

Garden Suburb Junior School

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20th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carer

I am pleased to announce that we raised **£2480.60** from our Seasonal Fair. Well done everyone!

Today the children enjoyed a pantomime of 'Sleeping Beauty' from a very talented drama group (it was the staff). The children entered into the pantomime spirit and a lot of fun was had by all.

Thank You for your generous gifts as well as the donations for our support staff.

Start of the Spring Term for the children is Monday 6th January. PLEASE NOTE - NO INSET Day

Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

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

5S Tuesday 11th February

5J Tuesday 18th March

5G Tuesday 25th March

Assemblies and curriculum Events

- **House Captains:** In order to give opportunities for children to be recognised as role models, the teachers select eight different Year 6 children each term to be House Captains. They carry out a range of duties and responsibilities. During their term of office, the house captains will have the opportunity to take on responsibilities and to work together to create presentations to deliver to their house. House points, certificates and stickers are awarded to children to recognise positive behaviour. New House Captains were announced in assembly this week and the retiring House Captains were thanked.
- **Poetry and Seasonal Decoration Competitions:** There was an impressive number of entries for these competitions. Well done to everyone who participated. In assembly this week the winners were announced and prizes awarded.
- **Performances:** Well done to the children who performed in the choir and ukulele concert. Thank you to our Music Co-ordinator, Mr Silverman, for preparing the children for this event. Well done also 4S for their fabulous class assembly. These events are always well attended by parents, which we greatly appreciate.

We are now all ready for a holiday after a busy and eventful term.

Happy Holidays!

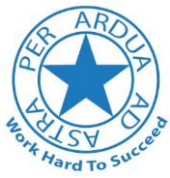
Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher

Please see some general information below





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WINTER WELL - STAY CONNECTED (INFORMATION FROM BARNET PUBLIC HEALTH)

As the festive period approaches, let's stay connected. There are many services in Barnet who are here to listen and help:

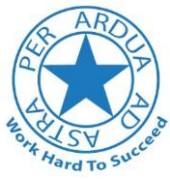
- Barnet Wellbeing Service is a one-stop shop for all your wellbeing needs. Call 03333 449088 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) or email info@barnetwellbeing.org.uk (Phonelines opened Tuesday 24 until 12pm, closed from Wednesday 25 December to 1 January)
- [Sanctuary Barnet \(Crisis Café\)](#) provides access to immediate emotional support to anyone over the age of 18 experiencing distress. Call 020 8343 5704 (Mon-Fri 4.30-10pm, Sat & Sun 12-6pm) or email sanctuarybarnet@mindeb.org.uk Open Christmas Day & New Year's Day.
- [Andy's Man Club](#) Barnet host sessions for men 18+ to offload in a supportive environment, free from judgement. The sessions are every Monday at 7pm at the Meritage Centre (excluding Monday 30 December and bank holidays).
- [Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust's Crisis Telephone Service](#) provides advice to young people experiencing a crisis. Call 0800 151 0023 (24 hours) to speak to a trained advisor.
- [Don't Hide Your Mind- Talk About It](#) BICS support young people and are open Monday to Friday 9-5 excluding bank holidays, and www.kooth.com are open weekdays 12pm - 10pm & weekends 6pm - 10pm. Exceptions - 24 December (Christmas Eve) 12pm to 8pm; 25 December (Christmas Day) 4pm to 8pm; 26 December (Boxing Day) 12pm-8pm; 31 December (New Year's Eve) 12pm to 8pm; 1 January (New Year's Day) 4pm to 8pm
- [Samaritans](#) is a safe place for you to talk at any time about whatever is getting to you. Call 116 123 (24 hours) or email jo@samaritans.org

Reaching out isn't always easy, but many free online support tools are available. [Good Thinking](#) and [Every Mind Matters](#) offer loads of helpful resources to support you, including sleep, anxiety, low mood and stress. The Stay [Alive app](#) helps you or your friends and family to stay safe.

For a full list of services, visit www.yourhealthbarnet.org/stayconnected

Feeling overwhelmed due to financial pressures? [Get help](#) for heating costs, food and childcare.





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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

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

Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

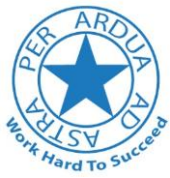
Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -
office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Emails for class Teachers:

Year 3	
Miss Clarke	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Jouhal	3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 4	
Mr J Morrissey	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss J Childs (Job Share)	
Miss Walters	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss N McKenna	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 5	
Mrs K Margolis	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Bannan	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss C James	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 6	
Miss J Gardner	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Fernando	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Buck	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

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

Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Monday
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
Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Friday

Lunch time clubs Chess clubs, Choir

