



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Summer Term Week 10

As you might expect in such a new school, we seem to have something new around school every week. This week you may have spotted the enormous tractor tyre that is in the Reception outside area – thank you Mr Crane – and also that we have a shed in the New Nursery outdoor area, as well as another two for storage in the outside, wooden compounds. We had our new intake parents' evening on Tuesday and it was so well attended – thank you to everyone who came, including Webb Ellis Uniform, GameOn, representatives from the FROGS and Connect for Health. We hope you found it helpful. Our learning this week has been super impressive - in Nursery children have created their story map for Handa's Surprise. The children really impressed all of the adults when they were using the part-part-whole model for number bonds to 5 and 10. The children have also been bringing in pictures of holidays and talking about where they have been in the world. Reception children have really enjoyed using instruments from around the world, identifying missing numbers in sequences and doing their story map from 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We had a fabulously crazy and mad end to the week with our Break the Rules Day – thank you so much for your efforts and generous gifts for the tombola. The FROGS really appreciate it. Have a great weekend.

### Wraparound – correction

Apologies. The breakfast club was listed as £3.50 in last week's newsletter – this is incorrect and my error. It is actually £5.00 for the session from 7.45-8.45am.

### Extra-Curricular Singing Club - September

From September, we are going to be running some weekly lunchtime clubs for our Reception and Year 1 children. Children will have 30 minutes to eat their lunch and then have 30 minutes to take part in the club. Our new Singing Club will be run by Emma Butler from True Music. Emma is a professional musician and singer, who teaches singing to children of 4 years old upwards. The price per session is yet to be confirmed but will be approximately £3.

If your child is interested in joining this club please express your interest via Class Dojo to your child's current class teacher by Friday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.



### Pots and Pans

If anyone has any old pots, pans or cooking utensils which we could use in our mud kitchen we would love them! Also, if you go out on a walk and see big sticks (which we could use for stirring 'ingredients' in the mud kitchen) please bring them in. The other things we need are natural items, such as fir cones, acorns and conkers (when in season!). If you have any shells, these would also be useful but please do not take them off any beaches you visit in the summer holiday.

### UEFA Euro 2024 menu

The football European Championship starts today and continues until July 14<sup>th</sup>. As part of this there will be a special themed menu on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July and we will send the menu to you soon via Class Dojo.

### Plumber Required

Can you recommend a good, local plumber? We need an external tap for outdoor provision in our Nursery building.

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Olivia, for showing super resilience by adapting between 2 nurseries and making lots of friends at both.

**Reception** – Arthur, for working hard and generally having a great attitude. Also, for his amazing observations in maths this week. Well done to both of them.

## House Points

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

## Construction Road

Please remember that the road adjacent to the school is a construction road and is only for traffic connected to Bloors. Parents of The Griffin should not be using it. Thank you.

## Parent Survey

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, here is the link for the Annual Parent Survey. We would really appreciate you completing it to help us know our strengths and our areas to work on. The deadline for completion is XXXX <https://forms.office.com/e/5PJH0i37gb?origin=lprLink>

## Home Visits

Miss Byrne is offering a home visit for children in Nursery who are moving up to Reception at The Griffin primary. This is optional, as she already knows most of the children really well. However, it is also a good opportunity for Miss Byrne to start getting to know you too. If you would like a visit, the link to book one is below:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/ReceptionHomeVisits@welearn365.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

## Year 1 Parents' Information Evening

Mrs Cation (our Year 1 teacher) is looking forward to meeting you all next Tuesday evening. Please make sure that you have let us know you are coming – the link was on last week's newsletter. She will be spending the day with us on Tuesday, along with our two new Teaching Assistants – Miss Vicki Crossin and Mrs Rachel Wright – getting to know the children and the school, before they all return for the meeting in the evening.

## Dates for the Diary

**18/06** – Year 1 Parents' Information Evening (6pm- children welcome)

**20/06** – FROGS Meeting (7pm at school)

**21/06** – New Nursery Intake Stay and Play (10-11am)

**26/06** - New Nursery Intake Stay and play (1.30- 2.30pm)

**28/06** – New Reception Intake 'getting to know you' session (9.45-10.45am)

**03/07** – New Reception Intake 'getting to know you' session (1.15-2.15pm) (change from 4<sup>th</sup> due to election)

**04/07** – School Closed as being used for Polling Station

**05/07** – Sports Day (1.30pm – parents welcome)

**08/07** – Reserve Sports Day (1.30pm)

**10/07** – Move Up Morning (All children spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom - if 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 –parents welcome)

**18/07** – Nursery 'moving on' celebration – (9.15am – all N2 parents welcome)

**18/07** – Reception Class Graduation from EYFS – (11.15am – all parents welcome)

**18/07** – Family Picnic & our 'end of our first year' party - 12pm (all families welcome)

**18/07** - End of Term – Summer Holiday

**19/07** – Staff Training Day

## Happy Fathers' Day

We hope that all of The Griffin fathers have a super day on Sunday. The children have a special surprise for you or for another 'special someone' in their lives.

