

Garden Suburb Junior School

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17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers)

Y6 Residential School Journey

The children leave on Monday for their residential trip. They are going to Grosvenor Hall in Ashford, Kent.

The trip would not be able to go ahead without the support and commitment of our hardworking staff. Mrs Berger, Mr Morrissey, Miss Fernando, Miss Jouhal, Miss Atkinson, Miss Clarke, Miss Bramall, Miss Kezunovic and Miss Kleinschmidt will be attending the trip. They are on duty day and night throughout the week. Thank you everyone!

The Y6 children need to be at school for 8:45am on Monday. **All** parents are asked to avoid parking on **Willifield Way** on Monday morning to avoid obstructing the coaches.

Community Relations

It has come to our attention that a number of children from both the Infant and Junior schools have been playing on the private grounds of Birnbeck Court, particularly in the areas along Childs Way and the grassy space near Finchley Road by the bus stop.

Please be reminded that Birnbeck Court is a residential complex for elderly individuals, with the average age of residents being around 80 years old. The property is private, and the residents deserve peace, safety, and respect.

Unfortunately, several concerning behaviours have been reported, including:

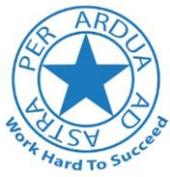
- Playing ball games, with balls striking windows
- Damaging shrubs and trees by breaking branches
- Urinating in the area
- Disturbing pest control boxes, exposing hazardous substances
- Knocking on residents' windows
- Walking on boundary walls

These actions are not only disrespectful but also potentially dangerous. It is particularly troubling that some of these incidents have occurred while children were under adult supervision.

We urge all parents to ensure their children understand the importance of respecting private property and behaving appropriately in our shared community spaces. Please do not allow your children to play in or around Birnbeck Court.

We need to work together to foster a safe, respectful, and considerate environment for all members of our community.





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Support for Parents

We are pleased to announce the following parent coffee mornings in the Junior School Hall 9:00am – 10:00am run by (Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS))

If you would like to attend, please let Mrs. Goldman know: senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

Building positive connections: Monday 10th November

This session will support parents and caregivers with understanding how parents' behaviours can shape their child's friendships. It will also touch upon strategies parents can teach their children to support them in building positive relationships, by problem solving and emotion coaching.

Understand and managing emotion regulation: Monday 1st December

This session will help parents/carers understand more about what causes dysregulated emotions, and how to support children and young people on improving their emotional literacy. It will teach parents healthy emotion regulation strategies they can model to support the wellbeing of their children.

Managing challenging behaviour: Monday 15th December

This session will provide parents and caregivers a chance to understand some of the causes of difficult behaviour and how to bring about positive behaviour. This includes learning how to give effective instructions, selective listening, praise, and rewards.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Poetry Competition:** Well done to the children who entered the poetry competition. The winners read out their poems beautifully in assembly this week.
- **Collection of food for the homeless**
Thank you for the donation for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). It is important for children to realise that there are people who are less fortunate than they are and for them to be grateful for the food that they have.
- **Talk on Tuesday:** Please encourage your child to discuss the theme, for example, with the family at dinner time. The theme this week is:

Should we thank people who grow or make our food?

PTA Meeting- Friday 24th October 9:00am in the Junior Hall

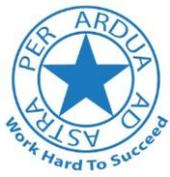
Please attend if you are able to, especially if you are a Class Rep or would like to be a Class Rep. We will be discussing the fund-raising events for this term and the future.

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar /Head Teacher





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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

Secondary Transfer and School Journey

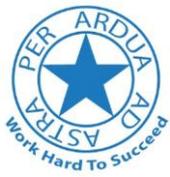
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

