



Garden Suburb Junior School

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19th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers)

PTA Meeting: 26th September 9:00am in the Junior Dinner Hall

All parents/carers are invited to our first PTA meeting. At this meeting we will discuss fund raising events for the year. Being involved in the PTA is a lovely way to be involved with the school and help raise much needed funds. You also get to know other members of our school community and help organise some of the fun events for your children. Everyone is welcome!

Safeguarding Message to All Parents

Please check your emails to see the safeguarding message that I sent this week regarding online safety. I strongly encourage all parents and carers to:

- Monitor your child's online activity regularly.
- Set up parental controls on devices and apps.
- Talk openly with your child about online safety and responsible internet use.
- Check age ratings and privacy settings on all apps and games.

Your support in helping us keep children safe online is greatly appreciated.

If you would like further guidance, please visit <http://www.childnet.com>

A safeguarding referral to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) could be made if a family neglects to keep their children safe online.

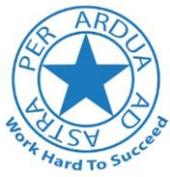
Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Jeans for Genes Day:** The children learnt about the difference between jeans and genes this week. They have also learnt how important it is to understand about genetic conditions that can result in difference or disability. We discussed what DNA stands for - deoxyribonucleic acid. I hope that they have shared this knowledge with you too. Thank you for supporting this day!
- **Developing Oracy skills:** Learning to articulate ideas, develop understanding and engage with others through speaking and listening is a focus this year in our teaching and learning. As part of our focus on developing oracy skills we have our 'Talk on Tuesday' initiative. The theme this week is:

'What school subject do you think helps you the most in everyday life?'

Each classroom has an oracy board and the theme for 'Talk on Tuesday' is displayed there every week. We have asked the children to have discussions at home which they can then feedback in their classes. Please encourage your child to discuss the theme at home, for example with the family at dinner time.





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Occupational Therapist Sleep Support

Message from Shoshana Brownson, Occupational Therapist, Barnet Children's Integrated Therapies, Whittington Health NHS Trust.

Due to popular demand, our service is offering another session on Occupational Therapy Sleep Support. This is the last chance to join the live session.

- Is your child struggling to settle to sleep or stay asleep at night?
- Join this training to learn about the stages of sleep, and evidence-based strategies that you can implement to support healthy sleeping habits and bedtime routines.
- For all ages.

The training will be on Monday 29 September at 12pm to 1pm, with an optional 30-minute Q&A from 1pm to 1.30pm.

You can sign up on our training menu here - <https://www.whittington.nhs.uk/document.ashx?id=15232>

You can also join directly on this link:

- [Join the meeting now](#)
Meeting ID: 393 158 567 539 8
Passcode: Kf262Qy9

World Car Free Day

On Monday 22nd of September, we are encouraging all families to go car-free to mark World Car Free Day. On this day, people all around the world make the decision to find alternate travel methods for their daily commutes to encourage more active travel and to provide streets free of motor traffic. If you would like to pledge towards going car-free, your children will be bring a pledge home with them today. Please sign it and ask your child to return it to their class teacher.

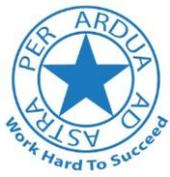
Drop-in coffee session for Year 3 parents: Monday 22nd September in the Junior School Hall 2:15-3:15pm

Your children have made a great start in Garden Suburb Juniors and we are very proud of them. We do however understand that there continues to be some uncertainty about classroom routines and expectations. We have listened to some of your queries and, although this is short notice, would like to invite you to a drop-in coffee afternoon. This will be a chance to meet with Miss Clarke (Year Group Leader) and Mrs. Goldman (SENCO and Inclusion Manager) and ask questions about the routines and expectations in the junior school. Don't worry if you can't make this session as the curriculum talks on Friday 3rd October will also cover our routines and expectations.

Coffee Morning for Parents: Monday 29th September 9:00am- 10:00am in the Junior Hall

During this session our Educational Psychologist will do a short talk on managing anxiety in children. It will be also an opportunity to meet our SENCO and the Leadership Team.





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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.

Parent/Teacher Consultations- You should now be able to book your appointment through Arbor.

Please ensure your details are up to date on Arbor, to allow you to make your booking. The consultation dates will be from 3.40pm - 6.00pm on **Thursday 25th September and Tuesday 7th October.**

All parents are expected to take up this opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher.

Parent Code of Conduct

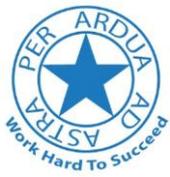
Please see attached our Parent Code of Conduct. In order to create a safe and welcoming environment for all pupils, it is important that all members of our schools' community, the leadership, members of staff, governors and parents/carers endorse and abide by a Code of Conduct. I understand that WhatsApp groups are used for parents to communicate with each other. I ask that you endeavour to keep the communication on these group polite and respectful. If you have any concerns, please raise these with the school directly. Full details of how to get in touch are included in the information below.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head Teacher

Please see some general information below





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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

Secondary Transfer and School Journey

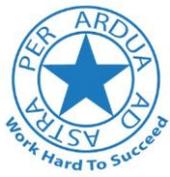
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

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

Information on school Journey on the website at:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=School+Journey&pid=1760&action=saved>





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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

