

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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DON'T FORGET – ANIMAL DRESS-UP DAY IS ON FRIDAY NEXT WEEK!

Get working on those costumes! (see below)

RECEPTION YEAR LOCAL WALK: On Thursday morning the reception children went for a local walk along Temple Fortune to look at road safety and the community. This was the reception children's first trip out and they were extremely well behaved! We would also like to thank our parent volunteers, who were proactive and supportive, and a great help!

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: This morning we held the annual general meeting for the PTA. Thank you to the parents who were able to come to this meeting.

Caroline (Chair of PTA for 2022-2023) presented a recount of the events and funds raised last academic year for the infant school, and Sanaz and Andrew (Co-Chairs of the Junior PTA) reported the same for the juniors.

We also heard shared the plans for spending in the coming year: this includes increasing further investment in books, both to enrich our classroom libraries, and to further extend our phonics reading scheme; upgrading the iPads for the children (the old ones were purchased in 2015!); and purchasing new bikes for the playground to further promote sustainable travel and develop the children's skills (adding to a grant from Hampstead Garden Suburb Trust, of £1000, that the Infant School has received for this purpose).

We formally elected our committee for the current year, and are pleased to announce that the committee in the Infant School are:

Chair of PTA: Daniel Asher

Vice-Chair: Caroline Zabeti-Targhi

Treasurer: Laura Ramazzina

A copy of Infant PTA Chairs report is on our website – do have a look for detail about our different events, money raised and how we are using PTA funds in school: [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - PTA Review of 2022 - 23](https://gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior-infant-school-pt-a-review-of-2022-23) (gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)

Our next PTA monthly meeting will be on Friday 9th March at 9am – everyone is welcome to attend!

PE DAY SWAPPED FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO NEXT WEEK: As detailed in the Parentmail sent out yesterday, Year One will be having their PE day on Monday (instead of Tuesday) and Year Two will be having their PE day on Tuesday (instead of Monday) and should come in next week on these days in their PE kits.

SAFER INTERNET DAY, TUESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY: On this day the children will be taking part in activities focussed around being safe on the internet. Please check out our website, for how you can support this at home: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Internet+Safety&pid=1753>

SPECIAL MENU, THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY – PANCAKE DAY!! As detailed in last week's newsletter, we are celebrating pancake day early by changing the dessert next Thursday. The children will be having pancakes with a choice of topping instead of the normal fruit & yoghurt. If your child normally has packed lunch and would like a school lunch that day, please email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net by Monday 5th February.

ANIMAL DRESS UP DAY, FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY: As detailed in the event dates at the start of term, we are holding a dressing up day next Friday. Children should come to school dressed as an animal, and bring £1 for a collection to be put towards resources for the children. The children will also be celebrating Chinese New Year in our assembly that day, and they will be hearing all about the animals in the story from this festival.

PLEA FOR TISSUES! Once again we have run out of tissue boxes for the classrooms and medical room. If you are able to bring a box (or two!) in it would be much appreciated – please leave them in the lobby/entrance for us to distribute where needed. Thank you.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 3rd February 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior-how-we-raise-money)

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 28th January and 3rd February) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Lotte in Green

Children in Year Two: Imran & Adam in Purple, Bella in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Anna Brzozowska who celebrated this week.