

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

NURSERY RHYME WEEK: The children have been really enjoying the work around nursery rhymes this week, reciting, retelling and recreating traditional nursery rhymes – it's been lovely to see them engaging so much in this work. Thank you to Mrs Kesavji for organising Nursery Rhyme week and delivering our celebration assembly.

YEAR TWO TRIP TO RAF MUSEUM: The children had a lovely time at the RAF museum, they really enjoyed the Fantastic Flight Workshop and seeing all the different exhibits at the museum. As the trip took place on Armistice Day, they also took part in a 2-minute silence at the museum, which seemed even more appropriate on the 80th anniversary of the end of WW2. Thank you to the staff for organising the trip, and to the parents who joined us as volunteers. Photos will be on Tapestry soon!

MATHS WORKSHOP: A huge thank you to Mrs Martin for presenting the maths workshop this morning. We hope parents found it useful, and they have taken away tips for supporting the children at home with their maths. One parent commented that Mrs Martin was an excellent presenter and she learnt a lot from the morning. The presentation will be available on our school website shortly.

NEXT WEEK:

NEW EVENTS NEXT WEEK FOR ROAD SAFETY WEEK!

- **BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN, BE SAFE SCHOOL COMPETITION, THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER:** As part of National Road Safety Week (which is next week) we are holding a competition for children where they can make a "bright bag" or "bag tag" which can help them to be seen. They can either add bright and reflective materials to their school book bag, or make a bright tag to clip onto their bag – the brighter the better! Children should bring their entries into school next Thursday 20th November. Winners will be announced to the children during certificate assembly on Friday 21st November. Please see the attached poster for more information.
- **FREE CHILD CAR SEAT CHECKING EVENT, RUN BY BARNET ROAD SAFETY TEAM:** Also, as part of Road Safety Week, Barnet Council are offering free child car seat safety checks for families. This will be held on Friday 21st November from 10am until 3pm at Asda Colindale Car Park. There is no booking required, we do strongly urge families to go along to have your seats checked, any problems fixed and to get free advice. See attached poster for more information.

READING WORKSHOP FOR ALL PARENTS, WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER: Our second curriculum workshop will be led by Mrs Kesavji (Literacy and KS1 Lead). Mrs Kesavji will be talking about the importance of reading and giving tips to parents on how to engage children in reading. She will also be looking at the Little Wandle scheme and sharing how we teach phonics. All parents are welcome, from all year groups, please wait outside until we invite you to the hall once the children are settled. As always, no hot drinks in school please!

PARENT DROP INS, NEXT WEEK FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO: An opportunity for parents to come into the classroom and see some work the children would like to share with you. Please try to ensure that at least one parent comes for each child – the children are very disappointed if no one comes along to look at their work. Siblings are not invited due to space.

- **YEAR TWO DROP INS ARE ON THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM**
- **YEAR ONE DROP INS ARE ON FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER @ 2.30PM**

RECEPTION YEAR HEIGHT & WEIGHT CHECKS, FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER (DURING SCHOOL DAY): All children in Reception Year will have this check unless you have opted out by emailing the nursing team and school. If you would like to opt out now, you still have a couple of days to do so by emailing before 17th November to whh-tr.barnethealthyweightteam@nhs.net and admin@gsis.barnetmail.net

OTHER NOTICES:

SEASONAL GIFT ORDERS, SALE EXTENDED UNTIL 10AM ON MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER: Originally the deadline to complete your order for your seasonal gifts with your child's art work on was today. We've noticed that less than a third of the school have ordered, and as we will be sending the order off on Monday afternoon, we have decided to extend the deadline to 10am on Monday, so parents who haven't yet made their order can do so over the weekend. Once this deadline is passed, there will be no further opportunity to order items so do make sure you order over the weekend if you want any cards or gifts with your child's art work on.

To purchase the items/see the selection on offer go to your Arbor Account and the School Shop. You will find a list of items to purchase, choose as many of whichever items you would like, add to the basket and then check out and pay. Orders will be distributed before the end of term.

YEAR ONE TRIP TO V&A, DEADLINE TO COMPLETE PAPERWORK IS MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER: We still have a number of families who haven't given permission or returned their forms to the school office. We only have a week to go before the trip, and we need to order lunches on Tuesday morning. So, if you haven't yet done so, please complete and return the paper form, and make your donation (and therefore give consent) on Arbor by Monday lunchtime.

REMINDER TO BOOK PARENT CONSULTATIONS IN YEARS ONE AND TWO: Parent consultations went live on Arbor on Monday, and within 24 hours the majority of parents had booked their appointments online. If you are one of the few who haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so as soon as possible. These meetings are really important, and a great opportunity for parents to find out how the school year is going so far and how the children are getting on in class.

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: This week Yellow Class won the challenge.

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 9th to 15th November) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: None this week!

Children in Year One: Helena in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Shai in Pink, Yonatan in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Miss McClean & Ms Amjad who celebrated this week.

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL

SCHOOL EVENTS

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

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

Thursday 20th November, Be Bright, Be Seen, Be Safe School Competition (see above for further details)

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

Friday 21st November, Reception Year Height & Weight Checks with school nurse. *All children in Reception Year will have this check unless you opt out by emailing the nursing team at whh-tr.barnethealthyweightteam@nhs.net and the school at admin@gsis.barnetmail.net before the 18th November.*

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

Monday 24th November, Year One Trip to the Young V&A Toy Museum

Wednesday 26th November & Thursday 27th November (3.30 – 6.30pm), KS1 Parent Consultations for Year Two & Turquoise Class (booking will go live on Arbor during the first week of November)

Thursday 27th November & Tuesday 2nd December (3.30pm – 6.30pm), Yellow Class Parent Consultations (booking will go live on Arbor during the first week of November)

Wednesday 3rd December (9am), workshop for parents about supporting children with Anxiety

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

Friday 12th December, PTA Seasonal Fair during the school day

Tuesday 16th December, Christmas Assembly (Parents welcome to join us)

Tuesday 16th December, PTA Winter Fireside Event after school

Wednesday 17th December, Christmas Special Menu (children who normally have packed lunch, will be able to have a school lunch that day, if they choose, just email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net by Thursday 11th December)

Friday 19th 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: [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 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.