

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

Year Two have had a busy week! The visit to the RAF museum on Tuesday went very well; we were very proud of the children who were great ambassadors for our school. The visit will support the children's learning about "Flight" across the curriculum this half term. Thank you to the team for organising this trip, and to the parents who came to help out.

On Thursday the Year Two children came to school in some fabulous dragon costumes, and took part in a range of activities in class – they've had a great time! Thank you, again, to the Year Two team for organising the day. The work on dragons has really supported the children's creative work this half term, and they have produced some very thoughtful art work and poetry.

Reception children visited the school pond on Thursday for a winter seasonal walk, and to see if any animals could be seen. They had a lovely time exploring.

CHANGE IN PE DAYS NEXT WEEK FOR YRS ONE AND TWO: Year Two children should come to school on Monday, rather than Tuesday, in their PE kits next week. Year One children should come to school on Tuesday, rather than Monday, in their PE kits next week. All other PE days are remaining the same.

COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE – REMINDER: The school office is very busy each morning, and again at the end of the day. We would therefore like to remind parents that if their child is not in school, or if they would like to speak to someone in the office, please leave a voicemail on option 1 when they ring through. The pastoral team will pick up the messages, but will only ring back if there is a specific query on the voicemail.

Parents can also email the pastoral support team in the office for any matters concerning the children – so as well as using this to report absences or changes in pick-ups (by 3pm please), they also deal with queries on lunches, clubs, pupil welfare and first aid as well as absence requests.

Mrs Dobinson is also in the office, however her email address and voicemail are not checked as regularly as that of the pastoral support – who will be able to respond quicker and deal with these issues directly.

So reminder of contact details:

Telephone: 020 8455 8198 – select Option 1

Email: admin@gsis.barnetmail.net

The admin@gsis.barnetmail.net email address is shared and is checked throughout the day by the office team and is the main point of contact for parents.

Queries about admissions / transferring to the juniors / leaving the school should be addressed to our new shared inbox admissions@gsis.barnetmail.net and we'll come back to you, normally within 24 hours.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING: With the colder weather, it is really important that the children are coming to school in suitable clothing. They should all have a warm coat, as well as hats, scarves and gloves – they are still playing outside, and some of the children have not been coming to school with these items and are getting very chilly. All items should be clearly labelled with their name (both gloves please!) to ensure they are returned to their owners if lost.

Please note, if the children come to school in boots for the journey from/to home, they will need to bring a change of shoes to wear in school.

TISSUES: We would appreciate donations of boxes of tissues, please. Not the scented/moisturised ones – just plain tissues for lots of nose-blowing!

STARS: Please ensure your child's decorated star is with us by Monday morning at the latest, so we can string them together, ready for Mr Shepherd and Mr Adolphe to get them up in the corridor in time for the fair on Friday.

PTA NOTICES

SEASONAL CARDS/GIFTS: These came home with the children on Wednesday. We still have quite a few mugs to be collected, so if you ordered one please come to the office to collect.

SEASONAL FAIR, FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER: Letters are coming home early next week with the last minute arrangements for the Seasonal Fair, and your instructions for the day.

On Friday, children can come to school in a festive or favourite jumper. Please remember to send your child to school with their shopping list, spending money in a purse and a shopping carrier bag. Please ensure both the purse and bag have their names on so the right presents go home with the right child!

NEW SEASONAL EVENT, TUESDAY 18TH DECEMBER, 3.30 – 5PM, SAVE THE DATE: The PTA have added a new event to the calendar! The school community is invited to gather in the Infant Playground after school to come together at the end of term and to celebrate the festive season. There will be a bar serving hot and cold drinks, a cake sale, a gift stall (to sell any items leftover from the seasonal fair), music and a festive sing-a-long with the children – and possibly a fire pit with marshmallows to toast! There will be no entry fee, and we hope that many families can join us.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH, WEDNESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER: The children will be having a festive lunch on Wednesday 13th November with the traditional roast turkey and trimmings, or a vegetarian alternative. If your child normally has a packed lunch, and would like to have a school lunch that day, please email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net by Friday 9th November so we can inform the kitchen of the numbers.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 2nd December 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 \(gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior)

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 ready!

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 26th November and 2nd December) a very happy birthday:

6 years old this week: Lilly & Szira in Lilac, Chase in yellow

7 years old this week: Yahya in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Crosby and Ms Elsa who celebrated this week.