

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Rosh Hashanah Assembly:** Rabbi Cobi Ebrahimoff from, The Rabbi Sacks Legacy, attended assembly on Tuesday and talked to the children about the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah. During this assembly there was also a discussion about the diversity of our community and the importance of understanding and learning from all faiths and beliefs. After the assembly all of the classes enjoyed apple and honey. Thank you to Mrs Goodman, Mrs Blitz and Mrs Penso for donating and preparing these sweet treats.
- **Year 4 Visit to Verulamium :** The children learnt all about life as a Roman, explored a Roman Theatre, toured a Roman Museum, learnt about a Roman hypocaust and even had the chance to handle real artefacts from Roman times. The children participated and behaved extremely well. Thank you to everyone who supported with this valuable educational trip.
- **Black History Month;** An assembly to launch Black History Month took place on Thursday and I was impressed by the contributions made by children showing their knowledge about Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks. Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years. At Garden Suburb Junior School, we have focused on Black History month for many years. We now incorporate aspects of black history throughout the year across the curriculum. All year groups began their focus on an aspect of Black History in October:  
**Year 3** - Desmond Tutu who was once the curate at Golders Green Parish Church. They will also look at Benjamin Zephaniah's new book "The Nature Trail" and also Jacob Lawrence's art  
**Year 4** - Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South.  
**Year 5** - Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England' and also 'The Windrush'.  
**Year 6** - Slavery and injustice.
- **Year 6 Visit to Kenwood:** On Wednesday, Year 6 visited Kenwood House. They had a lovely day walking around the grounds and sketching points of interest, namely the 'Thousand Pound Pond' and sculptures by Henry Moore. They also attended an informative workshop in the mansion house where the children focused on the paintings of Dido Belle and the Murray family who used to live at the house during the 1700s. Dido Belle lived at Kenwood House for 31 years. Her position was unusual because she was born into slavery according to colonial law. Lord and Lady Mansfield brought her up as a member of the Murray family. This workshop introduced the children to the Y6 topic on slavery and injustice linked to this month's Black History focus. The children were really engaged and asked and answered lots of interesting questions.





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## Harvest/Sukkot

As part of our focus on Harvest/Sukkot this focus we will be collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). Please see below the types of food we are asking for. Please bring donations into school next week. Food will be collected in the main entrance from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

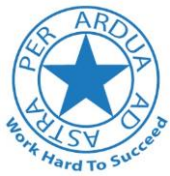
### The Food We Would Like:

<u>Tins</u>	<u>Packets/Jars</u>
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Pasta Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October (re-arranged due to the weather)</b> As part of their Geography/History work on the local area, the children will follow a route around Hampstead Garden Suburb to learn more about the architecture and history of the area since it was developed in early 1900.	<b>Y6 Suburb Quest</b> Y6 will visit Central Square, Henrietta Barnett school, St Judes, Big/Little Woods and other points of interest along the way, taking note of any blue plaques they may find.
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y5 Drama Workshops on Wind Rush</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b> 3:40pm- 6:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> Invitation to book an appointment sent via Parentmail
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9:00am- 11:00am Junior Hall	<b>Curriculum talks for Y3 and Y4 Parents</b> Staff will give an overview of the lower school curriculum including how parents can support their child's learning at home.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>9:00am- 10:00am Junior Dinner Hall</b>	<b>PTA Meeting</b> <b>All interested parents are welcome.</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y6 Residential School Journey to Ashford, Kent.</b>
<b>Half Term - Monday 28<sup>rd</sup> October- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to the children</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November (note change of date)</b>	<b>Y3 Visit Natural History Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y5 Visit Hampton Court</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair (to be confirmed)</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Seasonal Jumper Day</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of term – Non uniform Day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4      1:30pm Y5 and Y6
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Children Back PLEASE NOTE - NO INSET DAY</b>	<b>Start of the Spring Term</b>





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## Free Child Car Seat Safety Checks

*96% of child car seats checked in Barnet during August/September were incorrectly fitted!*

Barnet Council is offering free car seat checks across Barnet to help identify and avoid common errors, in partnership with Good Egg Safety. Recent car seat safety checks in Barnet have revealed that 95% of child car seats were installed incorrectly after 45 seats were checked, with a total of 100 errors.

Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix. The last two events are taking place on:

- Tuesday 8 October, from 10am to 3pm at Sainsburys, Unit 4 Hyde Estate Rd, London (NW9 6JX)
- Thursday, 10 October 2024, from 10am to 3pm at Sainsbury's Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road, Edgware (HA8 7BQ)

Bring your family and have your car seats checked by an expert advisor, who will correct any fixable fitting errors and provide guidance on how to install the car seat properly. No appointment needed.

Visit the link for more information [Free Child Car Seat Checking | Barnet Council](#)

Make sure your little one is safe and secure!

## Reminder: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October Curriculum talks for Y3 and Y4 Parents 9:00am- 11:00am in the Junior Hall

Staff will give an overview of the lower school curriculum including how parents can support their child's learning at home.

Please see attached a flyer for a community event on Sunday at Big Wood.

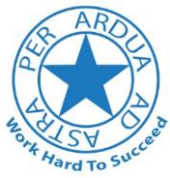
Kind regards

*E. Bhavsar*

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher

**Please see some general information below**





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## 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

## 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)

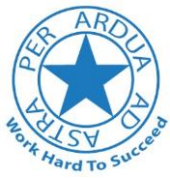
**Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -**  
[office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

### Emails for class Teachers:

<b>Year 3</b>	
Miss Clarke	<a href="mailto:3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Ms Aziz	<a href="mailto:3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Jouhal	<a href="mailto:3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 4</b>	
Mr J Morrissey	<a href="mailto:4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss J Childs (Job Share)	
Miss Walters	<a href="mailto:4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss N McKenna	<a href="mailto:4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 5</b>	
Mrs K Margolis	<a href="mailto:5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss S Solden	<a href="mailto:5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss C James	<a href="mailto:5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 6</b>	
Miss J Gardner	<a href="mailto:6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Fernando	<a href="mailto:6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Mrs Narrainen	<a href="mailto:6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>

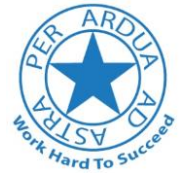
**Please note:** due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages should go to Welfare or the school office.





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**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**

## 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

## Extra- Curricular Activities

<b>Gymnastics (all Year groups)</b>	Monday
<b>Football Year 3 and Year 4</b>	Monday
<b>Football Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Tuesday
<b>Taekwondo (all year groups)</b>	Tuesday
<b>Art Club Year 4</b>	Tuesday
<b>Art Club Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Wednesday
<b>Dance Club (all year groups)</b>	Wednesday
<b>High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Thursday
<b>Spanish Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Thursday
<b>Gymnastics (all Year groups)</b>	Friday

**Lunch time clubs** Chess clubs, Choir

