

Issue 4, Friday 29th September 2023

READING WORKSHOP: It was great welcome all the parents who were able to join us yesterday evening or this morning for our reading workshop, led by Mrs Gallagher. The presentation from the sessions is attached to this newsletter.

There are several useful links in the presentation, including some which are added here:

https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/ which gives suggestions for great books to share with your child – just click on the EYFS (Reception) or KS1 (Years 1 and 2) link on the website.

https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/ for the "Little Wandle Letters and Sounds" phonics resources for parents, which includes videos, word lists, downloads and advice for parents. The resources here really are invaluable.

Don't forget to look inside your child's reading diary, when they start bringing it home (reception haven't started yet), to get the link and the log-in information to access the Collins E-Books. If you have trouble getting into this, please come and ask for help. Regular reading practise using the e-book, along with enjoying the sharing book they choose to bring home, are vital in developing a love of reading, as well as giving the children the time they need to develop fluency and confidence when they read themselves.

Welcome Miss Moinescu: We are very pleased to be able to let you know that last week, we recruited a new teacher to our school to teach Purple Class when Mrs Gallagher goes on maternity leave. We are very happy to welcome Miss Moinescu to our team. Miss Moinescu spent the day in school with us today, attending our reading meeting for parents and getting to know Purple Class.

Miss Moinescu will be starting with us on Monday 16th October, working alongside Mrs Gallagher until she starts her maternity leave on the 13th November.

Miss Moinescu is an experienced teacher, who has taught in London for several years. She will also be joining our leadership team while Mrs Gallagher is away, leading literacy across the school.

This afternoon, Purple class parents were sent revised dates for Parent drop-ins and consultations. Please make sure you have these dates in your diaries.

EVENTS NEXT WEEK:

<u>Individual Photographs, Thursday 5th October</u>: Next Thursday we are welcoming our school photographer into school to take the annual school photographs – these will be available to purchase in a few weeks' time by parents. Children should come into school in their uniform, neat and tidy ready for their photo!

<u>Special Menu, Thursday 5th October:</u> Also next Thursday we have a special menu for the children – build your own pasta! Full details came out last week – if your child normally has packed lunch but would like to sample the school lunch next Thursday, please email <u>admin@gsis.barnetmail.net</u> by Tuesday at the latest.

<u>Year One Curriculum Morning, 9am Friday 6th October:</u> Parents are invited into school to meet with the Year One team and find out more about the curriculum and learning intentions for the year. There is no need to register for this event, please wait outside until all the children have come in and then we will open the front door when we're ready for you.

SEASONAL FLU IMMUNISATIONS: If you haven't already registered your child for the flu immunisations please do so as soon as possible, the more children in our school who are immunised the less likely we are to have an outbreak of flu.

These are taking place at school on Tuesday 10 October 2023. The consent process is electronic. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link: https://clchschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

You will need to enter the unique code for our school. The code is CL101282

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 30th September 2023, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

For other ways to support the school go to our PTA Fundraising page on our website: <u>Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money (gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)</u>

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Books: We are hoping to set up an Amazon Wish List for the Birthday books, which parents can buy for your child's class to share – we'll let you know when this is read!

We don't allow families to bring in sweets and treats so this a great alternative way to celebrate – whilst increasing the classroom library!

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 24th to 30th September) a very happy birthday:

5 years old this week: Danyal in Red

6 years old this week: Oliver in Yellow, Frank in Turquoise

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Semra who celebrated this week.

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