



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 3

It has been a great week! The highlight for me was our 'Invite an Adult to Lunch' Day on Wednesday, when so many mums, dad, grans and grandads came to join us for lunch. It was super busy! Our cooks, Alex and Harriet, did a fantastic job and we had lots of comments about the food being delicious. Mrs Hine even had to don a hairnet and help with service, as it was non-stop! A huge thank you for coming and also to our amazing Kitchen Team for making this happen. We thank you for your patience if you had a longer wait than expected – it was a popular event! Next year we will have a rethink about how to do this again, with our ever-increasing numbers of children and families! In class this week, Nursery have learnt about people who work at night. They have also been learning how to clean their teeth and they had a surprise visit from the Pink Panther to help demonstrate!

Reception children have been making Chinese Dragon Puppets and doing a Chinese New Year dance in PE. They explored the composition of '5' in maths and listened to Holst's The Planets, applying what they have learnt about each planet to interpret and explain the music.

Year 1 have been comparing numbers to 20, labelling number lines and estimating. In Literacy, they have written a letter to the Prime Minister asking him to send a Superhero to help them find 'Filth' and 'Vacuum', 2 characters from 'Send for a Superhero', their class text, who vanished from the classroom. In geography, they have learnt about and named the 5 oceans of the world. The children are clearly loving learning about the world, because a couple of Year 1 children started telling me all about the Continents (and singing the Continent song) to me when we were standing by the World Map in the hall. Fabulous – I am always blown away by the way your children soak up knowledge and ask such great questions! Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday.

Class Dojo

Please do remember to check when notifications come through on Class Dojo and to read the newsletter each week. This is our main form of communication and we sometimes have parents asking us things that have been communicated or saying that they did not know about events and then missing out. Thank you.

Parents' Evenings

These are fast approaching – 25th and 27th February. Booking forms will be sent out to all parents at the beginning of February on Class Dojo. Mr Pouton hopes to be able to accommodate all Nursery parents on these 2 dates, rather than have a separate date for our E1s, E2s and N1s.

Fire Drill

We managed to have a fire drill in the main school building today but, due to the weather this week, have not had one yet in Nursery. We will aim for there to be a Fire Drill next week in Nursery – one in the morning session and one in the afternoon session. If your children get anxious about this please do let them know that we will be having one and that they do not need to worry about it.

Recorder Club Performance

On Friday 7th February, parents of children in the recorder club are invited to our Celebration Assembly at 9am to hear the recorder group's first performance of the AB swing. We hope you can come along.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly


Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Noah K-P for fabulous construction skills with his train tracks, as well as being super enthusiastic and kind.

Reception – Milan for great effort, particularly with his writing. It is really impressive – well done.

Year 1 – Jude for his perseverance with his writing – it has really paid off and it is not only great content but also neat handwriting!

House Points

The winning house this week is  .
Well done to everyone in Ruby House for earning the most Dojo points.

Half Term Holiday Camp

It is time to start thinking about child care over February half Term. Game On have their Half Term Camp at Rugby Free Primary School. A flier will be sent via Class Dojo. To book a place please visit:
<https://pbbl.uk/HolidayActivityCampRugbyFreePrimary>

Healthy Lunches

We love seeing the range of healthy lunches your children have in their packed lunch boxes. Please try to include some fruit or vegetables every day to help your children get a balanced diet at lunchtime. Thank you.

Trees, Trees and more Trees!

Very soon we will be receiving 420 trees from the Woodland Trust to plant within our school grounds. I am planning on having a few planting sessions outside of the school day, including at weekends. If you (and your children) are interested in helping that would be great – more information will follow nearer to the time. As they say, many hands make light work!



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

29/01 Chinese New Year – activities linked to this will take place in school.

06/02 FROGS Meeting – 7pm at school.

13/02 Reception Trip to the Space Centre – voluntary contributions via ParentPay.

17/02 – 21/02 Half Term

24/02 – PE session from Superstar Sports for Year 1 and Reception.

25/02 – Parents' Evening

27/02 - Parents' Evening

04/03 – Parent Information Evening 6pm –

Supporting your child's emotional development.

06/03 World Book Day – children are invited to dress up as a book character.



News from The FROGS

Now that you have seen what wonderful work our FROGS do, from attending the Christmas Fayre (and what a lot of fun it is!), why not come along and see what we are all about?

Our next meeting is on 6th February at 7pm in school – we will be planning our next event and thinking about other events we could run this year to raise funds and so the more heads and ideas the better. Feel free to speak to Jenny (the Chair) or me if you want any further information but otherwise, just come along.