

# ☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

## Weekly Newsletter

Issue 9, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### **THIS WEEK:**

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** Purple Class parents had their meetings this week as this is Mrs Gallagher's last day in school before she goes on Maternity Leave next week (when Miss Moinescu will be taking over full time). I am sure you will join us in sending very best wishes to Mrs Gallagher.

The rest of the school have their consultations on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November – bookings went live online on Monday. The vast majority of our parents have already booked their appointments, if you haven't yet done so, then please do so as soon as possible.

To book an appointment go onto your Parentmail account and look for Parents Evenings; appointments which are still available to book will be marked.

**DIWALI ASSEMBLY:** Miss Patel led an informative assembly for the children on Wednesday all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We wish all our families who are celebrating, a happy Diwali for this weekend!

*See below for details on the Diwali Dance Workshop being held on Monday, and a reminder that if children are going to be off school then parents should notify us in advance by emailing [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net)*

**MATHS WORKSHOP:** Last night and this morning we held a maths workshop for all our parents to find out more about how we teach maths in school, and how you can support your child at home. We hope you found it useful. Thank you to Mrs Martin for organising and presenting this useful and informative workshop.

Both the presentation from today and our school "Calculation Policy" can be found on our school website, here:

Maths Presentation: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Maths+Presentation+for+Parents&pid=1744>

Calculation Policy: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Calculation&pid=1745>

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE:** Despite having to rearrange it due to the weather, and the heavens opening at just the wrong moment yesterday afternoon, the sale went ahead and we hope that you were able to pick up some bargains while raising much needed funds for the PTA. As always, a big thank you goes to Natalie and Caroline for organising and running the sale.

### **NEXT WEEK:**

**DIWALI DANCE WORKSHOP:** On Monday the children will all be taking part in a dance workshop. Always a popular event, the children really enjoy learning the traditional Indian dance moves. To pay for the workshop, we are asking the children to all bring in £3 on Monday – there will be a bucket collection on the door in the morning, or you can send it in an envelope marked "Diwali Dance" on the front.

**YEAR ONE DROP INS, TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> @ 2.30PM & YEAR TWO DROP INS, THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> @ 2.30PM:** Parents are invited to visit their child in class. This will be an opportunity for your child to show you their books and talk about what they have been learning, ahead of parent/teacher consultations the following week.

We do hope that at least one parent for each child can attend, as they really do enjoy showing off what they have been doing in school!

The sessions will be from 2.30 to 3.00pm, and parents who attend can take their child home at 3pm.

There is no need to book, just gather in the playground for the doors to open at 2.30pm. As space is very tight in the classrooms, we ask that you do not bring any other children, buggies or umbrellas. You will not be able to take photos or use mobile phones - and as always do not bring hot drinks into the building.

**YEAR ONE TRIP TO THE YOUNG V&A MUSEUM, THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** The year one classes are going on the first trip of the year to The Young V&A Museum (formally Toy Museum) on Thursday. Full details were sent out in the letter detailing what they need to bring on the day – but don't worry a reminder will come out next week before the trip!

**CHILDREN IN NEED, FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** Children come to school dressed in something colourful or spotty and bring a donation for Children in Need – a bucket will be on the door in the morning to collect the donations. This year the theme is all around celebrating the power of positive relationships. For further information go to <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/positive-relationships/>

**MONTHLY MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER @ 9AM IN DINING ROOM:** This month's meeting with Miss Sands will be held next Friday. The meeting is for any parent that would like to join us, but we do ask that at least one parent for each class attends. Next week we will be joined by the School Nurse who will be talking about the kinds of support that can be offered to school age children and their parents. Do come along, you can ask questions, or help us to plan future sessions for parents.

#### **REMINDERS:**

**YEAR TWO VISIT TO RAF MUSEUM (28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER):** Forms were sent out earlier this week. If you haven't yet returned your form please do so by the deadline (13<sup>th</sup> November) – the form is required regardless of how you have paid, as it gives permission and also tells us what lunch your child will be having. If we don't receive a form for your child (even if you have made your donation) they will not be able to attend the trip. *Donations can be made on Parentmail or by cash with the permissions form.*

**SEASONAL CARD & GIFT ORDERS:** Letters came home at the end of last week with instructions on how to purchase seasonal cards and gifts with your child's drawing on them. You can purchase items online through the Parentmail shop (under the stationary section)

So far we've not had a huge take up, which is a real shame as the children worked hard on their designs and they make great unique cards and gifts for the festive season – as well as a souvenir of your child's work.

The deadline for ordering is Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November – there is no flexibility on this as we need to return the order to the company in good time to ensure everything is back for the festive season. Minimum spend of £5 for online ordering.

**FUNTIME BREAKFAST CLUB:** Every morning Funtime run a breakfast club – children can be dropped off from 7.50am and the club will give them some breakfast and then bring them to class at 8.45am. There are spaces at the breakfast club every day, so if you would like further information please go to our website at [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - Childcare/After School clubs \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](http://GardenSuburbJunior&InfantSchool-Childcare/AfterSchoolclubs.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk) for further information and contact details.

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](http://GardenSuburbJunior&InfantSchool-Howweraisemoney.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 is a great alternative way to celebrate – whilst increasing the classroom library!*

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**We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November) a very happy birthday:**

5 years old this week: Meera, Gianna & Shai in Green, Ella Rose & Yonatan in Red

6 years old this week: Dylan in Turquoise

7 years old this week: Monroe in Purple

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