

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

YEAR ONE TRIP TO THE YOUNG V&A: On Monday our year one classes went to the Young V&A Museum in Bethnal Green. They had a wonderful time learning about toys in the past, and how they differ from toys now. Thank you to the parents who came along to help out, and to the staff for organising the trip. Year One classes can see photos of the day on Tapestry.

BOOK FAIR: The book fair arrived on Monday, apologies that this was missed off the events for the term. We hope that you were able to purchase some new books to stock up your home library or buy presents for seasonal gifts. The school will receive commission on all purchases made, so by buying books for your own use, you have also increased the library in school!

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: We hope you all found your consultations useful and informative; the last yellow class meetings are next week (along with a few others that are having separate meetings). Thank you to the staff for facilitating these meetings.

NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY 3RD DECEMBER @ 9AM UNTIL 10AM, "UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN" WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: Next Wednesday Barnet Integrated Services are coming into school to present a workshop to parents in both the infant and junior school, around anxiety in children, how it can present in children, and how to support your child and help them manage their anxiety. We highly recommend that parents come along to this workshop; even if your child is not showing signs of anxiety, it is still very useful for all adults to be informed. The workshop will be held in the Infant School - please wait outside until we call you in once the children have all settled into their classes.

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, YEAR TWO DRAGON DAY: As part of the work the Year Twos are doing this half term, the Year Two children are being invited to dress up next Friday to take part in some dragon themed activities. Please see the flyer sent home with the homework earlier today for further information.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON:

STARS: Children brought home a plain white star yesterday afternoon. Traditionally, we have used these stars instead of children handing out individual Christmas cards to their friends, (which became very difficult to manage!) so it can be nice for them to include a greeting on their star as well.

We ask that the children cut out and decorate their stars (on both sides – not covering up the holes, or making it too heavy!) so they can be hung up in the corridor ready for the festive season. Please return the stars into school by Wednesday 3rd December, so we can have them up for the last two weeks of term.

Please note that Christmas / Seasons Greeting Cards are no longer handed out by staff in school.

SEASONAL FAIR PREPARATION: Preparation for the seasonal fair is now underway. The fair is held in the school hall, and the different classes all have a time slot to walk around the stalls to purchase gifts for their friends and family. It is a wonderful event, but does need lots of help from our parents to make it a success!

Flyers came home on Thursday, along with an email (through Arbor) with details of how you can support this event by contributing £5 (or more!) to the running costs, such as the items the children will be purchasing, decorations and so on. We also gave out the link to the form where you can volunteer to help set up the hall, run a stall or help the children shop. Click the following link if you would like to help out, and complete the form: [Seasonal Fair 2025 Volunteer Sign-up](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DECEMBER: Here is a reminder of the seasonal events happening over the last couple of weeks of term,

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

Thursday 11th December: We are hoping to hold our Hannukah Assembly on this morning, and Miss Sands will lead. However, Miss Sands would really appreciate some parental help with this! If you are interested in helping, please see Miss Sands.

Friday 12th December, PTA Seasonal Fair during the school day: Children bring a purse with spending money (we recommend £15) and shopping bag in to school and purchase gifts for their friends and family at the fair, which is held in the school hall.

Tuesday 16th December, Christmas Assembly (Parents welcome to join us): Miss Sands will be leading this assembly, helped by the Year One children who have been busy learning songs for the event (Year One parents, please check out Tapestry for the songs and lyrics they have been learning). We are expecting this event to be well attended by parents, so please remember the normal house rules apply of no buggies and no hot drinks!

Wednesday 17th December, Christmas Special Menu: The full festive menu will be served to the children on this day. 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 so we can let the kitchen know.

Wednesday 17th December, PTA Winter Fireside Event after school in rear playground: This event is for all our families and the school community to get together, sing some carols with the children and roast marshmallows. This event has free entry, so no tickets to buy but do bring some cash / card to buy refreshments and marshmallows to roast on the fire pit!

Friday 19th December, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm: Children come to school in their Christmas Jumpers, and finish for the term after lunch. Please make a note to ensure children are collected on time.

OTHER NOTICES:

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: We have contacted Churchbury to find out when we can expect the individual photographs to be delivered, as we thought they would have arrived by now! They have confirmed that they will be delivered next week, once received we will send them home with the children.

SEASONAL GIFTS: These are also due to arrive any day now, and we will be sending these home with the children once they've all arrived. Those who have ordered mugs we will hold a stall outside for parents to collect them, as they are quite fragile. We will let you know when they are ready to collect.

HOLIDAY CLUBS/ACTIVITIES: Although we are not running any holiday clubs over the school holidays (school is fully closed for the break), Barnet Youth are running various holiday activities and camps. Our families, who are entitled to benefit related free school meals have already received their vouchers to book the [BACE Holiday Activities and Camps](#). For everyone else, Barnet run the fully funded [Positive Activities Project](#) which runs various activities for children of all ages at various venues across the borough. For both, it is recommended to book early to avoid disappointment.

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: Yellow are this week's winners, with Turquoise as the runners up. The Year Ones have been doing very well recently, will it be Year Two or Reception Years turn to win next week?!

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 23rd & 29th November) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Maya in Green Class

Children in Year One: None this week!

Children in Year Two: None 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 - UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note items in red – either updated or new events since first published

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 3th December (9am), Workshop for parents about supporting children with Anxiety

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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 12TH DECEMBER (During the school day)

WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT, **WEDNESDAY 17TH 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.