

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

DIWALI DANCE WORKSHOP: On Monday the children took part in a dance workshop. This was a fabulous event! The children really enjoyed learning the traditional Indian dance moves.

Thank you to all the parents who were able to send in a donation to pay for the workshop, we collected £206, and the workshop cost us £425, so any further donations would be greatly appreciated.

YEAR ONE and YEAR TWO DROP INS: We were delighted to welcome so many parents into school to visit their children and talk with them about their learning. We hope you enjoyed seeing your child's books and spending time in our very packed classrooms. The children certainly seemed very proud!

These sessions will help you to come to parent consultations next week better informed about what they have been doing in school, and what their progress looks like.

YEAR ONE TRIP TO THE YOUNG V&A MUSEUM: This was an incredibly successful trip! The children were very excited to be going on an adventure, and they got a great deal from their visit. Thank you to the Year One team for all the work they put into making the trip safe and so rewarding, and to all the parent volunteers who helped on the day.

The team reported that this new museum is really well-g geared towards very young children, so do look at the website, and maybe you can arrange a family visit: <https://www.vam.ac.uk/young>

MONTHLY PARENTS' MEETING WITH MISS SANDS: Today we were joined by Tina, from the School Nursing team, who talked about the kinds of support that can be offered to school age children and their parents. I think all the parents who attended found it a very interesting and informative session, where we learnt about the different health checks that are carried out by the nursing team during a child's time in school, and what happens with the results of those checks.

We also got some good advice about health and nutrition for young children, including oral health. On Monday 27th November, the nursing team will be coming to deliver some sessions for all the children on Oral hygiene and looking after their teeth, so we are looking forward to that!

Attached, you will find a poster giving information about the school nursing team, or you can visit their website here: <https://www.healthychildprogramme4barnet.co.uk/school-health-team/>.

The parents page on their website is particularly useful, and you can access that here: <https://www.healthychildprogramme4barnet.co.uk/school-health-team/parents-page/>

We also talked about The Seasonal fair, which is taking place on Friday 8th December during the morning. Look out for a letter next week, for more information about how you can become involved.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY – TODAY: Children came to school dressed in something colourful or spotty and we held a bucket collection to raise money for this very worthy cause. We raised £307.50, plus 10 euros and a stone!!! 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/>

NEXT WEEK:

BOOK FAIR: We will be holding our annual Scholastic book fair next week.

The fair will be open in Blue Class from 3.30 to 4.45pm on Tuesday 21st to Friday 24th November. You can pay by cash or by mobile phone, using a QR code at the fair.

This is a fundraiser for us, as we receive 20% of our takings to purchase new books for our school.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS:

These take place on Tuesday 21st November and Thursday 23rd November, for all classes except Purple Class. The vast majority of our parents have already booked their appointments. If you haven't yet done so, then please book as a matter of urgency.

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

OTHER NOTICES:

UNIFORM 4 KIDS 20% DISCOUNT: Our uniform supplier, Uniform4Kids, are delighted to inform you of their Black Friday offer for this year. Please find attached a promotion notice, and information below:

The offer is valid for one day only, online, and exclusively on **Friday 24th November 2023**.

The 20% discount applies to all products including schoolwear, sportswear, footwear and accessories.

This offer is available **online only** via www.uniform4kids.com.

Discount code **BLACKFRIDAY20** must be entered at checkout. A discount cannot be added retrospectively to an order already placed.

Uniform4Kids will not be offering Click & Collect or Delivery to School during this event. Orders will be dispatched via courier. Orders may take up to **one week** to process.

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 11th 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-Howweraise.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 12th and 18th November) a very happy birthday:

5 years old this week:

6 years old this week: Rafi in Lilac

7 years old this week: David in Purple

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss Hennessey and Sharon Cairns from Funtime, who celebrated this week.