

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM TODAY – PLEASE ENSURE YOU PICK UP ON TIME!

THE NEW TERM STARTS ON TUESDAY 9TH JANUARY 2024. Please remember, the doors open at 8.45am each day ready for an 8.55am start. Let's all work hard at being punctual in the morning!

Look out for an additional Parentmail from Miss Sands with a review of the school year so far.

THIS WEEK: We've had a fun filled and busy week in school – kicking off with the Christmas Assembly on Tuesday morning where Miss Sands talked about the different traditions around the festival and then told the nativity story, helped by some of our Year One children. All the children took part in the singing, and it was lovely to see so many Year One parents join us for the assembly.

At the end of the assembly we opened a gift from Santa, who gave each class our newest learning behaviour friend – Talkative Tavi. Tavi has arrived to help the children to learn the importance of speaking out when we have something we need to say, such as sharing ideas or worries; learning new words every day; speaking clearly using good sentences; and taking turns when speaking.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we held our year group parties. The children came to school in their special outfits, played party games and had a dance in the hall before having a juice and snack. They all had a wonderful time! Thank you to the parents who sent in their £2 donation to go towards the refreshments.

The PTA held their final event of the term, despite having to postpone it to Wednesday due to the weather, we still had a wonderful time with singing, mulled wine and marshmallows – it was a very festive end to the term.

A huge thank you to Caroline (our PTA consultant who has continued to be involved even though she is between children in school!), Daniel (reception year dad), Maria (reception year mum), Iva and Moran (Year one mums) for all their hard work and preparation before and during (and after!) the event. We'd also like to thank the parents who helped out at the last minute, and those who donated cakes.

This morning, as we were singing in the hall, we needed to evacuate the building when the fire alarms went off. We followed all our fire evacuation procedures, including calling the fire brigade, and we were very proud of the children who remained calm and lined up at our evacuation point quickly and safely. Fortunately, the alarm was just triggered by some smoke from burnt popcorn in a microwave!

DATES FOR THE DIARY FOR SPRING TERM 2024:

Monday 15th January: *Admissions deadline for applying for Year Three place in the Juniors, and Reception Year in the Infants for September 2024*

Weds 17th – Thurs 18th January: *Spirit of the Wild Animal Workshops Don't forget to donate £5 by Monday 15th January online or be sending cash into the office.*

Thursday 18th January: *Special Pirate Lunch. Children build their own pasta lunch – always very popular! If your child normally has packed lunch and would like to have a school lunch that day, please email admin@qsis.barnetmail.net by Monday 15th January.*

Week beginning 22nd January: *Maths Week – whole school project*

Friday 2nd February, 9am: *PTA Annual General Meeting – parents meet from both schools to talk through the fundraising for the year 2022-2023, and to formally elect the committee members. All parents welcome.*

Tuesday 6th February: *Safer Internet Day (children will be taking part in activities around keeping safe on the internet)*

Friday 9th February: *Animal Dress Up Day for all classes – start planning your costumes now!*

Monday 12th Feb to Monday 19th February: *Spring Half Term Holidays*

Friday 1st March, 9am: Class Reps/PTA monthly meeting with Miss Sands

Tuesday 5th March, 2.30pm: Year One Parent Drop-ins

Wednesday 6th March, 2.30pm: Reception Parent Drop-ins/Stay and Play

Thursday 7th March, 2.30pm: Year Two Parent Drop-ins

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March, 3.30 – 6.30pm: Parent Consultations

Thursday 21st March: Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop

Thursday 28th March: End of term, non-uniform day and children finish at 1.30pm.

THANK YOU! The staff would like to say thank you to everyone who has kindly purchased or contributed to gifts for us, or sent us greetings in cards - your continued support and great generosity are very much appreciated!

We wish you all the best for a fun and safe festive season and look forward to seeing you all next term.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 23rd 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

WIN A £3,000 CHRISTMAS CASH BONUS! Get your Super Draw Tickets before Saturday 23rd December to be in with a chance to win!

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://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 and over the holidays (fall on or between 17th December and 6th January) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Yr: Michaela in Green
Aron & Ameri in Red

Children in Year One: Jamal in Lilac
Mahak, Gabriel & Anaya in Yellow
Lenny & Mahshid in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Adonis, Sara & Sofia in Purple
Mykola in Orange
Yevhenii in Pink