

# ☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

## Weekly Newsletter

Issue 5, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**PLEASE NOTE:** BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK, FOR Y1 AND Y2 CHILDREN WITH BIRTHDAYS DURING THE WEEK (Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>)

### **THIS WEEK**

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:** The children all had their school photograph taken yesterday morning. The children all came home with a slip of paper with a code so that you can access your child's image and order the photographs from Churchbury Photographic online. The photos will be uploaded in the next day or so, have a look over the weekend to see if they are there.

Please note that all orders done online will be delivered to the school in one go, we're waiting to find out the deadline and we'll let you know as soon as we have it.

**SPECIAL MENU:** The children really enjoyed their special menu on Thursday – they got to choose which shaped pasta they would like and then which sauce to go on top. There were lots of happy faces – and a fair amount of pasta sauce that needed to be wiped off chins! Look out for the next special menu day which will be coming up after half term.

If your child normally has packed lunch and would like to change to hot lunch, please remember we need 3 days' notice so we can let the kitchen know. The opposite is also true! The lunches are ordered to specific numbers each day and we need to ensure that every child is having their correct lunch – so please let us know when you want to change as one child doing something different can cause a lot of confusion and extra work.

**YEAR ONE CURRICULUM MEETING:** We hope everyone that came to the meeting this morning found it useful, thank you to the Year One team for organising this event, and to the parents who managed to join us.

The presentation from this morning is attached, and you can also find it on the Year 1 Curriculum page on our website here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/Default.asp?title=Year+One+Curriculum+Information&pid=113&action=saved>

Please do check out the rest of the curriculum pages on our website too! Just click here, and then you can explore the different pages: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=112>

### **NEXT WEEK**

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, FLU VACCINATIONS:** The school nurse will be coming in on Tuesday to do the flu vaccinations, these will be administered in the school hall. These will only be given to children where we have permission from the parent – if you would like to register your child then you need to do this urgently at <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> using code CL101282

If you have children in both the infant and junior schools, you need to use different codes so the children come up on the correct lists!

Children not receiving the vaccination will remain in class and carry on with their normal day.

**THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, RECEPTION YEAR CURRICULUM MEETING @ 9AM:** Reception Year parents are invited into school to meet with the class teachers, find out about what the children will be learning this year – and how! Please wait outside the gates until all the children have come in, we will invite you in when we are ready for you.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL – PLEASE BRING DONATIONS IN TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:** We will be holding our Harvest Festival in school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, but we would like to collect donations for this on Friday. **On Friday, we would like the children to bring in** goods to send to Food Bank Aid. They need tinned foods, breakfast cereals, rice, grains, noodles, instant coffee and tea, biscuits, cereal bars, laundry tablets, washing-up liquids, baby formula, nappies and baby creams. Please see the attached poster for the full list and details from the food bank.

Please send the items in on Friday morning, so that we can set up a harvest display for the children to see during the assembly.

### **OTHER NOTICES**

**UPCOMING SCHOOL TRIPS FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO:** Next half term we have trips coming up for Years One and Two. The letters will come home to parents a couple of weeks before the trips to arrange the children's lunches, request a donation from parents and also parent volunteers. There is no need to do anything before you get these communications but we wanted to give you the dates and details now so you are aware in advance:

- Year One will be visiting the Toy Museum (V&A) in Bethnal Green on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking parents for a donation of £13.00 to cover the cost of the coaches (the self-led tour is free)
- Year Two will be visiting the RAF Museum in Colindale on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November. We will be asking parents for a donation of £14.00 for this trip to cover the cost of the coaches and a special workshop "Fantastic Flight" that all the children will take part in.

Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough donations for these trips then other activities later in the year will have to be curtailed. We hope that by giving you plenty of warning that these trips will not cause a financial burden to our parents.

**BARNET LIBRARIES:** Following on from the reading workshop last week, one of our parents has kindly let us know about the great experience their family has with Barnet Libraries! This fantastic resource saves money and ensures that the children have a good selection of books to choose from.

All families living in Barnet can register at their local library (our nearest one is Golders Green). The library card is free (just take your ID and proof of address with you) and you can borrow books for free – they have a good range of reading scheme books as well as fiction books.

They also run an online service – which is highly recommended. They have a service called Select and Collect – this is online and you choose a book from a wide selection and choose which of the Barnet libraries you would like to collect the book from, and when the book is ready for collection you receive an email. You walk in the library, find your book (library staff place a paper with the person's name on it), borrow it from the machine using your card and it's done. They also email you a few days before the book is due to be returned. And in most cases you can renew online, and get another 2 weeks to keep the book (unless it's been reserved by somebody else). This means that you have a far wider range of books to choose from – and is particularly useful for older readers who can look and choose online for themselves.

Find out more here: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/libraries-0>

We hope you will be able to take advantage of our local libraries – they are an important resource for everyone, and means children can extend and vary their reading without parents having to buy new books.

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### UPCOMING HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

**Funtime Holiday Club:** Funtime will be holding their regular holiday club throughout the upcoming half term break from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like to register your child, please do so in advance to ensure you get a space and so they can plan for the right number of children. Please telephone 07506 030 037 or email [shaz.funtime@outlook.com](mailto:shaz.funtime@outlook.com) to book a place.

**Barnet Positive Activities:** Barnet Child & Family Early Help are once again running free half term activities for children aged 4-19 over the half term break. These are open to all children registered in a Barnet School. Go to [Barnet Youth – Child and Family Early Help Service -Events?CalendarID=86](https://www.barnet.gov.uk/child-and-family-early-help-service-events?calendarID=86) for further details and how to book.

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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: [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior-how-we-raise-money)

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> October) a very happy birthday:**

5 years old this week: Georgia in red

6 years old this week: Noah in Yellow

7 years old this week: Sahin & Nathan in Pink

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