

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome back! We hope everyone had a good break over Christmas and New Year. Although we have a short term, we have plenty going on! Below is a list of events for your diaries:

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 (see below)

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 (see below)

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
(children return to school on Tuesday 20th February)

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 – Come dressed as your favourite book character! Start planning now!

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

Thursday 21st March: Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop (parent volunteers will be needed for this whole day. Please put the dates in your diaries).

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

SPIRIT OF THE WILD WORKSHOPS, WEDNESDAY 17TH & THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY: Next week we will once again be welcoming Ben and Hannah from Spirit of the Wild into school, along with the meerkat, skunk and many other creatures. These workshops are now an annual event, with the presentations changing for each year group to build on the knowledge gained and to support the work they are doing in class.

These workshops are excellent but do have a cost involved, we are therefore asking for a £5 donation per child for the event. Thank you to those parents who have already made a donation – we are about half way there! Please make your donation by Monday 15th January on line through Parentmail, or if you struggle with paying online, then please send in cash to the office marked with your child's name and "Animal Workshop" on the front.

PTA AGM, FRIDAY 2nd FEBRUARY: This is the annual general meeting of the PTA and all parents are invited to join us. We summarise the events from 2022 - 2023, monies raised and we formally elect the new committee for this year (we already have volunteers to take up the posts). We then go onto talk about plans for the new year and what we would like to spend the money on.

We hope to see as many parents as possible at this informative meeting.

DR BIKE SESSIONS: Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks for parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the new year. These sessions will continue to run through January, February and March. See the flier attached for more details.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 13th January 2024, 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 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 7th and 13th January) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Yr: Viktor in Green, Sophia in Red

Children in Year One: Yuzuru & Rosemary in Lilac

Children in Year Two: Albert in Pink, Mona in Purple