

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 22, Friday 1st March 2024

CHICK NEWS! The chicks started to hatch on Thursday morning to much excitement from all, with three coming in just a few hours. When we arrived in school this morning, all the chicks had hatched. They are going home with Mrs Crosby for the weekend, and they'll be back in on Monday ready to face their eager fans.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE: Thank you to Natalie and helpers for running the second hand sale this week. We hope you were able to pick up a bargain!

PTA MEETING THIS MORNING: Thank you to those parents who came along this morning, as always it was a useful meeting. In our meeting today, we talked about the school trips and visiting workshops we organise for the children throughout the three years they are in school. We will be sending out more information to all parents in the coming weeks.

NEXT WEEK – ITS GOING TO BE BUSY!!

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th March, Hearing and Vision checks in Reception Year: The children in reception year (whose parents have registered for this important check) will have their hearing and vision checked by the school nurse during school time.

Class Drop Ins: Parents are invited in to school on their allotted day to visit their child's classroom. In Years One & Two the children will share their work and talk about their learning, in Reception year the parents will join in with some of the activities in the class. These sessions are really important, and the children enjoy showing what they have done, so please do try to attend! Come to the entrance five minutes before your time (below) and you'll be let in once the classes are ready for you. Remember no hot drinks, and younger siblings should be cared for elsewhere if possible.

Tuesday 5th March, 2.30pm – Year One
Thursday 7th March, 2.30pm - Year Two

Wednesday 6th March, 2.30pm - Reception Year

Year One Local Walks: The year one children will be going on local walks next week looking at gardens and the local area. Volunteers should arrive ten minutes before their slot. Please ensure the children are wearing sensible walking shoes and a waterproof coat on their day:

Tuesday, 1.15 – 2.15pm: Yellow Class

Wednesday, 9.15 – 10.15am: Lilac Class

Wednesday, 9.15 – 10.15am: Turquoise Class

Thursday 7th March, World Book Day: Children come to school dressed up as a book character and will be having special activities through the day.

Friday 8th March, Ramadan Assembly at 9.10am– Parents are welcome to attend, please wait outside until the children have all come in and we've called you in.

REMINDERS

Year One Trip to Kew Gardens, Deadline Monday 4th March: Please ensure that all forms are returned to school by Monday morning, this is also the deadline to volunteer (go to the form section on Parentmail, this is the only

way to volunteer) and for donations. We've had a few mark that they have paid on Parentmail, but we have yet to receive payment so please do go online and ensure that you have checked out!

Parent Consultations: These are now all live on Parentmail – the majority of families have signed up for a meeting. If you haven't yet done so, please do so by the end of next week. The bookings will close on Monday 11th March.

Late Arrivals: We cannot stress enough how important it is that you sign your child in, if they arrive after 8.55am (after Mrs Freeman/Ms Gonzalez have left the front gate). The registers are completed at this time, and so if the fire alarm was to go off before we're able to finalise the registers, we rely on the signing in book to let us know who else is in the building. The signing in book is for the children's safety and your cooperation is appreciated.

NEW EVENTS: We've added a new event to the calendar, and once again the list of the remaining events is at the bottom of the newsletter:

Reception Year Spring Show: We notified our reception parents earlier this week of our reception spring show being held at the end of term on Tuesday 26th March @ 2.30pm and Wednesday 27th March @ 9.15am. The children are busy practising their songs and dance, do look out on Tapestry for the words to the songs so they can practice at home.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 2nd March 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 25th February to 2nd March) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year & Year One: None this week!

Children in Year Two: Artin in Pink, Raman in Purple

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Gallager who celebrated this week.

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UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING TERM (2ND HALF) 2024

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Tuesday 5th March, 2.30pm – Year One Drop In – All Year One parents are invited into school.

Wednesday 6th March, 2.30pm - Reception Year Drop In – All Reception parents are invited in to school.

Thursday 7th March, 2.30pm - Year Two Drop In – All Year Two parents are invited into school.

Thursday 7th March, World Book Day (children dress up for the day)

Friday 8th March, Ramadan Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March, Parent Consultations, 3.30 – 6.30pm held in your child's classroom
(Appointments will be available to book on Parentmail soon)

Friday 15th March, 9.05am, Iranian New Year “Nowruz” Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 21st March, Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop in school – parent volunteers needed all day.

Thursday 21st March, Year One Visit to Kew Gardens

Friday 22nd March, Easter Assembly: Children wear an Easter Bonnet - Year Two parents are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 26th March @ 2.30-3pm & Wednesday 27th March @ 9.15 – 9.45am, Reception Year Spring Show:

Parents of our reception children are invited to attend one show to see the reception year singing and dancing around the topic of Spring & Animals.

Thursday 28th March, Last Day of Term: School will finish at 1.30pm on this day. Children return on Monday 15th April.

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