



Garden Suburb Junior School

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8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Our community has remained tolerant and respectful during the extremely difficult international situation. The children have worked and played harmoniously together. We encourage the reporting of anything concerning and are clear that anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and any other racial and faith-based discrimination will not be tolerated. When mistakes are made by children, the relevant people are informed and support given. I can report that everyone has appreciated the importance of supporting our tolerant and respectful ethos after any mistake has been made by a child. Whilst we have not discussed the conflicts that are going on in the world directly with the children, we have provided support where necessary and will continue to do so. Staff are being vigilant in observing and listening to the children. Safety and security remain at the heart of everything that we do. Assemblies on mental health have taken place and we have made sure that the children know what support they could get if they are feeling upset or anxious. Tolerance and respect will continue to permeate everything that we do.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2024

5S Class Assembly Tuesday 19 th March	Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall
Tuesday 12th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Friday 15th March 9:00am	PTA Disco Planning Meeting – all welcome
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 On the day of their disco children should wear their disco outfit to school
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of term- Non uniform day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
School closed for the holiday: Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April	
Monday 15th April	School opens for Summer Term – children back to school
Thursday 18th April 6:00pm-7:15pm	Secondary Transfer and School Journey Meeting for Y5 Parents More details to follow

PTA Event: Spring Disco – Email sent last week and paper copy sent home yesterday

Lower School Disco Y3 and Y4: Monday 25th March 3:30pm- 5:00pm

Upper School Disco Y5 and Y6: Tuesday 26th 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.

Theme for the Egg Decorating Competition 2024 is 'Scientific Egg' - see flyer attached

Remember to use a hard-boiled egg or an egg that has been blown
your decorated egg must be labelled with:

- your child's name and class
- the scientific title of the egg

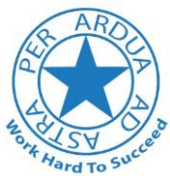
You may bring your decorated egg into school from Monday 18th March

Judging will take place Wednesday 20th March

Prizes will be awarded in all year groups.

Get decorating and be creative!





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Online Safety Reminder

Parents within our community are sharing that they are concerned about the access to social media that they are hearing some of the children in their class have. Children should not be using 'Snap Chat', Whatsapp and Discord to name but a few. I am hearing that children as young as Year 3 have a phone and are having unsupervised access to the online world.

If our community pulled together to say 'no' it would reduce the peer pressure that some parents are now feeling. I am also hearing that children are pressurising parents to be 'Lone Traveller' just because they want to have a phone to bring into school. Children should not be bringing smart phones even if they are a 'Lone Traveller'.

As a community I know we have more work to do on this issue and will be communicating on these issue more in the future. Well done to the parents who are saying no to their children.

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>

World Book

We have all enjoyed celebrating World Book Day today. Thank you for supporting your child to engage with this day of dressing up and celebrating the joy of reading books.

The day started with an assembly on 'The History of Books' led by the Book Worms. Ask your children if they can remember any of the significant facts that they learnt about today. Throughout the day the children have had the opportunity to take part in a scavenger hunt in the library, a masked reader competition, poetry reading, paired reading and some fun creative activities during golden time.

April Holiday Play Scheme – see Funtime flyer sent out last week

Tuesday 31st March to Friday 5th April 2024 (4 days)

Monday 8th April to Friday 12th 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

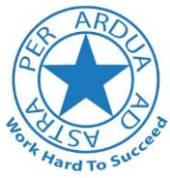
GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 9th March, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Please see some general information below:

Kind regards

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Head Teacher





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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

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

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

