

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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**BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY WILL BE ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK!
(FOR BIRTHDAYS THAT FALL 1ST TO 7TH FEBRUARY IN YEARS ONE & TWO)**

THIS WEEK:

AUTISM ADVISORY COFFEE MORNING: On Wednesday morning, we welcomed the Autism Advisory into school to meet with parents from both the Infant and Junior School. The event was well attended, and we hope you found it useful.

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: We had a small turn out this morning to our PTA AGM, where we heard about the different events held from Sept 2024 to August 2025, money raised and money spent, along with plans for the coming year and the election of the team.

A copy of the minutes will be available on the website soon, but in brief, over the last academic year the Infant PTA raised just over £10,000 through events, activities, bucket collections and gift aid donations. During the year, the PTA supported the school by funding the Sensory Room (along with matched funding from the Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents Association), which started to be used in the summer term, along with sensory circuit work in the rear corridor – this has been an invaluable addition to our school, helping to support our children. The PTA were also able to help with funding for workshops that were run in school – these really enhance the children’s learning with immersive experiences, and as we often get fewer parent donations towards events held on site, the PTA have really helped us to continue with these.

Looking ahead, the next projects will include funding the Sports Coach, who works every lunchtime with the children. This was paused for a while last year, but since the Autumn Term we’ve welcomed back Adamos and the team from Fun in Sport, who work with the children, teaching them different sporting skills (not just football!) and the importance of cooperation as well as learning how to win and lose graciously!

In addition to this, we are in desperate need of new bike shelters in the rear playground. We have a range of 2 and 3-wheel vehicles, including balance bikes, pedal bikes, and scooters, and they really need protecting since our last shed needed to be demolished for safety reasons. The children are really developing their cycling skills, and they are also learning about road safety and being alert, as both a cyclist and a pedestrian, on our playground roadway.

And finally, with our “new” rooms, which we are using for interventions and small group work, the school would really like to develop a library space for all the children to use, and would like to use PTA money for this project.

Finally, thanks were extended to Caroline & Moran who ran the events and PTA last year, along with Iva as the Treasurer and all the parents that help with the events. Elections held at the meeting confirmed the following PTA Committee positions:

Caroline (Caspar in Yellow’s mum) continues as Chair of the Infant PTA; Laura (Bella in Turquoise’s mum) and Fiorda (Jasmine in Green’s mum) are co-vice chairs. Iva (Oleg in Turquoise’s mum) continues as Treasurer, and although we didn’t formally elect a Secretary, Saba (Noah in Turquoise’s mum) will help out both the Infant and Junior PTA when she can – and thank you Saba for taking the minutes this morning!

The Infant school would like to extend a special thank you to Marina, whose children left the junior school last year. Marina has been actively part of the PTA as the Junior Treasurer for the last few years but has worked extremely closely with the Infant School PTA, continuing to support the team although her children moved up a number of years ago. Her help and support have been invaluable – we will miss her!

NEXT WEEK:

NATIONAL STORY TELLING WEEK: Next week we will be focusing on story telling throughout the school. Thank you to the parents who have offered to come into school to read to their child's class, we look forward to seeing you! If you haven't done so already, and would like to do so then please speak to your child's class teacher or email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net
Why not support this at home, by sharing lots of stories at different times of the day?

WE HAVE CANCELLED THE MONTHLY PTA/PARENT MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FOR NEXT WEEK: This will enable the parents to concentrate on preparations for.....

DISCO FOR YEARS ONE & TWO, THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY @ 4.30PM: Less than a week to go to the Disco! This is always a highlight for the children, who have a great time dancing and playing games, there is a break out room and a snack, with every child going home with a party bag.

Tickets have been selling through the week, and the last chance to purchase will be over the weekend (we have extended the deadline to midnight on Sunday, instead of today). Tickets will come home with the children next week, before the event.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help out, don't forget to ensure your child has a ticket!

THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS AVAILABLE TO BUY NEXT WEEK OR ON THE DAY – PLEASE ENSURE YOU BUY YOUR TICKET IN THE SCHOOL SHOP ON ARBOR BY MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY SO YOUR CHILD DOESN'T MISS OUT!

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO TAEKWONDO OR FOOTBALL CLUB ON THURS 5TH FEBRUARY FOR ANY CHILDREN

OTHER NOTICES:

ARBOR PAYMENTS: It has been reported that parents are struggling to see whether they have paid for an item purchased in the school shop on line. To see all purchases for the term, log into your account and go to "payments" (on the quick access drop down), then "invoices" and you'll find all the payments you've made this term.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB: Funtime are running the holiday club in the upcoming half term from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February (8.30am – 5.30pm for £35.00; 8.30am – 1pm/1pm to 5.30pm for £25.00). For more information call Sharon on 07506 030037.

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: Once again Yellow class are the winners, woohoo! This week's runners up are Turquoise 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 25th to 31st January) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: George in Red

Children in Year One: Aqeeb in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Hafsa in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Jones and Ms Anna 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!

FUNTIME BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE: Funtime provides extended childcare for the children in both the Infant and Junior schools. Breakfast Club runs from 7.50am until 8.45am when they are taken to class and costs £5 per session; After-School Club collects children from the playground (or after clubs such as football/Art club) and runs until 5.50pm at a cost of £14 per sessions, they also do a shorter session to 4.30pm at a cost of £7.00. For further information or to enquire about a place please contact Funtime directly by text or phone on 07506 030 037. Details about all our after-school clubs/childcare can be found on our website [HERE](#)

GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL **SCHOOL EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2026**

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

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

~~Thursday 5th February, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room CANCELLED~~

Thursday 5th February, PTA Disco for Years One and Two (please note there is no Taekwondo or football clubs on this date)

Week beginning 9th February, National Children's Mental Health Week: A week focusing on children's wellbeing and mental health.

Monday 9th February @ 4.30 – 5.30pm, Online Safety Talks for Parents: Online meeting, a link will be sent to all parents in the morning.

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th 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 by Monday 9th February so we can let the kitchen know.

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

Tuesday 3rd 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 4th March @ 9.00am, Barnet Parent Carer Forum Coffee Morning

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

Thursday 5th March, Special Menu “World Book Day” - 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 by Monday 2nd March so we can let the kitchen know.

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

Tuesday 10th 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 11th 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 12th 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 13th 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.

Friday 13th March, Nowruz Assembly (Iranian New Year): Parents invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am once the children have come in.

Tuesday 17th March, Ramadan Assembly: Mrs Kesavji will lead our assembly, and parents are invited to join us (doors open at 9am). On that week, birthday assembly will be held on Monday 16th March.

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

Sunday 22nd March: PTA Treasure Hunt

Tuesday 24th March @ 9.10am, Easter Assembly

Wednesday 25th 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 3rd March and subsidised by the school.

Thursday 26th March @ 9.10am, Passover Assembly

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

Children return to school on Monday 13th 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)

UPCOMING EVENTS *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:*

DISCO FOR YEARS ONE & TWO, THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY (after school, inside the hall and classrooms)

TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY 22ND MARCH (held from lunchtime, in school & 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)