

# ☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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**THIS WEEK:** We've had a busy time this week, with the chicks providing additional entertainment throughout. The chicks visited the classes, so the children could take a closer look, and there has been a great deal of learning about life cycles. The chicks left us today, to go back to the farm.

Year One Local Walks: The children in Year One went on walks around the local area looking at gardens and the local environment. As always we were extremely proud of the children's behaviour. Thank you to the team for organising these walks, and to the parents who came to help out.

Class Drop-Ins: We welcomed parents this week into their child's classes to see what the children get up to, and so the children could share some of their work with them. These were a great success, and we hope you found them enlightening – we know the children enjoyed the experience! Thank to everyone who was able to join us, and to the staff for facilitating the visits.

World Book Day: On Thursday we were taken over by a multitude of costumes and books! The children started the day with a special assembly, and they had various activities through the day, and brought a book home with them. We'd like to say a special thank you to Jason Korsner (Coco's dad) who came to share his book, *The Zoo in My Shoe*, with the year one children.

Ramadan Assembly: This morning Miss Sands was joined by Rehana Rela (grandmother of Adam from Purple class), who presented a very special assembly about Ramadan and Eid. Thank you to Mrs Behboodi, who helped to prepare our display, all the parents who joined us and the children who wore their special clothes. We would like to give a special mention to Mohamed, from Orange Class, who showed us very clearly how he prays.

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS, TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> & THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (3.30 – 6.30PM):** There are still a few parents who haven't yet booked a meeting with their class teacher. Please ensure you do this by Monday morning as bookings will close on Monday afternoon.

At your appointment time, please wait outside your child's class to be called in for your meeting. Each meeting is 10 minutes long, and we do need to stick to this timing so we don't delay meetings later on in the evening.

**NOWRUZ ASSEMBLY, FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ 9.05AM:** Parents are invited to join us for our assembly on the Iranian New Year. Please wait outside until the children have all come inside, then join us in the hall.

**REMINDER FOR YEAR TWO, GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP:** As Year Two parents will be aware, we have the Great Fire of London Workshop on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. So far we haven't received enough donations to pay for the workshop, so please send in your donation if you haven't yet done so.

We also need more volunteers to help for the full day. Of course, we understand that it can be tricky for parents to volunteer for a full day, but we really do need help!

This workshop is a full day, where the children really learn some important history in a fun and interactive way, with drama and craft activities. Although it is not a visit to a museum or gallery, in some ways it is so much better as they get the full day and are really immersed in the activities. Parent volunteers are really needed, as the company requests a minimum of 12 helpers, and without these adults the number of activities the children can take part in are reduced.

**We are extending the deadline for both donations and volunteers to Wednesday to give parents more time to make their donation and offer their time to help on the day. Donations can be made in cash or on Parentmail, and the volunteer form for Year 2 parents is also on Parentmail.**

Thank you for your support.

**PTA DISCO FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO, THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 5pm – 6.30pm:** We will be holding this after the Easter Holidays, a little later in the year than usual, as there is so much already going on this term. We will be sending letters home before the holidays in the last week of term, so parents have plenty of time to purchase tickets and volunteer to help. Please put the date in your diaries – this is always a popular event with the children as it is like a very large party with a professional DJ, a breakout room, snacks and party bags.

**FUNTIME IN EASTER HOLIDAYS, 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL TO 12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Funtime will be running throughout the school holidays, except the bank holidays from 8.30am to 5.30pm (or half days if preferred). The children will have plenty to keep them busy with arts & crafts, outdoor play, team games and cookery. If you would like to book a place please email [shaz.funtime@outlook.com](mailto:shaz.funtime@outlook.com).

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year: Oscar in Red, Erika & Emilia in Green

Children in Year One: Kelly in Yellow

Children in Year Two: Liza & Victor in Pink, Noa & Ali in Orange, Kanta & Savenya in Purple

### UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING TERM (2<sup>ND</sup> HALF) 2024

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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.05am, Iranian New Year "Nowruz" Assembly** – Parents are welcome to attend

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year One Visit to Kew Gardens**

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

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30-3pm & Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March, Last Day of Term:** School will finish at 1.30pm on this day. Children return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

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