

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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MATHS WEEK: We have had a very successful week all about maths!

We have been finding the maths in everything we do, and we discovered that Maths is everywhere!

The children had a launch assembly to discuss how much Maths they do on a daily basis - Telling the time; Measuring their food; Choosing the patterns on the clothes that they wear; Taking the bus; Paying for the bus....

We have also had a whole-school maths and art project! We explored hexagons, and the children and the grown-ups all joined in! You can see the results here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/news/?pid=1630&nid=3&storyid=1358>

The Mathematical Gardens competition was also a great success, with so many wonderful entries from the children. We can see that many of our families have had lots of mathematical and creative fun with this project! The winners were announced this morning, well done to:

- Pink Class: Sahin, Luana, Keith and Mudhirdin
- Orange Class: Zadie, Yedel, Martha and Faidra
- Purple Class: Nicholas, Ethan and David
- Turquoise Class: Teddy & Mahshid
- Lilac Class: Dorianne
- Yellow Class: Zayed, Chase and Cora
- Green Class: Zahra, Viktor & Meera
- Red Class: Aron

You can see lots of our amazing garden designs here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/gallery/?pid=1630&gcatid=3&albumid=1115>

Each class also had a turn in the hall, taking part in mathematical activities such as keep scores for games, making tessellations, exploring tangrams, building with 3-d shapes and playing number games. You can see a few pictures here: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/gallery/?pid=1630&gcatid=3&albumid=1116>

And finally, this afternoon we laid out all the coins collected by the classes. We made a path of coins that went three-quarters of the way around the bike track! Orange Class collected the most coins, with Yellow & Lilac Classes close behind. We will count up the money raised early next week and let you know the total – all money raised will be used to purchase Maths Story Books for the classes. Thank you everyone who donated coins – we'd like to send a special thank you to Elyas in Lilac Class who brought in the entire contents of his own money box! Photos will be uploaded to the website shortly.

We would like to say a huge "THANK YOU" to Mrs Martin for organising this day for us. Mrs Martin's enthusiasm for maths is certainly infectious! We love maths!

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY @ 9AM IN JUNIOR

SCHOOL HALL– ALL INVITED: At this meeting we report on the events held in 2022 – 2023 (last academic year) and the funds raised through the year. We also discuss the plans for future spending in both schools. And finally, we hold the formal elections of the committees for both the Infant and Junior Schools – both of which have already been working hard since September.

This meeting is open to all parents, and we encourage everyone to come along – it is a great way of finding out more about the PTA Charity and the different events held in both schools.

After you've dropped your child, please go to the junior entrance (far end of the building, past their school hall on the right hand side) and then you'll be directed to their hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

CAN YOU HELP WITH THE PTA TREASURER ROLE? We are currently looking for someone to volunteer to work alongside the Infant School PTA Treasurer, with a view to taking over the position. This is a more behind the scenes role, you'll work closely with the Infant Chair of the PTA and Mrs Dobinson organising floats for the different events, counting and banking money, raising cheques and maintaining the excel spreadsheet used for the accounts – you don't need to have any financial experience, training and support will be provided! If you are interested, then please contact Miss Sands or Mrs Dobinson in the school office.

KEEPING SAFE - INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE TO SUPPORT YOU AT HOME: We have some new updates on our website, which may support you at home. In particular, please take a look at the page all about safeguarding, with very useful resources from the NSPCC. You can find the page here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Keeping+Safe+%2D+NSPCC+Resources&pid=1755>

One of the most important messages we can give to children is to "Speak Out" if they feel sad, worried or scared and every child needs to be supported to identify the trusted adults they can speak to, at home or at school, or in the community. Please do encourage your child to talk to an adult at school if they need help, and please speak to a member of staff if your child expresses worries at home – we are on the gate every morning, or you can email us. **The resources here also help the children to understand that it is NOT OK for someone to ask you to keep a secret about something that worries or upsets you.**

The NSPCC website has some very useful advice for parents, on a range of topics, on their website here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>

SPECIAL MENU FOR PANCAKE DAY, THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY: As Shrove Tuesday is during half term this year, the kitchen staff are doing pancakes on Thursday 8th February instead of the normal fruit and yoghurt. The dessert on this day will change to pancakes with a variety of different toppings. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like to have a school lunch that day please email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net by Monday 5th Feb.

The rest of the menu that day will be Honey & Ginger Soya Strips with Noodles for vegetarians, Chicken Curry and Rice or a Jacket Potato with topping.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 27TH 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](#)

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 21st & 27th January) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Hafsa in Green

Children in Year One: Yuval in Turquoise

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Jones and Mrs Cassells who celebrated this week.