

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

SCIENCE WEEK: This week we celebrated science week. The Theme was *Curiosity: What's your question?* All week, the children were invited to ask curious questions about the science topics that they have been learning about. Each class enjoyed being curious scientists and conducted experiments and investigations to help them find answers to their curious questions. We encourage you to ask your child/ren what questions they asked and answered this week.

We would like to thank the children who have helped us in our whole school investigations, your leafy contributions will help us answer our question: How many different types of leaves can be found in and around the school? The answer will be revealed in our assembly on Monday!

We would also like to give special thanks to Ms Walters for leading the week across the whole school.

PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS: Thank you to the parents who were able to attend our meeting this week. Please look in the newsletter for details of future meetings, as we would like representation from all the classes. The next meeting is being held on Thursday 7th May at 9am.

CLASS PHOTOS: On Thursday we all had our photographs taken for the class group photos, these will be available to purchase in a few weeks' time. We'll let you know once they are available to purchase online.

NEXT WEEK:

RECEPTION YEAR SHOW, TUESDAY 28TH APRIL AT 9.10AM: Reception Year parents are invited into school to watch the reception year children perform in their annual show; due to space restrictions, older siblings will not be able to attend, and younger siblings will need to be carried as there won't be room for push chairs. No hot drinks are allowed. Parents will be invited into the hall once the children have all come into school, please wait outside until you are called in.

YEAR ONE TRIP TO KENWOOD HOUSE, WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL: The year one classes are looking forward to their visit to Kenwood House next week. The children will be out for the morning, but back in school to have lunch. Please ensure children are wearing a top with the school logo on it, and bring a coat and wear sensible shoes as they will be doing quite a bit of walking! All children need to bring their water bottle into school as normal.

YEAR TWO STAY AND READ, THURSDAY 30TH APRIL AT 2.30PM: As detailed in last week's Newsletter, Year Two parents are invited into school to spend time reading with their child and learn more about the comprehension we are focusing on in Year Two. Please come to school and wait outside until the door opens at 2.30pm – please don't be late!

OTHER NOTICES:

FORMAL CONSULTATION FOR AMALGAMATION OF SCHOOLS NOW LIVE: Barnet have now started the formal consultation for the proposed amalgamation of Garden Suburb Infant and Junior Schools. This will be live until 10th June. To have your say, please click on the following link to view the documentation and submit comments in the questionnaire towards the bottom of the page:

[Proposed merger of Garden Suburb Infant and Junior Schools into Garden Suburb Primary School | Barnet Council](#)

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR, FRIDAY 15TH MAY: One of our big annual PTA events, stalls are set up in the rear playground showcasing the range of countries represented in our school, there will be face painting, arts and crafts as well as a bouncy castle – and the Staff Tombola stall! There will also be a bar where you can purchase drinks. Tickets include entry and as much food as you can eat! Don't forget to bring cash on the day for drinks and for the children to take part in the activities.

Letters have come home this afternoon, and the tickets are available to purchase on Arbor – remember that both children and adults need tickets, and children can't attend without an adult with them. Volunteers are essential for the success of this event, from setting up the playground, running a food stall, providing dishes for the food stalls or helping out with the activities and bar. It is not possible to hold these events without volunteers to help ensure the children and families have a great afternoon! For further information, and to sign up, please see the links and details in the attached flyer.

NEW EVENT: FRIDAY 8TH MAY, BRING A TOMBOLA PRIZE: It will soon be our International Food Fair (Friday 15th May), more details about this exciting event will be sent out soon. As is tradition, the staff will be running a Tombola Stall at the fair – and we need some prizes for families to win! We ask the children to come in their "normal" casual clothing (no dressing up costumes please) on Friday 8th May and bring a suitable new gift item that will then be part of the prizes on the tombola at the International Food Fair. The gifts (not wrapped) can be suitable for either adults or children but please no food or drink items, and no glass bottles. Examples of suitable gifts could be toiletries; books; games; candles or similar.

RECEPTION YEAR TRIP TO ALDENHAM COUNTRY PARK, WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY: Letters will be coming home to our reception year parents on Monday afternoon with details of the trip to Aldenham, including how to make your donation towards entry and transport to the park, and how to sign up to volunteer to come along. Do look out in your child's book bag for the letter, you will also receive an email via Arbor when it is going live on the system.

