

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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REMINDER: SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR THE HALF TERM BREAK NEXT WEEK. CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY.

FAREWELL MRS KESAVJI! Today was Mrs Kesavji's last day, as she starts her maternity leave. We all wish her and her family all the very best at this exciting time.

SAFER INTERNET WEEK: Throughout the week, the children have been learning about how to be safe on the internet. They've been posting notes on classroom doors to demonstrate how anything you post online can be seen by everyone so we must be kind in our comments. Mrs Narrainen delivered an assembly all about keeping safe on the internet. Please look at our website for activities you can do with your children at home:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Internet+Safety&pid=1753>

ANIMAL DAY & CHINESE NEW YEAR: Today the children came to school dressed as animals, and we also celebrated Chinese New Year! Miss Sands led an assembly where we saw some dragon dancing, and some of the children helped to tell the Chinese New Year story, dressed as the animals from the legend. The bucket collection at the door raised £93 for resources.

YEAR TWO DIORAMAS: The Year 2 classes have created some wonderful dioramas at home, based on the project on animals and their habitats. Do take a look at them on our website, you will be VERY impressed:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/gallery/?pid=1630&gcatid=3&albumid=1118>

CALENDAR FOR NEXT HALF TERM: We have lots of things happening next half term. Below is a list of the current confirmed dates of events:

Tuesday 20th February: Children return to school at the normal time (after the half term break)

Monday 26th Feb, Chicks Arrive! We are pleased to announce that we will be having chicken eggs in school, which are due to hatch. The children will watch as the eggs hatch and the chicks emerge and will be able to see their growth over the two weeks they are with us. This is always an exciting (or should that be eggciting?!) event – enjoyed by children, staff and parents alike! *The company we use is an ethical company who ensure that they go onto live on free range farms, they are never sent to commercial farms. See www.livingeggs.co.uk for further information.*

Friday 1st March, PTA Meeting with Miss Sands: The monthly meeting when parents have a chance to chat to Miss Sands and we also look at upcoming events.

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th March, Hearing and Vision in Reception Year: The school nurse comes in to school, reception year parents have already received the link to sign up for these important checks.

Tuesday 5th March, 2.30pm – Year One Drop In: Year One parents have the opportunity to come to their child's class where they will be shown the work their child is most proud of.

Wednesday 6th March, 2.30pm - Reception Year Drop In: Reception Parents come into school and see the classes in action for the first time, and get to join in some activities with the children

Thursday 7th March, 2.30pm - Year Two Drop In: And finally, Year Two parents come in to also see their child's class and work.

Thursday 7th March, World Book Day: Children come to school dressed as a character from a book

Friday 8th March, Ramadan Assembly: We will learn about Ramadan, and look forward to the festival of Eid which will be happening in the holidays.

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March, Parent Consultations: Parents will have this terms meeting with their child's class teacher after school. Appointments will be available on these two dates from 3.30 – 6.30pm. We will let you know when the appointments are ready to book online (the meetings are in person held in your child's classroom)

Friday 15th March, Iranian New Year "Nowruz" Assembly: Ms Behboodi will help us to learn all about this important spring festival.

Thursday 21st March, Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop: An annual workshop for our children in Year Two, related to the work around The Great Fire of London. Children come to school dressed in period clothing, they have a full day of activities, trying out lots of different activities from 400 years ago; although they don't leave the premises, they are transported to a different era! We will be asking for a donation (£12) towards the cost of this interactive workshop, and we will need lots of parent volunteers to help out through the day – please put the date in your diaries and look out for a Parentmail after half term.

Thursday 21st March, Year One Visit to Kew Gardens: Another annual event, Year One will be going to Kew Gardens to look at the different plants, related to the work on Spring being undertaken in the year group. Again we will be asking for a donation (£15) towards the cost of the trip, and parent volunteers to help out for the day – we will send further information after half term.

Friday 22nd March, Easter Assembly: We would love it if the children could make an Easter Bonnet (hat) for this assembly! You can see a photo from last year, to give you ideas, here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/news/?pid=1630&nid=3&storyid=1322>

Thursday 28th March, Last Day of Term: School will finish at 1.30pm on this day before we break up for the Spring Break. Children will return on Monday 15th April.

Passover takes place in the summer term – so look out for the date for that assembly nearer the time.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 10th 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-pta-fundraising)

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 half term (fall on or between 4th and 17th February) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year:	None this week!
Children in Year One:	Cora & Siya in Yellow, Liana in Lilac
Children in Year Two:	Mudhirdin in Pink