

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK

ROSH HASHANAH ASSEMBLY: It was a pleasure to welcome two special guests to lead our Rosh Hashanah assembly; Mrs Saunders and Mrs Coote both taught in our school for many years, before retiring a few years ago. They led a very special assembly teaching us all about Rosh Hashanah – the Jewish New Year Festival. Thank you to all the parents who joined us, and especially to the parents who prepared apples and honey to wish us a sweet new year! Shana Tova to all our families who are marked Rosh Hashanah this week.

YEAR TWO VISIT FROM A DOCTOR: In year 2 Science, the children have been learning about how to keep healthy. On Thursday the children received a visit from Doctor Ramchandani (mum of Avir in Pink). She came to talk about the organs inside of our body and the important job that they have. We learnt about how we can best look after our brain, heart and lungs, kidneys and stomach, and how we can keep them healthy and working. The children learnt lots of interesting facts and had great questions to ask too, such as: how can our stomach fit in so much food if it is the size of a fist? Does the blood in our body ever run out? How many minutes of exercise should we do each day for a healthy heart? Does pollution in the air hurt our lungs? We also learnt that being a doctor is like being a detective, trying to find out what the problem is and then finding a way to put it right! What a rewarding and exciting job! Thank you to Dr Ramchandani for coming along to talk to the children, it is greatly appreciated.

NEXT WEEK

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY – WEAR SOMETHING BRIGHT! THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER: To mark World Mental Health Day we will be asking children to come into school wearing something brightly coloured and bring a donation. We will be using any funds raised to purchase toys and items to support the children's emotional well-being. During the day we will be talking about what makes children feel good and do fun activities in class.

RECEPTION YEAR CURRICULUM MORNING, THURSDAY 10TH OCTOBER @ 9AM: Parents of children in reception year are invited into school to meet with the teaching team to find out more about what the children will be learning through the year. Please wait outside until the children are all in – we shall invite you into the hall when we're ready.

LOOKING AHEAD

YEAR ONE TRIP TO ALYTH SYNAGOGUE, MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER: Letters came home this week asking for parent permission for the children to visit Alyth Synagogue in a couple of weeks. We also sent a form out through Parentmail, inviting parents to volunteer. The deadline for both to be returned is Monday 14th October.

OTHER NOTICES

DROPPING CHILDREN OFF ONCE SCHOOL HAS STARTED: We currently have a lot of parents coming down to classes to drop their children off if they arrive late, this disturbs the classes who are already working. If you arrive late with your child or come early to collect them, whether this is by arrangement with the school or not, please wait just inside the front door and a member of staff will take your child to class or bring them to you.

WOW – Walk on Wednesday

Well done Pink Class! The class had the most families used park and stride or walked on Wednesday and will look after the WOW mascot this week. Yellow and Orange Classes were the runners up. I wonder how many will walk next Wednesday?

PERSIAN SATURDAY SCHOOL: We would like to let our Iranian families know about the Hadaf Persian School that is held on Saturdays at two locations in Barnet. It is not too late to register your children for this school, and all the information is attached.

FREE CHILD CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS (8th & 10th October): Barnet Council is offering free car seat checks across Barnet to help identify and avoid common errors, in partnership with Good Egg Safety. Recent car seat safety checks in Barnet have revealed that 95% of child car seats were installed incorrectly after 45 seats were checked, with a total of 100 errors. Unfortunately, errors on seats are very easily made, but the great news is that they tend to be easy to fix. The next events are taking place on:

- Tuesday 8th October, from 10am to 3pm at Sainsburys, Unit 4 Hyde Estate Rd, London (NW9 6JX)
- Thursday, 10th October 2024, from 10am to 3pm at Sainsbury's Broadwalk Shopping Centre, Station Road, Edgware (HA8 7BQ)

Bring your family and have your car seats checked by an expert advisor, who will correct any fixable fitting errors and provide guidance on how to install the car seat properly. No appointment needed.

For further information go to: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/news/ninety-five-percent-child-car-seats-checked-barnet-found-be-incorrectly-fitted>

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 5th October 2024, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoolottery.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://gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 29th September and 5th October) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Nova in Red
Children in Year One: None this week
Children in Year Two: Noah in Orange

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

PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS:

The children should come into school wearing their PE kits, on the days they have PE lesson:

PINK CLASS: Weds & Thurs **PURPLE CLASS:** Thurs & Fridays **ORANGE CLASS:** Weds & Fridays
YELLOW CLASS: Monday & Fridays **TURQUOISE CLASS:** Monday & Fridays
RED CLASS: Thursdays **GREEN CLASS:** Thursdays

EVENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

Monday 21st October AM: Year One local visit to Alyth Synagogue (further information including permission and request for volunteers will come out a couple of weeks in advance)

Tuesday 22nd October, 9am: Harvest Assembly

Thursday 24th October: Individual School Photographs

Friday 25th October: Special menu – Halloween Spooktacular

HALF TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER – CHILDREN RETURN ON TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER