



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Autumn Term Week 11

#### Sparkling and Shining

Next week, as well as our main topic of Marvellous machines, our children will also start working on their complementary unit of Sparkle and Shine. There have been a lot of shining stars this week as we continue with our rehearsals for Baarmy Bethlehem – with only 12 school days left until our Dress Rehearsal the children are doing so well, learning their lines and actions and singing their hearts out! We will allocate tickets shortly. In Nursery this week the children have been subitizing in maths, exploring battery operated toys and writing lists for Santa, making shape houses and learning the actions for their story. Next week they will be trying to make a robot for Marvellous Machines and learning about celebrations at Christmas.

Reception children have been busy this week adding numbers together using a new method, and mixing colours. Next week they are subtracting in maths and innovating their class story with some wonderful ideas (as well as practicing the Christmas production of course!)

Enjoy the weekend everyone.

#### Maths Information Evening

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our recent information sessions. We hope it was helpful. We will send the presentations via Class Dojo for those of you who were unable to come.

#### Books

We are delighted that we now have £43.90 to spend on books for the children as a result of our recent book fair – thank you everyone.

#### A Request from Dame Rachel de Souza –

#### Children's Commissioner for England

I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. A new survey - The Big Ambition - provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's

voices are heard. I am asking parents to complete the survey with our youngest children so that their thoughts can be included in the data.

Thank you

The link to complete the survey is below:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

#### A New Face in Nursery

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November you will notice that Miss Mooney, who has been volunteering twice a week in recent weeks, is in class every day. She will be with us for the next 12 weeks – I am sure you will make her feel very welcome and I know she is very much looking forward to working with and supporting your children alongside Mr Pouton and Mrs Day.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly


Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Kavin for settling into Nursery so well. He is joining in with the activities and making friends – always with a smile on his face!

**Reception** – Denver for being such a kind and friendly boy – he is always thinking about and looking after others and doing his best. Well done.

We are very proud of you both!

## House Points

The winning house this week is  Well done to everyone in Emerald House.

## You said, we did....

At the recent math evenings there was a request for info regarding what the children will be learning the following week so, starting from next Friday, you will receive this information via Class Dojo.

## Christmas Decoration Day

If you are busy working and therefore unable to come to this event at 2pm on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, up to 2 Grandparents would be welcome to attend. Could you **please send your class teacher a Dojo message** to let them know if you or grandparents can attend, so that we know who to expect. Thank you.

## Security and Safety

Please do remember to close the vehicle gate if you are the last or only person to leave the car park. This will help to keep our children safe.



## Dates for the Diary

**1/12 – Christmas Decoration Day** (Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun as we make decorations for our classrooms – 2pm)

**1/12 – NEW DATE – Pyjama or Christmas Dress Down Day** (please bring a donation for the wrap room eg chocolates, m/f toiletries, mugs, stationery, candles etc)

**1/12 Deadline for Parent Trustee Self-Nominations**

**4/12 – Reception Heights and Weights** (Compass Team)

**7/12 – Christmas Jumper Day** (£1 to support Save the Children)

**13/12 Christmas Production & FROGS Raffle**- 2pm

**14/12 Christmas Production & FROGS Raffle** - 6pm

**15/12 Christmas Wrap Room** - 1.30pm

**18/12 Special visitor from the North Pole**

**19/12 The Gruffalo at Warwick Arts Centre** (all school lunches that day will be the sandwich option. Please let your class teacher know if you can help on the trip.)

**20/12 Christmas Lunch**

**22/12 End of Term** (normal time)

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**08/01 Teacher Training Day**

**09/01 Start of the Spring Term**