

# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

# Keeping you up to date

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#### Summer Term Week 3

Where does the time go? April seems to have gone in the blink of an eye! It was super to see the lunch hatch with its St George themed decorations on Tuesday and then Miss Byrne led an assembly about the true story behind St George on Wednesday.

Did you know...? It is believed George lived in the 4th Century in a region of modern-day Turkey and was a soldier in the Roman army. He was a Christian.



Did you know...? King Edward III of England adopted St George as the patron saint of The Noble Order of the Garter, leading to St George becoming the patron saint of England.

In Nursery this week the children have been learning about spiders in their 'Creep, Crawl, Wriggle' Topic and they even created their own spider web! Mr Pouton was also super impressed with the N2 children's maths, where they started the 'part-part-whole model' for addition. Reception children have learnt why spiders don't stick to their webs ... (because they have oil on their feet!) and they have been exploring 2D shapes and writing a story. They have also been using atlases to find out about animals around the world. I am always amazed by the way your children 'soak up' knowledge from their topics and the vocabulary they use. Have a super weekend everyone.

### **A Fond Farewell**

We said 'goodbye' to Yehalee and her family this week as they move to another country. We wish them all the very best of luck and every happiness in the future. We will miss them.



#### Vacancies

We are advertising for a new Midday Supervisor and a Caretaker. These will be live on WM Jobs next week and the information is also available on our website. www.thegriffinprimary.uk

If you know of anyone who may be interested in these positions please pass them this information.

### **Empties Please**

If your workplace could accommodate a collection box, please complete the form in the link below adding our school name in the 'Good Cause Raising For' and funds raised will come straight to the school. <u>https://www.emptiesplease.com/business-sign-up-</u> form/

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#### Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week: Nursery – Maninder for coming into Nursery with a smile every day and sitting and engaging really well in lessons. **Reception** – Lera for being so super busy in school, every minute of every day, and also working hard on her phonics. Well done.

#### **House Points**

The winning house this week is... everyone in Topaz House.



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#### Fencing

Next week, starting on Tuesday, the fencing around the playground is being installed. We are also creating an extended outside area for Reception to include the grass. Please ensure that your children are supervised closely as you walk to and from the classrooms each day.

#### Half Term Holiday Club

Last week you were sent the booking form for Game On's May Half Term Holiday Club, at Rugby Free Primary School. Please do remember to book a place if you need one.

#### Pre-booking Wraparound – URGENT!

PLEASE pre-book your wraparound sessions. From the 29<sup>th</sup> April we will now, unfortunately, be in a position where we will have to call parents of those children not booked in, to come and collect their child at the end of the day. Your child will then have to wait in the office. If during the call, you say that you want them to stay to wraparound, there will be a late booking fee of an additional £1.50 per longer session and 50p for the drop off and pick up slots. If a child is not booked in for either of the morning sessions, the late booking fee will be applied.

#### 'Out of this World' Reading

We are just finishing making our personalised astronauts for the children. Reception parents will hear more very soon.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

02/05 – Polling Station in Nursery Building 06/05 – Bank Holiday Monday 20/05 – Book Fair in school all week 22/05 – Reception trip to Twycross Zoo – letter been sent 23/05 – Nursery trip to Twycross Zoo – letter been sent 27/05 to 31/05 – Half Term 03/06 – Second half term starts 05/06 – Class Group Photos 11/06 - New Intake Parents' Information Evening (for our September Nursery and Reception families - 6pm) 14/06 - FROGS 'Break the Rules' Day -further information to follow! 18/06 – Year 1 Parents' Information Evening (tbc) 20/06 – FROGS Meeting (7pm at school) 28/06 – New Intake 'getting to know you' session (am) **04/07 – New Intake 'getting to know you' session** (pm) **05/07 – Sports Day** (1.30pm) 08/07 – Reserve Sports Day (1.30pm) 10/07 - Move Up Morning (Children will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom where possible) 12/07 – FROGS Dress Down Day & Disco – further information to follow 12/07 – Annual Reports out to parents 15/07 - Open Classrooms (2.45pm) 18/07 - End of Term

19/07 – Staff Training Day

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