

Garden Suburb Junior School

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17th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carer

Around 60 families were represented at our RSHE talks today. Please check your email to see when the RSHE lessons are taking place for your child so that you are prepared for any questions they may have. Class teachers and Miss Clarke, our PSHE Co-ordinator, are happy to answer any further questions that parents may have. See our RSHE policy and the presentation attached.

Diary Dates Spring Term 2025

Monday 27th January 6:00pm-7:30pm Junior Hall	Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents – more details to follow
Friday 27th January Junior Dinner Hall	PTA Meeting All parents are welcome.
Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February	
Monday 24th February	INSET Day – School closed to the children
Monday 3rd March	Lower School Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 4th March	Upper school Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Friday 7th March Date Change	World Book Day
Friday 14th March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Tuesday 11th March 3:40pm-6pm Thursday 27th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Tuesday 18th March - New	Y6 Visit WWII experience at The Lincolnsfield Centre in Bushey Children will visit a 1940s house, a dig for victory garden, the WWII museum and 1940s classroom
Thursday 20th March Friday 21st March	Y4 Visit the London Wetland Centre - more details to follow 4J 4G and 4S
Week beginning 24th March	Science Week – more details to follow
Monday 31st March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 1st April 3:30pm-5:00pm	Lower School Disco Upper School Disco
Friday 4th April	End of Term Early closure
Tuesday 22nd April	Beginning of the Summer Term School open to the children

Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

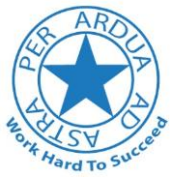
Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

5S Tuesday 11th February

5J Tuesday 18th March

5G Tuesday 25th March





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Assemblies and Curriculum Events

Assemblies this week focused on World Religion Day which is celebrated across the world on Sunday. The aims of World Religion Day are to promote interfaith understanding and harmony and to unite everyone, whatever their faith. I was extremely impressed with the children's engagement, thoughtful responses and questions during these assemblies.

Children and Young People- Barriers & Motivators to Physical Activity Survey

In Barnet, we want children, young people and their families to be supported to live healthy and active lifestyles. This survey will be asking questions about the barriers and motivators to physical activity for children and young people. The findings will be collated and used for Children and Young People's Physical Activity Needs Assessment being undertaken by the Barnet Start and Grow Well Public Health Team. The survey will be open till the end of January 2025 and takes approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. We are asking for the following individuals to complete this survey:

- parents/carers with a child between 2 (toddler) to 16 years of age
- young people aged between 12-16 years
- professionals who work with children and families

Survey link: <https://forms.office.com/e/wKUbZERqAC>. Thank you in advance. We look forward to capturing your views.

Michelle Leon

Health Improvement Officer

Public Health Communities, Adults and Health Directorate

London Borough of Barnet

Health and Safety - Reminder

After careful consideration, we have decided to change our policy on children bringing in birthday treats to share with their class. Although it is lovely to be able to share, managing the health and safety around this has become quite a challenge for teachers. Many children have allergies and it is not always clear what ingredients some of the treats contain. From next week children should not bring in any food items to share with their class. The class will of course still sing happy birthday!

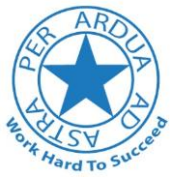
Kind regards

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

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

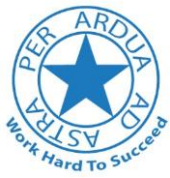
Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -
office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

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

