



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 8

Phew! We have made it to half term! It has been a fabulous, but long, half term and we are all feeling in need of some rest and recuperation over the next week. Despite a few bleary eyes, the amount of activity in school has been undiminished! Nursery children this week have been learning about Halloween and changed the characters in their talk for writing book, 'Rosie's Walk' so that it became 'Gerald's Walk'.

In Reception, the children have been busy smashing pumpkins and exploring the textures of this delicious vegetable as well as working on their tricky words in phonics. Year 1 have been building amazing dens, having come up with some amazing designs first, and in art, they have been studying colour and, using Kandinsky's 'Concentric Circles' as inspiration, have created their own concentric circles and diamond patterns to develop their skill at painting and mixing colours. You would not believe how many different shades of green, orange and purple you can make from the primary colours, red, blue and yellow.

Have a super half term holiday – enjoy any Diwali celebrations you may have, any Halloween or Bonfire Night fun you may join in with and most importantly stay safe and happy. We will see you in November.

October's Attendance

Our whole school attendance target for this academic year is at least 95%.

We will be monitoring attendance on a monthly basis. This month, we have had some bouts of illness, which has brought the attendance down slightly from September's 96.8%.

October's attendance rate was 93.23%.

Academic Year so far = 94.79%

If you were sent a letter because your child's attendance is currently at 90% or below, please do reach out to us if you need any support with your child coming into school. With regards to illness and attendance, this is a link to a really helpful website:

<https://www.what0-18.nhs.uk/parents/carers/worried-your-child-unwell/child-unwell-ok-go-nurseryschool>

With regards to temperatures – it is recommended that they should be given a chance to decrease and stabilize below 38 degrees C without medicine for at least 24 hours before the child returns to school.

We would also request that you are honest about absence, as we are sometimes told a child is ill and then, without meaning to, the child has spoken about being on holiday during the period of absence. We will always be truthful with you and expect the same in return. Thank you.

Panto Consultation – the results!

Thank you if you responded to our online consultation regarding whether you would be happy with a cost of approximately £8 to bring a Panto into school for the children for Christmas. I am delighted to inform you that 100% of the responses said 'YES!'. We will therefore be booking this in for 4th December and will set up a ParentPay link next half term.

Children in Need – please use this link

On 15th November, we are asking children to come in wearing something Pudsey related or to come in all 'spotty' to raise money for Children in Need. We are suggesting a £1 donation, but you can donate any amount you feel you can afford.

The people at 'Children in Need' have asked all parents to use the link below to make a donation to Children in Need, as ParentPay is not charging their % cost at all
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=15170>

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Brody, for growing in confidence since starting in September.

Reception – Casper, for having great ideas every day and also making superb progress in his phonics knowledge.

Year 1 – Harry, for coming into school so confidently and then working so hard every day.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

Well done to everyone in Emerald House for earning the most Dojo points.

Shoeboxes

You will have received leaflets this week about our shoebox appeal. We have already received our first shoebox! Please send shoeboxes into the office by Tuesday 19th November so that we can get them sent off in time for Christmas. Thank you.

Old Shirts

Could we please have donations of old shirts or blouses to act as painting overalls – we have tried commercial aprons but not only are they quite expensive, they do not cover all items of children’s clothing. This does not need to be named

Name Checks

Which leads me nicely into asking you to take a few minutes of the holiday to double check that all items of clothing are named or that original names have stayed in clothing/not faded/washed out etc. This includes shoes, coats, hats and gloves which will be essential as we move further into winter.

New Faces

After half term I am delighted to announce that we have a new Midday Supervisor starting with us. Mrs Lorraine Cartledge is joining the team and we cannot wait for her to get started.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

From now on we will only be putting the dates for the next month into the newsletter but will update the original dates for the whole academic year document we sent out with any new dates and events in red.

25/10 – Teacher Training Day

28/10 – 01/11 HALF TERM

12/11 – E2 Nursery Parents’ Evenings (2 year olds)

15/11 – Children in Need – Children can wear something Pudsey related or come in all ‘spotty’ on this day to raise money for Children in Need. £1 donation.

18/11 – Hunts Book Fair in school all week after school – come and buy some wonderful books for Christmas presents. The school earn commission on total spend.

20/11 – Vision Checks - Reception children only

21/11 – Flu Vaccinations – Reception and Y1. Consent forms due by 10/11/24

21/11 - Maths Information Evening for Parents – 6pm
All year groups



News from The FROGS

Halloween Costume / Pyjama Day

What a Spooktacular event we had today with children and staff dressed up in Halloween costumes or pyjamas. It was a really fun day and your children all looked amazing (and a bit scary!).

Thank you to everyone who brought a gift in their child’s house colour for the Rainbow Raffle at the Christmas Fayre.

If you did not make it to the shops and/or forgot to send a gift in, this can still be done after half term. Please just bring it to the main office.

Book Donations

If you have any ‘like new’ books that you no longer want, we would love them to wrap for the Book Lucky Dip stall at the Christmas fayre on 13th December. There is a box where donations can be left in the main entrance lobby. These can be for all different ages of children, not just school age. Thank you.

‘Happy, Kind and Confident’