FRONT PLAYGROUND AFTER SCHOOL: We would like to remind parents that children ARE NOT ALLOWED onto the climbing frame/equipment in the junior front playground after school. There is clear signage around AND ON the equipment, saying that it is not to be used, but parents are still allowing their children to go on it. We have also had reports that children are going onto the equipment when they are collected after Funtime. **This equipment is only for use when supervised by school staff.**

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: This week's winners are **Pink Class** with Yellow 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 19th and 25th April) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Atlas and Brian in Red, Alexandra in Green

Children in Years One: None this week!

Children in Year Two: None this week!

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Martin 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 EVENTS – SUMMER TERM 2026 (1st Half)

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

Tuesday 28th April, Reception Year Show @ 9.10am: The reception classes will present a thirty minutes show to their parents – due to space restrictions older siblings will not be invited, and younger siblings will need to be carried as there won't be room for push chairs. No hot drinks are allowed. Parents will be invited into the hall once the children have all come into school.

Wednesday 29th April, Year One Trip to Kenwood: The children will visit Kenwood for the morning, as detailed in the letter that came out on Monday 13th April, with a deadline of Monday 20th April. Parents are asked to donate £11.00 towards the cost of the coach.

Thursday 30th April, Year Two Stay and Read: Year Two parents are invited into school to spend time reading with their child and learn more about the comprehension we are focusing on in Year Two, please see the attached flyer for further information.

Thursday 30th April, Deadline to accept places for Year Three & Reception in September *Please note that if your child is currently in Reception or Year One there is no action you need to take for September Transfer as this happens automatically. There will be a full transition timetable for all our children put in place, and we'll provide further information on this once we have dates confirmed.*

Monday 4th May, School Closed due to May Bank Holiday

Thursday 7th May @ 9am, PTA Meeting with Miss Sands: Monthly meeting with parents, all are invited but we do ask for at least one parent from each class so they can feed back to the rest of the class.

Friday 8th May, Non-Uniform Day – Bring a gift for the tombola! In preparation for the International Food Fair, we will be holding a non-uniform day where we ask children to bring in a prize for the tombola stall at the Food Fair (items should be a gift item for child or adult, such as toiletries, books or games (but no glass bottles!))

Wednesday 13th May, Reception Year Trip to Aldenham Park: The children will visit Aldenham and explore the Hundred Acre Wood and visit the farm. Letters will come out week beginning 27th April with deadline of Friday 1st May, parents will be asked for a £25.00 donation towards the cost of the coach, entry and activities on site.

Friday 15th May, International Food Fair from 3.30pm: The big annual event for the whole school, families share food from their home countries and we have lots of activities going on in the rear playground. This event requires lots of parental support, so do look out for communications which will start coming out next week!

Week beginning 18th May, Walk to School Week: A national week to encourage children to walk to school – watch this space!

Monday 25th May to Monday 1st June, School closed for Half Term: School finishes at the normal time on Friday 22nd May, and children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June

PTA EVENTS AND NOTICES

SCHOOL LIBRARY FUNDRAISER: Given it is the National Year of Reading, the PTA is raising money towards the purchase of books for the school library. The school is continually upgrading and supplementing its stock of books for the children, but this year it is also specifically intending to convert one of the spare classrooms into a designated library, which it hopes will be a real asset for the children and cement their understanding and interest in books and reading.

In the spring term, we had a couple of “bucket” collections held on World Book Day and the last day of term. Parents have also been very generous supporting through the options below. These options are still open, and if you would like to further support this fundraiser than you can still do so:

Ongoing Donation Options:

- 1) Make an Online Donation in the **Arbor School Shop**; log into your Arbor account and go to the School Shop where you will find a standing item called “PTA Fundraiser for Infant School Library” in which you can donate at any time in multiples of £5
- 2) The PTA Chair, Caroline Zabeti, has set up a **Collective fundraising account**, which will be open for the next 10 days. The link is: <https://pay.collectiv.com/gsis-pta-library-books-project-58635> This link has also been circulated through the parent WhatsApp community;

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!

UPCOMING PTA EVENTS: 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.

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)