

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK:

**CHECK OUT OUR ELEPHANTS ON THE WEBSITE!** As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, we created 100+(!) elephants for David Attenborough's birthday. Have a look on our website at a video by Mrs Dobinson and her son, showcasing our wonderful herd: [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - Happy Birthday, Sir David Attenborough!](#)

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR:** Taking place today! Thank you to all the parents who have been organising, and preparing for this event, and to everyone helping out today.

**YEAR ONE TRIP TO KENWOOD:** The children enjoyed the trip to Kenwood House, despite the hailstones and the thunder! They enjoyed looking at the view of London and the outside of Kenwood House. They saw the huge lake with the fake bridge! They enjoyed the biscuit and the snack too, as these are very important to children. Yellow class were luckier with the weather, and also saw the Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth sculptures, and the fabulous kitchen garden with a sundial.

The children also visited the inside of the house and were amazed at the fabulous antiques, including velvet curtains, the huge library with fake books and all of the great paintings. They were very observant and careful around the fragile items.

Thank you to the grown-ups who helped on the trip as we couldn't do these trips without this support. Thank you to all parents who supported their children with the correct outerwear for the weather and making sure they were ready for the trip on time.

**RECEPTION YEAR TRIP TO ALDENHAM COUNTRY PARK:** The children really enjoyed their trip to the countryside – and really experienced four seasons in one day! The hailstorm added to making this a memorable experience! They have been excited to talk all about their coach trip, feeding the animals and eating their lunch! They have been doing some wonderful writing all about it too.

**As always, when we arrange trips, a great deal of organisation takes place by the team, and parents give up their time to support us. Thank you to everyone who was involved in these two trips.**

### NEXT WEEK:

**WEEK BEGINNING 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY, WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK:** A national week to encourage children to walk, cycle or scoot all of the way, or some of the way, to school. We will be running activities in school, but everyone can get involved!

- **Walk** the whole way to school.
- **Park and Stride** if you can't walk the whole way, try parking at least a 5-minute walk away from school and completing the journey on foot.
- Hop off **public transport** a stop or two early and walk the rest of the way.
- **Cycling** and **scooting** counts too!

**MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE, SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF TERM:** School finishes at the normal time on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (clubs are running as normal), and children return to school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

**FUNTIME HOLIDAY CLUB, TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY:** once again Funtime will be running through the upcoming half term break (8.30am – 5.30pm for £35.00; 8.30am – 1pm/1pm to 5.30pm for £25.00), see the attached flyer for further details and to book call/text Sharon on 07506 030037.

**TAEKWONDO HOLIDAY CLUB, MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY IN CRICKLEWOOD:** Ash, who runs our after-school club, is running a martial arts camp during the upcoming half-term break. The camp is open to all children, including complete beginners with no martial arts experience at all. The camp will run Monday to Friday (including the bank holiday), from 9am–4pm, and families can choose either the full week or individual days depending on what suits them best. Click on the following link with more information and registration details: <https://taekwondox.co.uk/spring-half-term-camp/>

#### **OTHER NOTICES:**

**SAFEGUARDING - LEAVING THE PLAYGROUND PROMPTLY AFTER PICK UP:** To support our safeguarding procedures, please leave the playground promptly after collecting your child. We are having to remind a number of parents about this, and we ask for your cooperation. In particular, the playground should not be used for eating snacks. As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, staff must ensure that the playground is cleared before returning inside for meetings and to continue their work.

**WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS:** Red Class were the winners this week, with Orange Class in second place.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year: Liam in Red

Children in Year One: Rumaysa in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Lydia, Anchen, Mariella and Martina in Orange

**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](#)

## 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 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.*

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)