

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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SCHOOL FINISHES TODAY AT 1.30PM – PLEASE ENSURE YOU COLLECT YOUR CHILD ON TIME!
Children return to school on Monday 13th April

PROPOSAL TO MERGE GARDEN SUBURB INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS: We would like to remind parents that you have the opportunity to ask questions and make comments in relation to the proposed amalgamation of our schools, ahead of the start of the formal consultation process. The *Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQs) have been updated, in response to the questions that were asked at the parent meetings, and these are attached to this newsletter. If there are any questions not covered in this document, please email primary@gsjs.barnetmail.net.

THIS WEEK & HOLIDAYS:

ASSEMBLIES: We've had a busy last week of term! We celebrated both Easter and Passover, with help from parents and the children. A big thank you to all the families who helped their child decorate an Easter Bonnet; the school hall looked colourful and festive with the children wearing their hats! Thank you also to Arthur's mum, Sarah, and Buddy's mum, Philippa, who helped Miss Sands with the Passover assembly, providing Matzo, costumes and the Seder plate, and sharing the special Passover prayers.

YEAR TWO GREAT FIRE OF LONDON WORKSHOP: The children time travelled back to 1666, and took part in lots of activities from the period learning about medicines and food from the time, making perfumes, medicines and candles, weaving and sewing and learning how they baked bread. They finished the day with some archaeology. They had a wonderful time, and we would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who joined us for the day and helped run the activities and the staff for organising all the fun activities the children have experienced this half term. Photos are on Tapestry – do go and have a look!

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE: Thank you to Natalie and Laura for running a flash second hand sale on Thursday, selling summer dresses and shorts for next term. We hope you were able to pick up a bargain!

NON-UNIFORM DAY, RAISING MONEY FOR THE LIBRARY: The children came to school in their own clothes today, and parents donated on the gate to the PTA's ongoing fundraiser for the library in the Infant School. Thank you to Caroline and Iva for doing the collection on the gate, and to everyone who has donated towards this fundraiser. *Don't forget you can donate to this anytime online in the School Shop on Arbor in multiples of £5!*

FUNTIME TODAY AND HOLIDAY CLUB: Reminder that Funtime will not be open this afternoon, but will be running for the first week of the holidays. There are still spaces available, so if you would like your child to come along for any days next week, please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email shaz.funtime@outlook.com

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. 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](#)

OTHER NOTICES:

SUMMER LUNCH MENU: We have a new menu starting after the holidays, a copy can be found on our Website [HERE](#) we've also attached a copy to the email version of this newsletter for you to download and save should you choose to.

OFFER DAY FOR YEAR TWO TRANSFER & RECEPTION SEPT 2026, 16TH APRIL 2026: Reminder to parents in Year Two and anyone who has a child due to start reception in September that offers will be coming out on the evening of Thursday 16th April (national offer day). You will be notified of your offer by email. Please follow the instructions on the offer email to accept your place. The deadline to accept the place is 30th April 2026, and following this date we will be in contact with parents regarding the induction process for our new reception year. *If you are expecting an offer, but do not receive an email please check your junk mail or log onto the e-admissions website to have a look. If you applied after the deadline of 15th January you may not get your offer until later in the term, as your application may have been deferred until the second round.*

BARNET PINS ONLINE SESSIONS: Please see below a list of online sessions for parents with the links for the meetings:

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>

FREE DR BIKE SESSIONS: A free service run by Barnet, where families can have their bikes checked and fixed for free! The Dr Bike sessions are run by qualified bicycle mechanics. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required, all for free. Both adult and child bicycles can have the free safety check and adjustments made if necessary. For further information, and a list of venues and dates, visit [Free Dr Bike sessions in Barnet | Barnet Council](#)

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: This week's winners are Orange class and the runners up are Yellow.

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 and over the holidays (fall on or between 22nd March and 11th April) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Mackenzie, Kai, Hadi & Orestis in Green

Children in Year One: Adam & Hawa in Yellow, Alex, Noah, Soh & Sienna in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Yeheni, Zion, Messie-Felix & Riley in Orange, Diana in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Freeman who celebrates over the holidays

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 2 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.

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.