

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

RECEPTION YEAR CURRICULUM MEETING: This week we held our curriculum meeting for our reception parents, thank you to everyone who came along and to the reception team for preparing and presenting the meeting. We will make sure that parents are sent the presentation from the session next week.

MONTHLY PTA / PARENT MEETING WITH MISS SANDS & VISIT FROM THE HEALTH TEAM: This morning Amina, a local health ambassador, joined us before the PTA meeting. She spoke about the importance of all childhood vaccinations (see attached information). She also talked about the flu immunisation which we have happening in school on Friday 17th October. She encouraged everyone to take up the offer of the immunisation which is given in the form of a nasal spray (or an injection for those who can't have pork gelatine). She then went on to talk about the adult screening programmes which are available on the NHS.

Following the input from the health ambassador, we discussed our playtime provision from the sports coaches (see below), and Miss Sands let the parents know that our playground bike storage has had to be removed as the wood was so rotten! We may need to use some PTA funding to replace this.

FLU IMMUNISATION FORMS: Reminder to everyone to complete their Flu Immunisation Form online to confirm whether you want your child to have it in school or not. It is vital a response is given for every child in school. Reminder of the link: <https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet>

SPORTS COACHES: We are very pleased to let you know that, from Monday of this week, we have been joined daily by Coach Adamos, from Fun in Sport. He is working with us every lunchtime to give the children coaching sessions on the games pitch, during the lunch break. In reception, the children can choose to play with him daily, and in Years 1 and 2 they have a designated session each week. We are aiming to build the children's skills in different sports, mainly football at the moment, and encourage more girls to take part in football (we have some very keen girls, especially in Year 1). These sessions are being funded by the PTA, and we are very grateful to all parents who contribute to fundraising events, as we couldn't do this without your support.

NEXT WEEK:

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS, THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER: All children should come to school in their uniform for this year's individual school photograph – there will be no PE on this day. These will be ready for ordering after half term so parents have time to order them in time for the festive season.

BOILER: Parents who were with us last year, will know that we spent the majority of the year battling with our school boilers! We had a chilly spring term, using borrowed heaters and with caretakers who spent many hours trying to keep the boilers going. The good news is that the boilers are being fixed on Tuesday next week! This is a considerable project, replacing key parts of the boilers, and is being funded by Barnet local authority!

OTHER NOTICES:

TISSUES: Autumn is definitely upon us! Children are sniffing a lot more, and we need some donations of tissues to share around the school. Please bring in boxes of tissues and hand them into the office. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD:

HARVEST ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY 14TH OCTOBER: We will be holding our annual harvest festival on Tuesday 14th October, the children have been busy learning their songs. Miss Cucu has uploaded the songs and words on Tapestry so you can practise them at home – do have a look and a sing a long!

As always, we will be asking for donations for the Food Bank UK, so do start collecting tins, jars & packets of food, along with toiletries, baby formula and nappies ready to be brought into school on Monday 13th October for displaying at the assembly the next day (See attached flyer for further information on items to bring in).

FUNTIME HOLIDAY CLUB, HALF TERM BREAK (Monday 27th to Friday 31st October): Funtime will be running their holiday club again this half term. See attached flyer for details including how to book a place. *It is important to book places in advance to ensure proper planning for the week, including staffing levels.*

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: This will be on Thursdays and will start on Thursday 16th October, more information to come nearer the time.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 28th September and 4th October) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Clerjy Joy in Red, Ryan in Green

Children in Year One: None this week

Children in Year Two: None this week

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

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL
SCHOOL EVENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

Please note items in red – either updated or new events since last week

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

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

Wednesday 15th October & Thursday 16th October (3.30 – 6.30pm), Reception Year Parent Consultations (*bookings are live now until Tuesday 14th October*)

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

Wednesday 22nd 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 27TH OCTOBER TO MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE

Tuesday 4th November, children return to school after the half term break.

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

Tuesday 11th 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 19th November, Reading Workshop for Parents (for all year groups) @ 9.05am in School Hall

Monday 24th 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 20th November, Year Two Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y2 can visit their child in class)

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

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

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

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

Friday 12th December, Seasonal Fair during the school day

Tuesday 16th December, Winter Fireside Event after school

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

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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%20Suburb%20Junior%20&%20Infant%20School%20-%20How%20we%20raise%20money%20(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 12TH DECEMBER (During the school day)

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

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

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

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR, FRIDAY 15TH MAY (after school, in rear playground)

SUMMER CAMP, WEEKEND OF 4TH/5TH 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.