



Garden Suburb Junior School

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5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a successful and busy first week back and the children are settling into the new academic year. Well done everyone!

Maintenance and Refurbishment Over the Summer

There has been the usual maintenance and repair work. In addition, I am pleased to announce that the following work has taken place during the Holiday:

- The boys' toilets have been completely refurbished – they smell and look wonderful
- The visitor toilet outside the hall has been refurbished
- The medical room has been painted
- The dining room has been painted
- External doors have been painted.

Getting the school ready for the start of term after the holiday is a huge task. A great big thank you to Mr Adolphe, Mr Shepherd and MS Bailey for all of their input into this. Thank you also to our team of cleaners.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

This week we discussed the importance of team work in assembly. All children are in one of our houses – Barnet, Coates, Unwin and Melvin. House points are awarded to acknowledge positive behaviour. We also discussed how to be a good role model. Soon we will be choosing the new Year 6 House Captains.

Secondary Transfer and School Journey Meeting for Y6 Parents: Thursday 11th September at 6:00pm

Please find information regarding secondary transfer on the website at:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>

We will be taking part in Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 19th September

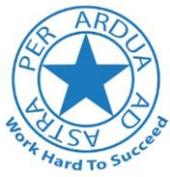
The Jeans for Genes campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected.

Most importantly, the campaign:

- brings together the genetic condition community
- shines a light on the organisations that work tirelessly to improve the lives of affected individuals
- celebrates the achievements of those living with a genetic condition.

Children are invited to wear their jeans or casual trousers, with their school uniform top. We will be collecting for this charity for those who wish to make a donation.





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Curriculum Talk for Y3 and Y4 Parents- Friday 3rd October 9:00am- 11:00am in the Junior Hall

We will be holding a meeting for parents on the Lower School Curriculum with guidance of how parents can support their children at home. All Y3 and Y4 parents are invited to attend this meeting.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head Teacher

Please see some general information below

Arbor– Keep informed!

If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact the school office as soon as possible: admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net.

Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** - please look out for them! Arbor 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 Arbor account updated with any contact detail changes. **Please remember to also notify the school office with changes in contact details for our own records system.**

Lone Travellers - Parents need to complete a 'Lone Travelling' form if children are travelling to or from school without an adult. **This is only permitted for Y5 and Y6 pupils.** All Y5 and Y6 children will bring home a Lone Traveller form to complete on Tuesday. Forms can be requested from Mrs Alvares welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net if arrangements change throughout the year.

Mobile Phones

Most schools now are **not** allowing pupils to bring in mobile phones for safeguarding reasons. Exceptional circumstances will be considered for Y5/Y6 pupils and a request should be put in writing using our 'Mobile Phone Parental Request Form'. Smart phones with cameras and access to the internet will not be permitted.

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 school kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

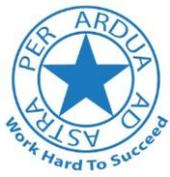
Year 3 Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 Wednesday and Friday





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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:

Emails for class Teachers: 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.

Class Teacher	Email
Year 3	
Miss I Clarke (Year Group Leader)	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms N Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 4	
Mr J Morrissey (Year Group Leader and Assistant Head)	
Ms C James	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss E Woods	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss P Bowry	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 5	
Mrs K Margolis (Year Group Leader)	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss E Bannan	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss B O'Connor	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 6	
Mrs L Berger (Year Group Leader and Deputy Head)	
Miss J Jouhal	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss N Fernando	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss H Buck/Miss G Atkinson	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements Mrs Alvares, welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net

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

Clubs, Arbor queries and Free School Meals enquiries - admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net

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

