

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY:** Due to our special assembly on Tuesday, birthday assembly next week will be held on Monday morning for those who celebrate from 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### THIS WEEK:

**PINS COFFEE MORNING FOR PARENTS/CARERS:** We hope that the parents who came to the coffee morning on Monday found it useful, there are further online meetings for parents coming up – see “Other Notices” below for the details and links.

**YEAR ONE TRIP TO KEW GARDENS:** The Year One classes travelled to Kew Gardens this week where they walked around the gardens, went into the Hive and the Palm House. There was a lot of walking, and we were very impressed with the children’s enthusiasm, interest and energy levels. A huge thank you to the parents who came along to help as well as to the staff for organising the event. Do look on Tapestry for photos to see what they got up to.

**PARENT / GOVERNOR MEETING RE AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS:** It was good to see some of our parents at the meeting on Wednesday, it was a useful discussion and we hope that you came away with your questions answered. There is another meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March @ 6pm in the Junior School Hall – open to all parents in both schools.

Once we’ve held both meetings, we will update the frequently asked questions for sending out to all.

If you would prefer to email the Governors with your questions, then you can email [primary@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:primary@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**DROP-IN SESSIONS:** We hope you enjoyed coming into school this week to see what the children have been getting up to in class. These have been important opportunities for your child to share what they have been learning so far this year, ahead of the parent consultations next week.

**NORWUZ ASSEMBLY:** Miss Sands led our assembly with Mrs Behboodi this week, all about Nowruz, the Persian New Year. Thank you to all the families that were able to join us for this spring celebration, and to the children who spoke so beautifully in Farsi about the items on the Haft Seen table.

You can find out a little more about this spring festival, and see a picture of the beautiful Haft Seen table, on our website here: <https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/news/?pid=1630&nid=3&storyid=1469>

### NEXT WEEK:

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, RAMADAN AND EID ASSEMBLY:** Mrs Kesavji will lead our assembly, parents are invited to join us (doors open at 9am)

**PARENT CONSULTATIONS:** These are being held next week, with the majority on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, with Green Class on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The booking window closes at midday on the Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, if you haven’t yet booked your appointment please do so over the weekend. If you would like a reminder of your booked appointment, log into Arbor and you’ll find the confirmed appointment detailed

there. IF YOU ARE HAVING A PROBLEM BOOKING YOUR APPOINTMENT ON THE APP, THEN PLEASE CHECK FOR UPDATES OR REINSTALL THE APP – COME AND SEE US IN THE OFFICE IF YOU CAN'T DO IT ONLINE.

**TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH:** A wonderful community event, where families follow the trail around the suburb and pick up clues as they go. On return the school, prizes will be given out and you'll have the opportunity to purchase refreshments. Flyers came out earlier this week, and advance ticket sales are open on Arbor in the school shop. Although you can buy tickets on the door for a higher rate, we do ask parents to purchase advance tickets so we get an idea of numbers for purchasing of refreshments and prizes. Deadline to purchase advance tickets is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March

### **LOOKING AHEAD & OTHER NOTICES:**

**BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY FOR LAST WEEK OF TERM & THE HOLIDAYS, MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH (for birthdays that fall from 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 11<sup>th</sup> April):** Due to the Easter Assembly on Tuesday, birthday assembly will be held on Monday this week

**EASTER BONNETS FOR EASTER ASSEMBLY, TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Led by Miss Sands, we would love it if the children could wear a decorated Easter Bonnet. It doesn't have to be a special, new hat. You can make a hat from a cardboard band, or decorate a hat/cap you already have. We look forward to seeing the children's colourful creations! *Parents are invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am*

**YEAR TWO GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP, WEDS 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!** Letters came home last week to all our Year Two families, asking for volunteers to help out on the day. It is essential we have at least 12 parent volunteers to help run the different activities, the fewer volunteers we have the fewer activities the children can take part in! If you are able to help out, please complete the form and return it to the school office urgently, or email [admin@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:admin@gsis.barnetmail.net) – currently we don't have enough volunteers to run the activities, we would hate to have to cancel the workshop!

**BARNET PINS ONLINE SESSIONS:** Please see below a list of online sessions parents are invited to, with the links to the meetings:

1. Understanding Roles of Specialist Teams (Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Educational Psychology)

Facilitator: Joann Moore

Date: 23rd March

Time: 18:00–19:00

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/35558646357229?p=GRTkmoRgvbltTX9Ti>

2. Positive Relationships & Behaviour

Facilitator: Lucy Baker

Date: 24th March

Time: 18:00–19:00

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/39919696954079?p=sJqCiWa8H5Dq6PAIDj>

3. Energy Accounting & Zones of Regulation

Facilitator: AAT – Luci Rose

Date: 14th April

Time: 13:30–14:30

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33402220141406?p=SmvHe4punoPcpbFRuc>

4. Adaptive Teaching & Supporting Social Connections

Facilitator: Joann Moore

Date: 17th April

Time: 13:00–14:00

MS Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/33592623255152?p=jaXMt8wG5hcltImLoF>

**SPRING BREAK HOLIDAY CLUBS:** Please see details below of both Funtime and also Little Voices Theatre Camp, these are running on consecutive weeks in the holidays – please ensure you sign up in good time as if there are not sufficient numbers they may need to cancel.

**FUNTIME, 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL:** In the first half of the spring break, Funtime will be running their holiday camp. Please contact Sharon for further details and to book a slot

**LITTLE VOICES EASTER THEATRE CAMP, 7<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** In the second half of the spring break, Little Voices will be running a camp in school. They will be working on and performing is called “The Hawaiian Roller Coaster” and will be inspired by Lilo and Stich. Please see the attached poster for further information; click the following link to find out more and book: [APRIL HOLIDAY CAMP AT GARDEN SUBURB SCHOOL](#)

**WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS:** Yellow are this week’s winners!

#### **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 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year:           None this week!

Children in Year One:                 Theo & Sonny in Yellow

Children in Year Two:                 Emilia in Pink, Joe in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Elia 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](#)

***PLEASE NOTE FUNTIME WILL NOT BE RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM; FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH***

**GARDEN SUBURB INFANT SCHOOL**  
**SCHOOL EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)**  
**Please note items in red – either updated or new events**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> March.

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. Parents invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am once the children have come in. Children are invited to decorate an Easter Bonnet (hat) at home and wear it to the 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. Parents invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am once the children have come in.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm (Funtime will run breakfast club on that day, but there will be no after school club)

***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://Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money (gardensuburbinfant.co.uk))

We have 3 events left this academic 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.

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.*