

Garden Suburb Junior School

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14th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

'The Sustainable Seasonal Fair' Friday 5th 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. We will start collecting from **Friday 21st November**.

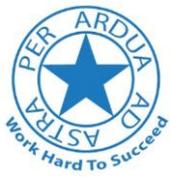
Books,	toys,	dolls	bath goodies	bags, wallets	hats,
pencil cases	fidget toys/rubix	teddies	soap/creams	key rings	hair bands
stickers	games	cuddly toys	toiletries	purses	scarves
stationery	posters	Lego	candles	jewellery	gloves
photo frames	puzzles				socks
cards					
notebooks					

See the seasonal Fair letter attached for more details.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Y6 Shakespeare Workshops:** The Year 6 children are studying the play 'Macbeth'. Last week they enjoyed an interactive performance of the play. The actors were impressed with the children's engagement and knowledge.
- **Interfaith Day:** We celebrated Interfaith Day this week as a part of National Inter-Faith Week. The children took part in a range of fun and reflective activities exploring what is important to them, their families and our community. They had thoughtful discussions about shared values such as kindness, respect, and understanding and learned more about how people of different faiths and beliefs can work together for the common good. It was a wonderful day full of curiosity, learning, and appreciation for the diversity that makes our school community so special.
- **Anti-bullying Week:** Assemblies this week focused on anti-bullying. The theme for this national initiative was 'Power for Good'. We talked about the meaning of 'power' and looked at different ways that the children could choose to use their power to prevent bullying.
- **Remembrance:** The whole school respected the two-minute silence on Tuesday. The children were respectful and behaved appropriately.
- **'Talk on Tuesday'** is an initiative to encourage discussion. The theme this week is:
If you could design a perfect neighbourhood for walking and biking, what would it look like?
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, for example with the family at dinner time.





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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

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.

Free Child Car Seat Checks

Friday 21st November 10am – 3pm, Asda Colindale car park, Edgware Rd, London NW9 0AS

Ahead of Road Safety Week next week, Barnet Council is offering free child car seat safety checks to ensure children are travelling safely. A trained expert from Good Egg Safety will be available to **inspect seats, fix errors and provide advice**, no booking required. A check can be made on your child car seat even if your child isn't with you — but if they are, they can also check they are seated correctly and safely. Last year, **92% of seats checked in Barnet had errors**, many serious enough to endanger children in the event of a collision. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix.

Don't miss this opportunity to get peace of mind and help make Barnet's roads safer for everyone.

Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk

07483 474617

www.facebook.com/events

Safeguarding: Polite Notice to Parents

The playground is timetable for PE lessons until 3:15pm. If parents come into the playground before this time, it is important that they stand back from the children so as not to disturb the lesson.

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

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

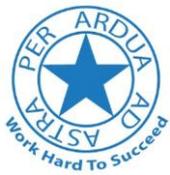
Information on secondary transfer is on the website at:

<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

