

# ☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK:

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH ASSEMBLY:** On Wednesday afternoon Mrs Martin led an assembly to launch the work the children will be doing for Black History Month. The focus of the assembly was Saluting Our Sisters as we focus on women in black history; Mrs Martin talked about Mae Jemison, CJ Parker, Floella Benjamin and Misty Copeland. We will be engaging in activities around this topic over the next week or so.

**RECEPTION CURRICULUM MORNING:** Thank you to the parents who came along yesterday morning to the reception curriculum morning – we hope you found it informative and useful. Thank you as well to the reception team for organising this event.

A copy of the presentation will be available on the website soon.

### NEXT WEEK:

**BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY, MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:** Due to the Harvest assembly on Tuesday we will be holding the birthday assembly next week on Monday (for those who celebrate from Sun 15<sup>th</sup> to Sat 21<sup>st</sup> October)

**HARVEST FESTIVAL, TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER @ 9.05am:** We would like to invite our Year Two parents to join us for our Harvest Festival Assembly next Tuesday (other year groups – you'll get your turn later in the year!). Please wait outside until all the children are in and then we'll reopen the doors for you.

Thank you to everyone who brought in their donation this morning for Harvest, if you haven't yet done so you can still bring in a donation on Monday morning.

**YEAR TWO CURRICULUM MEETING, THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER @ 9.05AM:** Next week it is Year Two's turn for their curriculum meeting with the class teachers. Again please wait outside until the doors reopen at 9am. At this meeting you'll find out all about what the children are learning this year in the year two curriculum.

**PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 9AM IN DINING ROOM:** We are holding our October meeting this week, all parents are welcome and we encourage as many parents to come along as possible. This is an opportunity to not only find out where we are with the PTA events this term, but also for a general exchange between parents and Miss Sands.

### ADMISSIONS & TRANSFER FOR SEPTEMBER 2024:

**YEAR TWO TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL:** A Parentmail came out this week to all our Year Two parents about applying for the Junior School to start next September. Applications are now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

All year two families must complete an application by the 15<sup>th</sup> January to ensure they have a place in school for next September. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Dobinson on [office@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsis.barnetmail.net)

*If your child is in reception or year one your child will continue with us in the infant school next September and there is no action to take.*

**DO YOU HAVE A YOUNGER CHILD BORN ON OR BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT 2019 AND 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2020?** If you do, then it is time to apply for a place in Reception Year for next September. The applications are now open at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) and the deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023. If you know of other families who are looking for a school then please tell them to contact us and we can arrange for them to have a look around the school (contact details on the website along with full details of how to apply).

## **GENERAL NOTICES:**

**TAEKWONDO COMPETITION:** Some of our children who attend Taekwondo Club after school took part in an inter club competition run by Taekwondo X on Saturday 7th October. We were very pleased to hear that in the Sequence 1 class we won all three medals with Gold going to Alexander J, Silver to Sofia S and Bronze to Adam P, all three children are in Purple Class. In the Sparring class we took two of the medals: Alexander J won Silver and Sofia S won Bronze.

Ash, our Taekwondo coach, said "They showed an amazing competitive spirit, tried very hard, performed incredibly well and showed amazing sportsmanship! I couldn't have been more proud of them! It was a real competition where some of them have to compete against as many as 10 people and had to spar many, many rounds with different opponents to make it to 1st, 2nd or 3rd place! They did incredibly well!"

Congratulations to these children and all those who took part.

**COATS:** Now the weather is turning it is important that all the children come into school wearing coats. The coats should be rainproof and have a hood. The children continue to play outside during the autumn and winter months, and the weather can turn during the day, so please ensure they bring one every day – and that their name is clearly marked inside.

**FUND MONEY:** Letters came home with children yesterday about the annual request for a donation to the school, to enhance the classroom experiences of the children. This is even more important now that the school can only afford to buy the basics. You can make your donation online through Parentmail (go to Payments > Shop and you'll see the item there), alternatively you can donate cash by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter that came out, popping the slip and the cash into an envelope and handing it to one of us on the gate in the morning – please make sure it is marked "Fund Money" on the front so we know what it is for.

**BARNET LIBRARY ACTIVITIES AT HALF TERM:** There are a number of activities being run over the half term break in various Barnet Libraries – they sound great fun and are free! Go to [Events | Barnet Council](#) for full details.

**AND FINALLY..... SOCKS!!** We need more spare socks in the medical room – we are running out, as these are the items least likely to be returned. If you have spare socks that will fit children aged 5 – 8 yrs old then please bring them in to school (not too tiny please!)

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 14<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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](#)

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October) a very happy birthday:**

7 years old this week: Martha in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss Miski who celebrated this week.