

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### THIS WEEK:

**BLING YOUR BIKE, SPARKLE YOUR SCOOTER!** This afternoon the playground came alive with colour and excitement as the children took part in a fantastic parade, proudly showing off their brightly decorated bikes and scooters. A huge well done to everyone who joined in – your creativity and enthusiasm have truly shone! Thank you also to all the families who supported their children in preparing for this fun event. The winners were presented with prizes this afternoon, well done to:

- Green Class: Freya H and Jasmine
- Red Class: Maahir and Nina
- Turquoise Class: Koda and Tomoka
- Yellow Class: Theo and Ashley
- Orange Class: Georgia and Nairi
- Pink Class: Can and Michaela

**PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS:** This morning we held our monthly PTA meeting, where we discussed plans for spending over the coming months:

- The group agreed to purchase physical books for our reading scheme, so the school can move away from eBooks and give the children actual books to read at home.
- An update was given on the library, with the plans of location shared and the amount of money raised so far.
- The Bike Shelter in the playground had to be removed over the winter due to health and safety concerns. The group agreed to fund the materials for this project, ensuring that our bikes are well protected from the elements and are securely stored.

**YEAR TWO TRANSITION MEETING IN JUNIOR SCHOOL:** On Tuesday the Junior school welcomed our Year Two parents in for an important meeting about the move to Key Stage Two; Mrs Bhavsar will be writing to you next week.

**NEW RECEPTION INDUCTION STAGE TWO:** Yesterday, families with children starting in reception this coming September were sent details of their class allocation and were activated on Arbor. If you have a child starting Reception Year in September, please ensure you log into your Arbor account and you will be asked to confirm your child's date of birth to add them to your account – please read the instructions thoroughly, on the email that was sent out, before checking and making any required changes/additions to their profile.

### NEXT WEEK:

**NEW EVENT! SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE, MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT PICK UP:** On Monday the PTA Uniform Team are holding a second-hand uniform sale in the front playground from 3pm until 3.40pm. Do come along and pick up good quality, second hand uniform – most priced at £1 per item.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PE MORNING, WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** Letters came home on Monday letting you know what colour t-shirt your child should be wearing on Wednesday for our sports morning. Please ensure they are wearing their coloured t-shirt, trainers and joggers/shorts for the day, and that they have their water bottles with them. If it is a hot or sunny day, please apply sun cream before they come to school, and make sure they have a hat with them

Activities start at 9.30am and parents are welcome to come and watch from 9.20am (it will finish at approximately 10.45am). You can move around the different events with your child's class, but please keep to the edge of the field to watch where possible.

**SPACE DOME, THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** On Thursday next week, Years One and Two will be experiencing the wonders of space in the school hall! The children will crawl down a tunnel and find themselves in space with the solar system all around them – it never ceases to amaze! The Year Two children will be repeating the experience they had last year, building on their knowledge.

Thank you to those who have already donated towards this workshop, some of whom have donated more than the requested amount. Following on from our message earlier in the week, we now have 50% of families who have donated, but we are still short of the cost by quite a lot.

Please make your donation online, or in cash to the school office, by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – these events are so important to support the curriculum and give the children experiences that they never forget.

To donate £5.00 (or more!), please go onto Arbor and go to “Trips” and you’ll see the item there for payment. Alternatively, you can donate cash by giving it to the school office in a sealed envelope with your child’s name and “Space Dome” written on the front. Thank you for your support.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

**SUMMER CAMP, SAT 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 3PM UNTIL SUN 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 11AM:** This is a wonderful weekend event for our families to take part in – and the last one for this academic year. Families arrive mid-afternoon to pitch and decorate their tents. There is food and refreshments, as well as fun and games. There will be marshmallows to toast and Miss Sands will read a bed time story around the fire pit. After a sleep over in their tents, families will wake up for breakfast before breaking camp.

Flyers are coming home this afternoon, and tickets will be available to purchase through Arbor next week – we’ll let you know when they are available.

#### **OTHER NOTICES:**

**JUNIOR SUMMER FAIR, SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 12.00 UNTIL 4.00PM:** Next weekend, the junior school will be holding their annual summer fair to which everyone is invited – there will be plenty of fun things to do including stalls, music and activities to enjoy. The weather forecast is good so it is set to be a great day bringing our school community together. The PTA will be selling tickets and tokens in the playground at the end of the day on Thursday. They will take both cash and card payments.

**CHILDREN’S COMMISSIONER’S SURVEY – THE BIG FUTURE:** We have been contacted by Dame Rachel De Souza, Children’s Commissioner for England, who is conducting a survey of students of all ages to help inform the national picture and help to shape future policy.

Dame De Souza says *“For the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election at age 16, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century – yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them.*

*That’s why I’m doing my final survey, The Big Future, to talk to a million children, to listen to them. And to find out about what it’s like to be a child today.*

*I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like, now and in the future."*

We strongly encourage our families to take part in this important survey, adults can help the children to respond to the questions themselves or respond on behalf of their child.

To take part click here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TheBigFuture/>

#### **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 7<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year:           None this week!

Children in Year One:                 Urszula in Turquoise

Children in Year Two:                 Aiden in Pink

A very happy birthday also goes to Sharon Fisher 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** **SCHOOL EVENTS – SUMMER TERM 2026 (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)**

Please note items in red – either updated or new events

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 6pm, New Reception Parents Meeting:** An opportunity for parents of children starting Reception Year in September 2026 to meet the team for September, find out more about the transition process, receive their induction timetables, as well as other important information about the transition to "big school"

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June @ 9am, Year Two Show for Parents:** The Year Two will be presenting their end of year show to their parents over two performances (it is the same show on both days – so please only come to one so everyone can see!).

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, @ 9am, PTA meeting with Miss Sands.** All parents are welcome, but please try to ensure one parent from each class attends.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, PTA Summer Camp:** The last PTA event of the year, families camp out in the school field

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 9am, Meeting with Year One Teachers for Current Reception Year Parents:** An opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out more about what will happen in Year One next year

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July @ 9am, Meeting with Year Two Teachers for Current Year One Parents:** An opportunity to meet your child's new teacher and find out more about what will happen in Year Two next year

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July @ 9.05am, Year One Birthday Assembly (for birthdays that fall 12<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August):** Parents are invited to join this assembly for children in Year One celebrating in the last week of term, or over the holidays

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July @ 9.05am, Year Two Birthday Assembly (for birthdays that fall 12<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August):** Parents are invited to join this assembly for children in Year Two celebrating in the last week of term, or over the holidays

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July, Children's End of Year Tea Party:** We will be holding a special end of year tea party during the afternoon, for the children and staff only, which the PTA will be supporting. Party Clothes that day!

#### **FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY, LAST DAY OF TERM (CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 1.30PM)**

Please note that although the official last day of term is Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, this as a staff training day so children will finish on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

*School reopens on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September for our Year One and Two children. Our new reception children will start the term with visits on either Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, starting school from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.*

#### **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**: <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 just 1 event left this academic year run by the PTA – the Summer Camp! The PTA events not only raise vital funds for the school, but also give the children and the school community experiences and memories to last a life time!

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))