

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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**REMINDER: SCHOOL CLOSED ON MONDAY FOR THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.
WE'LL SEE EVERYONE BACK ON TUESDAY MORNING.**

BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON THURSDAY NEXT WEEK DUE TO THE YEAR ONE TRIP TO KENWOOD

SCIENCE WEEK: The children have enjoyed spending the week focussing on science and completing different experiments. They were fully engaged and have completed some really amazing science learning – it has been a fantastic week!

Today the school has been taken over by scientists, and Ms Patel lead an assembly this morning celebrating and sharing the work completed through the week. Do check out Tapestry to see what they've been up to!

Yesterday we welcomed Hannah (an Environmental Scientist) and Abi (Physicist – electromagnetics) from The National Physical Laboratory in to talk to the children in Years One and Two about what a scientist does. The children asked some excellent questions and were amazed by some of the facts and tricks they were shown – who knew that chicken poo can make electricity! Thank you to Oliver's mum in Yellow Class and Mrs Martin for organising this.

Well done to everyone who participated in making the marble runs at home, as well as other science learning. We all really enjoyed watching them on Tapestry. It was a challenge selecting one winner per class (and we wish we could have given extra prizes to our very enthusiastic parents who participated). Nevertheless, the results of the competition are in, and the children were presented with their prizes this morning. Well done to:

Martina- Red class	Elara – Lilac Class	Kenolee- Orange class
Can- Green class	Olivia – Yellow Class	Keith- Pink class
	Helena- Turquoise class	Adam- Purple class

Thank you very much to Ms Patel for leading the week and to all the teachers for organising such exciting activities in their classrooms – everyone had such a great time!

We will be able to find out more about Science Week on our website later next week, and read more about what we have been up to, on our Latest News page here: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/news/?pid=1630&nid=3>

YEAR ONE TRIP TO KENWOOD, TUESDAY 7TH MAY: The Year One classes are looking forward to their trip to Kenwood next Tuesday morning. A couple of reminders for the day:

- Children should be wearing a top with the school logo on it, so they are easily recognisable
- Please ensure that all children have a waterproof coat and sensible shoes as they will be walking around the grounds as well as the house.
- If it is a sunny/hot day, then please apply sunscreen before you bring them to school.
- The children will be back in school before they have lunch, and they will have their normal snack provided by the school.

RECEPTION YEAR TRIP TO ALDENHAM PARK, THURSDAY 16TH MAY: Thank you to the parents who have already completed their forms and made their donation. The deadline is on Monday, however we will accept forms until 10am on Tuesday morning due to the bank holiday - We must have all forms completed and returned by the deadline as we need to order the children's lunches and ensure we have permission for everyone to go – your child will not be able to go on the trip without permission, and will remain in school in another year group for the day, so please ensure you hand this in on Tuesday morning.

The volunteer form will close at midnight on 6th May and the team will be in contact later in the week to let you know if you have been chosen to come along.

Thank you to those parents who have already donated, however, we currently still do not have enough money to cover the cost of the trip, so please do make a donation if you haven't already – as much as you can would be appreciated.

CHANGE TO SUMMER MENU: The catering company have let us know that there has been a change to one of the meal options on the menu – Week 1 Thursday vegetarian option will be Vegetable Jambalaya rather than Macaroni Cheese. We've attached the updated menu for your information.

TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY 19TH MAY: Our next PTA event is the very popular Treasure Hunt for the whole family! Friends and families come to school and search around the local area for clues, returning to the school to receive a prize and to have some refreshments. See the attached flier, and look out on Tuesday for further information and how to purchase tickets and volunteer!

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 4th May 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 28th April and 4th May) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Minh in Red

Children in Year One: Raif & Amit in Yellow, Benjamin in Lilac

Children in Year Two: *None this week!*

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss Begum, Mrs Liu and Ms Patel who celebrated over the past week.

SUMMER TERM EVENTS:

Monday 6th May, School Closed for May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May, Year One Trip to Kenwood: Children will have a short visit to Kenwood House, back to school for lunch. A donation of £6.50 per child will be requested to cover the cost of the coach

Thursday 16th May, Reception Year Trip to Aldenham Park: Children will visit the park and farm, explore the hundred acre wood, interact with some of the animals and have a session in the adventure playground. A donation of £23.50 per child will be requested to cover the cost of the coach, farm and adventure playground.

Sunday 19th May, PTA Treasure Hunt: Held in the afternoon, this is a family and community event where clues lead you around the suburb before returning to school to get your prize and buy refreshments!

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: MONDAY 27TH MAY TO MONDAY 3RD JUNE INCLUSIVE

Friday 7th June, PTA/Parent Meeting with Miss Sands: All parents welcome

Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th June, PTA Summer Camp: Camp out overnight in the field, with games and activities, a camp fire and a bed time story with Miss Sands.

Thursday 27th June, Reception Classes Physical Activity Morning: Parents are welcome to join us for a morning full of fun and energetic activities. Look out for timings for each class.

Saturday 29th June, the Junior School Summer Fair: A fun day out for all the family!

Wednesday 3rd July, Year One and Two Sports Morning: Parents are welcome to join us in the school field for a morning of races, jumping and throwing events! (With a reserve date of the 10th July, in case of wet weather).

Friday 5th July, PTA International Food Fair: Our big event of the year, held after school in the playground.

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July at 9.15am: The Year Two End of Year Show.

Wednesday 24th July: Last day of the school year, we break up at 1.30pm