



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

## 'The Sustainable Seasonal Fair' Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

We are asking you to have a clear-out and to donate approximately 8 items in good condition for sale at the seasonal fair. This half term start having a clear out! We will start collecting from **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November**.

Books,	toys,	dolls	bath goodies	bags, wallets	hats,
pencil cases	fidget toys/rubix	teddies	soap/creams	key rings	hair bands
stickers	games	cuddly toys	toiletries	purses	scarves
stationery	posters	Lego	candles	jewellery	gloves
photo frames	puzzles				socks
cards					
notebooks					

See the seasonal Fair letter attached for more details.

### Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Community Relations:** I spoke to the Y5 and Y6 children this week about behaving respectfully in the community on the way to and from school. In particular, around Birnbeck Court on Child Way and the grass area on The Finchley Road. I explained to the children that Birnbeck Court is private property where the average age of the residents is 80 years old. We discussed the reasons why children should not be playing on private property.
- **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.

'Talk on Tuesday' is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week is:

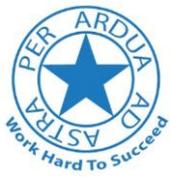
### What does it mean to be a good friend?

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.

- **Bikeability:** This week, some Y3 and Y4 children took part in Bikeability training. They cycled in the school playground and practised what safe manoeuvring would look like if they were on the roads, including indicating, turning and emergency braking. If you or someone you know is interested in Bikeability training, check out the website below:

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training-for-children/>





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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](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)**

## Building positive connections: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## A Practical Framework for Supporting Your Autistic Child

Please see the flyer attached for an online talk for parents and professionals on autism.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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

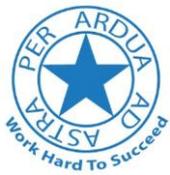
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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
<b>Year 3</b>	
<b>Miss I Clarke (Year Group Leader)</b>	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms N Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
<b>Year 4</b>	
<b>Mr J Morrissey (Year Group Leader and Assistant Head)</b>	
Ms C James	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss E Woods	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss P Bowry	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
<b>Year 5</b>	
<b>Mrs K Margolis (Year Group Leader)</b>	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss E Bannan	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss B O'Connor	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
<b>Year 6</b>	
<b>Mrs L Berger (Year Group Leader and Deputy Head)</b>	
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](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Clubs, Arbor queries and Free School Meals enquiries** - [admin@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto: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](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

