

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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**WE'RE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE SUBURB NEWS THIS WEEK!** Click the link to read all about our Sensory Room, funded by the PTA and a very generous donation from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association: <https://hgsra.uk/suburbnews/sn163/sn.pdf>

**THIS WEEK:** The children have been learning new games to play in the playground. In our Key Stage One assemblies we have been learning some games you can play with a skipping rope, or a hula hoop, and the children have also been playing favourite games such as "Duck, Duck Goose" and "What's the Time Mr Wolf". We have also been learning how to be safe when playing with equipment. Do encourage your child to learn new playground games at home too! Perhaps you could get a skipping rope, or a hoop, for your child to play with at home.

There are some great ideas for physical games and activities on the "Active for Life" website <https://www.activeforlife.com> including some fun skipping games

Attached you will also find some hoop and rope activity packs, the children have enjoyed playing "Helicopter", and also jumping with a long rope together. Go on! Have a try!

### NEXT WEEK:

**CHANGE OF DATE: PARENTS MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2025:** Next week we have our next monthly meeting with Miss Sands. Due to the Jewish festival of Yom Kippur, which falls on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, we have moved this to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**At this meeting we will be joined by the Community Health Team for 20-30 minutes**, who will be delivering a short, engaging session on the importance of childhood vaccinations. The session is designed to support parents with up-to-date, evidence-based information, and to encourage informed decision making around routine immunisation. They are also happy to answer any health-related questions you may have.

Following on from this session, Miss Sands will meet with the parents to talk about events in school and share any updates. **We ask for a minimum of one person per class to come along so they can share information with the rest of their class, but with the visit from the community health team we hope to see many more!**

**RECEPTION CURRICULUM MEETING, WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER @ 9AM:** Reception parents are invited into school to find out more about what the children will be learning this year in reception year. These meetings are really important, as you will learn what your child is learning and how you can support them at home.

### OTHER NOTICES:

**SPACES IN AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** We still have spaces in Art Club, Dance, Taekwondo, Chess, Gym, Little Voices Drama & Singing Club, Football and Multisports. **Reception children can also now sign up** for Art (Mondays), Gymnastics (Wednesday @ 3.20pm - see attached flyer) and all Fun-in-Sport Clubs (Football on Monday & Thursday, Multi Sports Friday). They will also be able start in dance club (held on a Tuesday) after half term – but sign up now! *Children go straight to the clubs after school, and parents collect from the front playground at the end of their session.*

If you would like to sign your child up for the rest of the term then please contact the clubs directly – contact details are on our website: [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - After School clubs and Childcare](#)

**Important notice regarding snacks for After School Clubs:** Please note children attending after school clubs only need a piece of fruit as a snack to have before the club starts – they do not need more than this. Under no circumstances should children be bringing nuts into school as a snack (or in their packed lunch), as we have children in school with severe nut allergies which can be triggered by just being close to them. Thank you.

**FUND MONEY DONATIONS:** Thank you to the parents who have already donated towards the class fund money, whether it is in cash or online through Arbor. These donations really help us to enhance the class environment and children’s activities in school. To make your donation online, just go to the School Shop in Arbor – or send a cash donation into school clearly marked with “School Fund” and your child’s name on the front.

**RECEPTION PARENT CONSULTATION REMINDER:** The reception parents will have their first meeting with their child’s class teacher in a couple of weeks (15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> October). If you haven’t already done so, please ensure you book your appointment through Arbor to secure a time with your child’s teacher. *Go to “Guardian Consultation” on your front page/notices and follow the instructions to book a slot.*

**PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS:**

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

**YEAR ONE - YELLOW CLASS & TURQUOISE CLASS:** Monday & Friday

**YEAR TWO - PINK CLASS & ORANGE CLASS:** Wednesday & Friday

**RECEPTION – RED CLASS & GREEN CLASS:** Watch this space!

**THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS**

**We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 21<sup>st</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> September) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year: Olivia in Red

Children in Year One: None this week!

Children in Year Two: Danyal in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Atiya, Ms Semra & Miss Walters who celebrate this week.

**GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL EVENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM**

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Reception Year Curriculum Meeting @ 9.05am in school hall

~~Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October~~ **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Individual Photographs taken during the school day (*children to wear uniform, photos available to purchase after*)

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest Assembly @ 9.05am in the school hall. All parents are welcome to join us (Reception and Years 1 and 2).

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October & Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October (3.30 – 6.30pm), Reception Year Parent (*bookings are live on Arbor now*)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Flu Immunisations in school day: *Don't forget to complete the form sent out on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September, whether you want the immunisation or not!*

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Diwali Dance Workshops for all classes during school day. *Parents will be asked to make a £2 donation towards the cost of the workshop*

**HALF TERM BREAK – MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, children return to school after the half term break.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Year Two Trip to RAF Museum** (parents will be asked for a donation of £16.00 to go towards the cost of the coach and a workshop the children will take part in on the day.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, Reading Workshop for Parents (for all year groups) @ 9.05am in School Hall

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Year One Trip to the Young V&A Toy Museum** (parents will be asked of a donation of £13.00 to go towards the cost of the coach)

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November, Year Two Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y2 can visit their child in class)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Year One Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y1 can visit their child in class)

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November (3.30 – 6.30pm), KS1 Parent Consultations for Year Two & Turquoise Class**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (3.30pm – 6.30pm), Yellow Class Parent Consultations**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, Seasonal Fair during the school day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Winter Fireside Event after school

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm

**.../PLEASE TURN OVER FOR PTA EVENTS AND NOTICES**

## PTA EVENTS AND NOTICES

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The lottery is drawn every Saturday, with a prize of £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))

We have 6 events throughout the year run by the PTA, to not only raise vital funds for the school, but to also give the children and the school community experiences and memories to last a life time! More information will be given nearer the events, but do pop them in your diary for future reference.

SEASONAL FAIR, FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER (During the school day)

WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT, TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER (free entry event, after school in rear playground)

DISCO FOR YEARS ONE & TWO, THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (after school, inside the hall and classrooms)

TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH (held from lunchtime for the first half of the afternoon, in school and around the suburb!)

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR, FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY (after school, in rear playground)

SUMMER CAMP, WEEKEND OF 4<sup>TH</sup>/5<sup>TH</sup> JULY (in the school field and front playground, camping out overnight)

*If you are able to volunteer for any of the events (whether on the day or in the organisation) your help would be much appreciated! Just speak to your class rep or a member of the PTA committee.*