

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### **THIS WEEK:**

**PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS:** Yesterday morning, parents from each year group met with Miss Sands. We didn't have a parent from Pink Class – so do please see if there is someone who can attend these monthly meetings.

In response to a question at the meeting, we talked about the “Computing” curriculum in school, and about what the children learn in class. Do look at the curriculum plans for each year group, on our website. You will find a wealth of information by clicking the “Curriculum” tab, here (including annual and termly curriculum overviews):

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Curriculum&pid=112>

**The “Home Learning” section of the website includes useful links for parents, including:**

Links for learning websites here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+%2D+Suggested+Links&pid=541>

Links for internet safety here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Internet+Safety&pid=1753>

Links from the NSPPC about keeping safe here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Keeping+Safe+%2D+NSPCC+Resources&pid=1755>

### **NEXT WEEK AND LOOKING AHEAD:**

We have lots of events coming up through the term, a full list is detailed below and as always will be a standing item in the newsletter with further details coming out each week.

A few initial things to highlight:

**SPECIAL MENU, THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY “BEE KIND”:** Next Thursday the kitchen will be having a special menu and sharing messages about small acts of kindness that we can all do every day -please see attached menu. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like to have a school lunch that day please email [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) to let us know by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January so we can let the kitchen know of additional numbers. *There is no need to contact us if your child normally has a school lunch.*

*Please note, that due to the special menu, Monday's menu will now be a choice of pasta or jacket potatoes as pizza will be served on Thursday as part of the special menu.*

**SPIRIT OF THE WILD WORKSHOP (21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY) DONATION:** The payment item went live on Wednesday afternoon for the Spirit of the Wild Workshop that all classes will take part in on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. Thank you to those who have already donated towards this workshop – if you haven't yet done so, please make payment online or in cash to the school office by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**PARENTS COFFEE MORNING RUN BY AUTISM ADVISORY TEAM, Wednesday 28th January @ 9AM:** The session will focus on emotional regulation and how to support the children. Topics will include:

- emotional dysregulation and the overwhelm bucket
- focus on emotions
- focus on routine and predictability
- masking and fawning

Although this session is aimed at parents and carers of children with autism, all parents are very welcome to attend, as you might find the strategies discussed helpful for many children.

#### **OTHER NOTICES:**

#### **DO YOU HAVE A YOUNGER SIBLING WHO WAS BORN BETWEEN 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPT 2021 – 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2022?**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE NEXT THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY** A reminder to parents with younger siblings due to join us next September, that the deadline to complete your application is next Thursday (15<sup>th</sup> January). Late applications will not be processed until the second round in May, and even with sibling status you may not get a place so it is vital that applications are done by the deadline. To apply, complete an application on the [eAdmissions website](#)

**YEAR TWO TRANSFER TO JUNIORS, DEADLINE THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY:** Further to the reminder email that came out yesterday it is imperative that all our year two children have a completed application for the junior school by the deadline next week. Please see the email sent out yesterday lunchtime for further information.

**LATE ARRIVALS:** It has been very noticeable this week that a lot of you are still in holiday mode! Please make a big effort to get the children to school on time. Apart from the fact that they generally find it easier to come in with all their friends they are also missing important work and routines in class when they arrive late. Just being five minutes late every day for a year adds up to three school days lost.

**AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS:** There are still spaces available in the following after school clubs: art, chess and football on Mondays, singing and dance on Tuesdays, gymnastics on Wednesdays and Taekwondo on Thursdays, multi sports on Fridays. Please see email sent via Arbor on 8th December for booking details.

**WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS:** Well done Year Ones! This week **Yellow Class** are the winners, with Turquoise Class as the runners up.

#### **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 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year: Amelia in Red Class

Children in Year One: Rafe in Yellow Class, Rume in Turquoise Class

Children in Year Two: Ameri in Orange Class, Viktor in Pink Class

**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 - SPRING TERM 2026**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Special Menu “Bee Kind” – children who normally have packed lunch are invited to have a school lunch on this day to enjoy the special menu, if your child would like to take part (and normally has packed lunch), please ensure you email [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January so we can let the kitchen know.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, Spirit of the Wild Workshops: Parents will be asked for a donation of £5 towards the cost of the workshop.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9am, Autism Advisory Coffee Morning for Parents on emotional regulation for Infant and Junior School parents (please come to Blue Room after the children have come in)

Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> February, National Story Telling Week: A week focusing on story telling throughout the school.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February, PTA Disco for Years One and Two (please note there is no Taekwondo club on this date)

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February, National Children’s Mental Health Week: A week focusing on children’s wellbeing and mental health.

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Special Menu “Pancake Day” - children who normally have packed lunch are invited to have a school lunch on this day to enjoy the special menu which will be serving pancakes with a variety of toppings, if your child would like to take part (and normally has packed lunch), please ensure you email [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February so we can let the kitchen know.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – School closed for Half Term.  
Children return to school on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Year Two Boat Trip up the Thames. Parents will be asked for a donation of £25 towards the cost of the boat trip (coach and entry), and the upcoming Great Fire of London workshop (see below) combined

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.00am, Barnet Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, World Book Day: Children will dress up as characters from their favourite books and share stories in class.

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Year One Trip to Kew Gardens. Parents will be asked for a donation of £15 towards the cost of the trip (including coach and entry)

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm, Reception Year Parent Drop Ins: An opportunity for parents to step into their child’s class, and for children to share work they are proud of.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm, Year One Parent Drop Ins: An opportunity for parents to step into their child's class, and for children to share work they are proud of.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm, Year Two Parent Drop Ins: An opportunity for parents to step into their child's class, and for children to share work they are proud of.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 – 6.30pm: Parent Consultations with class teachers

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: PTA Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am, Easter Assembly

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop: Children will spend the day taking part in activities and drama based around life in 1666, the cost of this workshop will be covered by the donation made for the Boat Trip on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and subsidised by the school.

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 9.10am, Passover Assembly

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm

*Date for Eid/Ramadan Assembly to be confirmed*

*Children return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April at the normal time*

### **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.

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.*