

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK:

**HARVEST FESTIVAL:** Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for our Harvest Festival celebration on Tuesday. We learnt about all the work that goes into getting our food from field to plate, and how we can help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We received very generous donations for the food bank, from our families. This was collected by Liz Tacey, one of our former parents, on behalf of Food Bank Aid and they have sent their heartfelt thanks for the donations – see attached.

Thank you also to Miss Cucu and the children who spent so much time learning some pretty tricky songs, with lots of words! We know that many of the children put in extra work at home, with their families, learning the songs. This was great exercise for our brains!

**RECEPTION PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** Thank you to the staff and parents who engaged in this process, we had almost 100% turn out! We hope that everyone who attended found the meetings useful.

### NEXT WEEK:

**BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY FOR NEXT WEEK AND THE HALF TERM BREAK, TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER:** Children whose birthdays fall between Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November will have their birthday assembly next week on Tuesday morning, 21<sup>st</sup> October, at 9.05am.

**DIWALI DANCE WORKSHOP, ALL YEAR GROUPS (WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER):** Next week we will be learning about the festival of Diwali in school, as celebrated by Hindu's around the world. Children will learn about the story behind the festival of light, with different activities. On Wednesday all the children will take part in a dance workshop, run by Neha of the Sarjan Nartan Academy - this is fast becoming an annual event! We are asking for a donation of £2 per child (more if you can!) which will be collected on the door on Wednesday morning – children in all year groups should wear their PE Kits that day to school so they are comfortable during their workshop.

**SPECIAL DIWALI MENU, THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER:** To continue with the week's theme, the kitchen are putting on a special menu next Thursday consisting of Chicken Tarka Dhal or Sweet Potato and Red Pepper Curry, both served with rice and accompanied with Sweetcorn and Peas; followed by Fruit Kheer (a rice pudding) or Fresh Fruit for dessert. All children who normally have a hot lunch will have this menu on that day, unless they have a special menu. If your child normally has packed lunch and would like to join us for the special menu, please email [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) by end of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October so we can let the kitchen know additional numbers.

**BAKE SALE FOR MAGGIES CANCER CARE, THURSDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER:** As detailed in last week's newsletter, next Thursday we will be holding a bake sale after school to raise money for [Maggie's Cancer Care](http://Maggie's Cancer Care), a charity that provides support and advice to those who have been diagnosed, and undergoing treatment for Cancer.

To run the sale, we need your help!

- Please bring in donations of cakes or biscuits (no nuts please) on Thursday morning, by midday, for us to sell at the sale – these can be home made or shop bought, but please remember no nuts in any of the products as we can't sell these due to allergies in the school.
- If you are able to help on the stall, please email [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) and we'll pass your details on and let you know what time to come along to help set up.
- Come along at the end of the day and buy some cakes – all funds raised will go directly to the charity.

## **OTHER NOTICES**

**PLAYING OUTSIDE BIRNBECK COURT (FINCHLEY ROAD & CHILDS WAY):** It has come to our attention that a number of children from both the Infant and Junior schools have been playing on the private grounds of Birnbeck Court, particularly in the areas along Childs Way and the grassy space near Finchley Road by the bus stop.

Please be reminded that Birnbeck Court is a residential complex for elderly individuals, with the average age of residents being around 80 years old. The property is private, and the residents deserve peace, safety, and respect.

Unfortunately, several concerning behaviours have been reported, including:

- Playing ball games, with balls striking windows
- Damaging shrubs and trees by breaking branches
- Urinating in the area
- Disturbing pest control boxes, exposing hazardous substances
- Knocking on residents' windows
- Walking on boundary walls

These actions are not only disrespectful but also potentially dangerous. It is particularly troubling that some of these incidents have occurred while children were under adult supervision.

We urge all parents to ensure their children understand the importance of respecting private property and behaving appropriately in our shared community spaces. Please do not allow your children to play in or around Birnbeck Court.

Let us work together to foster a safe, respectful, and considerate environment for all members of our community. Thank you for your cooperation.

**YEAR TWO TRIP TO RAF MUSEUM:** Letters came home this week, and the trip item went live on Arbor. Thank you to those who have already made their donation and returned your form. If you haven't yet done so, please go into Arbor to make your donation or you can put cash into an envelope and give it to the school office.

Permission is given on Arbor within the payment item, and we must have this completed for all children. If you pay cash, we will update this and permission will be assumed.

Please note that all Y2 children must have a form returned to the office, so we know what lunch they are having – so even if you have paid on Arbor, please ensure you also return the form to the office so we can organise lunches and volunteers.

### **LOOKING AHEAD – HALF TERM HOLIDAYS, MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER TO MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE:**

School will be closed for the half term break from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October, please note that next Friday we finish school at the normal time (clubs will run as normal) and that school restarts for children on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

### **HALF TERM CLUBS & ACTIVITIES:**

**Funtime** – as detailed in previous newsletters, Funtime is running from Monday to Friday of the half term break, including a special “Freaky Friday” fancy dress day to celebrate Halloween. Call Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email [shaz.funtime@outlook.com](mailto:shaz.funtime@outlook.com) to register your child for one or more days – it is helpful to book in advance so that Sharon can arrange staffing.

**Positive Activities from Barnet Youth** – During the half term holidays, Barnet Child & Family Early Help run holiday clubs and activities for all children who are Barnet Residents OR educated in Barnet, funded by the local authority. For further information and to book an activity please go to: <https://barnetyouth.uk/Positive-Activities>

**Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association, Halloween Story Telling on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October (2pm – 5pm):** The HGSRA are holding a special event at 2pm on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October at the Free Church Hall, children under 8 years old are invited to come along in a Halloween costume for a fun story telling event for the afternoon. To register for this event, please see the attached flyer for further information and the attached poster to scan the QR code or go to [HGSRA Halloween Party Registration Form](#)

**WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS:** This week's winners are **Pink Class**, with **Yellow Class** following close behind.

**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:** Thursday

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

**We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year: Freya in Green, Yuito & Anvi in Red

Children in Year One: Abbas in Turquoise, Anselma in Yellow

Children in Year Two: Alex in Pink

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

Please note items in red – either updated or new events since issued in September

## **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.

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

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

## **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 [HERE](#)

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! *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.*

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 in 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)