April Holiday Play Scheme – see Funtime flyer attached

Tuesday 31st March to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (4 days)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (5 days)

Full day - £30.00 (8.30 - 5.30pm)

Half day - £20.00 (8.30 – 1pm/1pm to 5.30pm)

Packed lunch required

**IMPORTANT** – Places must be booked in advance. For more information, please call Sharon on 07506 030037 or call in and see us in the dining hall on any school evening. Email [shaz.funtime@outlook.com](mailto:shaz.funtime@outlook.com)

**PTA Event: Spring Disco** - Look out for the email today with details of our next fun fundraising event.

**Lower School Disco Y3 and Y4: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm- 5:00pm**

**Upper School Disco Y5 and Y6: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm-5:00pm**

Tickets are £10 and include refreshments. Also included: one tattoo and one glow-in-the dark item.

Buy tickets online in your Parentmail Shop. Please note that the bookings will close on ParentMail on Wednesday 20th March 2024. After that time, it will NOT be possible to buy a ticket.

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

Remember to book your parent/teacher consultation if you haven't done so already. We expect all parents to take up this opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher.

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 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

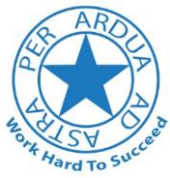
Please see some general information below:

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar

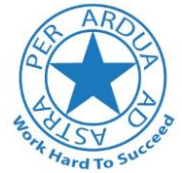
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## PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child's PE days

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

## 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

