

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 25, Friday 20th March 2026

THIS WEEK:

RAMADAN ASSEMBLY: On Monday Mrs Kesavji led our assembly, with help from Ms Atiya and some of the parents too; we are very grateful to them for sharing their wisdom and experience with us. The assembly was informative and very interesting. Thank you to everyone who helped to organise this event.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: The majority of our parent consultations were held this week, with just Green Class to have the second set of sessions next week on Tuesday after school. Thank you to the staff for facilitating these meetings, we hope you found them useful and informative.

CANCELLED TREASURE HUNT: It was with real regret that the PTA had to cancel the treasure hunt which was to be held this weekend. In the end we didn't have enough volunteers to be able to run the full event safely. We hope that parents will be able to help more with the next event, the International Food Fair on Friday 15th May – this is another event that heavily relies on the whole school community coming together to provide an amazing experience for our children and families.

Refunds were processed today, and those who purchased tickets should see their payments returned to their original payment source within 7 days.

NEXT WEEK:

The last week of term, and lots going on! See details below, the items in red are new:

Monday 23rd March, Birthday Assembly for children who celebrate from Sunday 22nd March to Saturday 11th April (so includes holidays): Due to the Easter Assembly on Tuesday, birthday assembly will once again be held on Monday.

Tuesday 24th March @ 9.10am, Easter Assembly. We look forward to seeing the children in their Easter Bonnets (hats) which they have decorated at home to wear for the assembly. Parents are invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am once the children have come in.

Wednesday 25th March, Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop: The Year Two children will come to school dressed in clothing from 1666 (see the homework sheets that went out on 11th March for further information) and spend the day taking part in activities and drama based around life in 1666. Thank you in advance to the parents (including friends in Year One) who have volunteered to help out, we can now ensure that the children have a really wonderful experience.

Thursday 26th March @ 9.10am, Passover Assembly: Parents are invited to join us for this assembly, doors will open at 9am once the children have come in.

Friday 27th March, Non-uniform Day to raise money for our Library: As part of the PTA ongoing fundraising for the school library, we will be putting any money donated for our normal termly non-uniform day towards the library fundraising pot. Please bring in either a cash donation for the bucket collection, or bring your card to donate through the card machine on the gate on Friday morning.

So far, we have raised a fantastic £700 towards a new infant library, thank you to everyone who has donated at either the collection on World Book Day or through the Collectiv account shared through the WhatsApp group. We have now also added a school shop item on Arbor for parents who would like to donate to this worthy cause over the coming weeks and months – this is an ongoing fundraising event, and the focus for the rest of the year for the PTA – with the online shop item you can donate as often as you want, and as much as you like (in multiples of £5)

LAST DAY OF TERM: FRIDAY 27TH MARCH – SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM

Please ensure that you collect your child promptly at 1.30pm next Friday, there is no Funtime running during the afternoon (clubs all finish by Thursday next week)

Children return to school on Monday 13th April at the normal time

OTHER NOTICES:

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=GRThKmoRgybltTX9Ti>

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, 30TH MARCH – 2ND APRIL: In the first half of the spring break, Funtime will be running their holiday camp. Please see attached flyer and contact Sharon for further details and to book a slot

LITTLE VOICES EASTER THEATRE CAMP, 7TH – 10TH APRIL: In the second half of the spring break, Little Voices will be running a camp in school. The show 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: This week’s winners are Turquoise, with Pink 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

Telephone: 020 8455 8198

Website: www.gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk

Email: office@gsis.barnetmail.net

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 15TH TO 21ST March) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Akam in Green Class

Children in Year One: Saanjana in Turquoise Class

Children in Year Two: Saleema & Can in Pink Class

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Cucu 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 27TH MARCH

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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](#)

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 22ND MARCH (held from lunchtime for the first half of the afternoon, in school and around the suburb!) **CANCELLED**

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.