

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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DUE TO HARVEST ASSEMBLY ON TUESDAY, BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY FOR THOSE WHO CELEBRATE 12TH TO 18TH OCTOBER

THIS WEEK:

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS: The children all had their photographs taken yesterday, and came home with a slip of paper with their access code on it and details of how to order your child's photo. If you register now, they will email you when the photos are ready to view and purchase in a couple of weeks. See email sent via Arbor yesterday for more information.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE: The PTA held a flash sale yesterday afternoon in the front playground. Thank you to Natalie, Iva and Laura for running the stall. We always need volunteers to help at these sales, if you are interested then please email the school office so we can put you in contact with the team, and they will then notify you when the next one is happening.

MENTAL HEALTH DAY: Today is Mental Health Day, but throughout the week the children and staff have been doing activities around well being and positive mental health. Thank you to Ms Patel for leading this initiative, and to the staff for including different activities in the classroom throughout the week.

NEXT WEEK:

HARVEST DONATIONS ON MONDAY PLEASE! Thank you to those parents who responded to our message on Thursday and brought their donations in this morning. As originally planned, please bring donations in on Monday morning if you haven't yet done so, for details of what to bring in please see the attached (as sent out last week). We will then set up the display on Monday afternoon, ready for our assembly on Tuesday.

HARVEST ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY @ 9.05am: All year groups will be taking part in the assembly, and parents are invited to join us. Please leave buggies outside as we will be tight for space, and remember no hot drinks. The doors will open at 9am once the children are in class.

RECEPTION YEAR PARENT CONSULTATIONS, WEDS 15TH & THURS 16TH OCTOBER: These meetings will be held in your child's classroom, please come into school five minutes before your appointment time and wait outside the classroom until you are called in by your child's teacher. *If you haven't yet booked an appointment, you have until Tuesday lunchtime to do so – log into your Arbor account to book your appointment.*

FLU IMMUNISATIONS, FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER: These will be administered during the school day, this is a final reminder to go to <https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/barnet> to log your request to either have the vaccine or not – a response is required for every child in school.

LOOKING AHEAD:

CAKE SALE, THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER TO RAISE FUNDS FOR MAGGIE'S CANCER CARE: October is a popular month for fundraising amongst our communities. We hope you can keep some time aside to support our whole school fundraising this month for Maggie's Cancer Care.

When people are diagnosed with cancer, they need more than just medical treatment. Maggie's are very special places and are there for all to give free advice, emotional support and practical advice, it's a place to go to meet

and talk to others who are going through the same things, go to <https://www.maggies.org/about-us/our-story/> for further information.

There is now a network of Maggie's in the UK and we are lucky to have one at the Royal Free Hospital. We are holding a Bake Sale for Maggie's Royal Free on Thursday 23rd October from 3.15 pm in the infant school playground.

How you can support the event:

- Keep the date and time free in your diary
- Do some baking (please NO nuts)
- Bring your purse and pocket money
- Tip: Bring a tupperware to store your goodies and share them with friends and family

Let's crumb together and join the fundraising fun!

OTHER IMPORTANT NOTICES:

RECEPTION CLASSES WILL START PE FROM NEXT THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER: From next Thursday, Reception Year will start having their PE lessons, and we ask that the children come in their PE kit for the day on Thursdays from next week onwards. The PE kit should include trainers, PE T-shirt and tracksuit bottoms (normal navy ones) / leggings or shorts.

START OF THE SCHOOL DAY, INNER FRONT GATE: We have noticed that a lot of children are coming inside the front gate before we open up in the morning, rather than waiting outside the inner gate/fence until we come out at 8.45am to open up.

All children and parents should wait in the front playground outside the inner fence/gate, and not come through until we come out to welcome the children and start letting the children through. This is for the children's safety, and to ensure we can control the children coming into the building (and also make sure they do not try to get out again), as well as keeping the entrance from becoming congested and difficult to supervise.

Children with scooters and bikes, can come in to put them on the rack but then must return out to the main playground to wait – and again please remember that children should dismount from their bike/scooter before coming in to the playground, and push it across the playground. At no time should children be riding in the front playground, for their safety and for the safety of others.

GYM CLUB FREE TRIAL, WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER: The Gym Club are running a free trial for children at the gym club next week, so they can try it out and see if it is something they would like to join. Please see the attached flyer for full details of how to book a free trial for your child to attend the 3.30pm class next Wednesday.

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: This is a weekly initiative / competition where the children are asked how they travelled to school each Wednesday; the class with the most children who walked / rode scooter or bike to school will get the WOW mascot for the week, and will be mentioned in the newsletter. For those who live too far away to walk all the way, park a bit further away and then walk into school.

This week the class with the most children who walked/cycled or scooted all, or part of, the way to school was **Yellow Class!**

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: Thursdays

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 5th to 11th October) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Izzy in Red

Children in Year One: Nova in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Georgi in Orange

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

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL
SCHOOL EVENTS FOR AUTUMN TERM

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

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 (*bookings will go live middle of next week*)

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*

Thursday 23rd October, Cake Sale to Raise Funds for Maggie's Cancer Care (held after school in the front playground)

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).

Friday 14th November, Maths Workshop for Parents (all year groups) @ 9.05am in School Hall

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://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.