

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK:

**READING WORKSHOP:** Thank you to Mrs Kesavji for presenting such an informative and useful workshop on Wednesday morning, we really hope that the parents who were able to attend found it useful. A copy of the presentation can be found on our website at [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - Reading Workshop for Parents](#)

**ROAD SAFETY WEEK:** We held Road Safety workshops for the Reception classes in school, where the children learnt the importance of holding an adult's hand when crossing the road. They were given tips about holding onto an arm, if the adult is carrying a shopping bag, or holding on to a pushchair. They also learnt about not stepping into the road unless they were crossing the road with an adult. The Road Safety Team brought in road mats and props so the children could act out how to do this.

The Year One classes watched a video, and learnt a song, about crossing the road safely, and they practised using the road markings and the play vehicles in the playground. The Year Two classes took a walk to Willifield Green and became Road Safety Detectives, to see what signs and markings there were that help to keep us safe.

Thank you very much to everyone who engaged with the "Be Bright, Be Seen" competition; the children decorated their bookbags so creatively so that they could be seen in the dark. We held an assembly yesterday, where the winners were announced:

**Red class** – Neeva and George; **Green Class** – Oliver and Mackenzie;

**Turquoise Class** – Helena and Abtin; **Yellow Class** – Edward and Jana;

**Pink Class** – Majd and Diana; **Orange Class** – Sophia and Isaac.

Thank you to Miss Kelly and Miss Jowsey for organising the week.

**DROP INS FOR YEARS ONE & TWO:** The children really enjoyed showing their work to their parents, who came into school for special drop-in sessions this week. We received great feedback from the parents, about the progress that is evident in the children's books. Parent consultations for Years One and Two next week will give you a chance to talk more with your child's teacher about their progress and how you can help at home (see below for instructions for checking, or booking, your appointment).

### NEXT WEEK:

**YEAR ONE TRIP TO YOUNG V&A ON MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** The lunches have been ordered, the volunteers have been contacted, and the Year One classes are now ready for their trip on Monday! A few reminders for Year One parents:

- The coach will be leaving promptly so please ensure your child is in school on time so we have enough time to check lunches, go to the toilet and get onto the coach.
- Please ensure children are wearing sensible shoes, a waterproof coat and that they are wearing their school uniform with a school logo on their chest.
- All Year One children must bring a back pack into school, along with a bottle of water. If you are sending a packed lunch in from home, then place this into the back pack, if you have ordered a school lunch this will be put in the back pack before they leave for the museum.

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK:** Thank you to everyone for booking their consultations with their class teacher for next week. To check your appointment time please go onto Arbor and you'll find the details there.

For the last few, who haven't yet booked, you have until the end of Tuesday to do so (go onto Arbor and you'll find the consultations there on the front page, click on that to book one of the last available slots).

On the day, please wait outside your child's classroom until the teacher calls you in.

## **LOOKING AHEAD & OTHER NOTICES**

**CHANGE OF DATE, WINTER FIRESIDE WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER:** Please note that we have changed the date of the Winter Fireside PTA event, it will be held a day later than previously advertised. This is our end of term, community event for all our children and families, where we meet up in the rear playground for carols, roasting marshmallows and sharing refreshments. There is no ticket charge for this event, but you will be able to buy marshmallows and refreshments.

**PARENTS WORKSHOP ABOUT SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH ANXIETY, WEDS 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER AT 9AM (INFANT SCHOOL HALL):** Barnet Integrated Clinical Services (BICS), are coming into school to provide a workshop for parents all about recognising anxiety in children, the different ways it can be presented (in both neurotypical and neurodiverse children) and how to support and help them. The staff had their training from BICS this week, and we all found it very informative and useful. We would strongly recommend that parents join us for this workshop, it is open to infant and junior parents and will be held in the Infant School Hall.

**SEASONAL FAIR: Seasonal Fair:** Please look out on Arbor and in book bags on Tuesday next week for information on the Seasonal Fair. The PTA will be sending out full details of the arrangements for the fair, how to donate and how to sign up to volunteer!

**WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS:** This week **Yellow Class** were the winners – with the most children walking, cycling or scooting all the way, or some of the way, to school on Wednesday. Turquoise Class were the runners up. Well done 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:** Thursday

### **THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS**

**We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 16<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year:           None this week!

Children in Year One:                 Nadir in Yellow & Bella in Turquoise

Children in Year Two:                 None this week!

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Hennessy and Mrs Kesavji who celebrated this week.

**PLEASE NOTE: Birthday Assembly is for children in Years One and Two only, and is held every Tuesday morning at 9.05am, for children with birthdays that week (Sunday to Saturday). Y1/2 Parents are welcome to attend their child's Birthday Assembly, so please make a note in your diary!**

# **GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL**

## **SCHOOL EVENTS**

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Year One Trip to the Young V&A Toy Museum (letters will come out to parents the first week after half term; parents will be asked of a donation of £13.00 to go towards the cost of the coach)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> November & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (3.30pm – 6.30pm), Yellow Class Parent Consultations (booking will go live on Arbor during the first week of November)

**Wednesday 3<sup>th</sup> December (9am), workshop for parents about supporting children with Anxiety**

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

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

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Assembly (Parents welcome to join us)

~~Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December~~ **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**, PTA Winter Fireside Event after school

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December)**

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: [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 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER (During the school day)

WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT, **WEDNESDAY 17<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.*