



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 4

Kung Hei Fat Choi! (Or Congratulations and best wishes for a prosperous New Year!)

We really enjoyed celebrating the 'Year of the Snake' with a special Chinese New Year menu and some activities in the classrooms, as well as at Wraparound Club.

Nursery children have sequenced their Talk 4 Writing story from start to finish. In maths, the children have worked really hard on prepositions and in their topic on 'Starry Night' they learnt about nocturnal and diurnal animals.

Reception children have also have been working out different ways of representing 6 and 7 in maths and innovated the story of 'Whatever next' by Jill Murphy. They also learnt about Persian New Year and the similarities and difference to Chinese New Year and our New Year.

In Year 1 this week, the children have started a new Literacy Tree book – 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. They have thought about how to help a lost penguin that appeared in the classroom overnight. In science, they have been studying how the seasons cause changes in an apple tree and in geography they have been learning about hot and cold locations and the equator.

Nursery children did really well when we did their fire drills on different days, (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) so that all children know what to do in case of an emergency.

As we move into February, I cannot believe how quickly January has flown by – enjoy the weekend. Just 2 more weeks until half term!



Parents' Evenings

The link to book these will be sent out on Monday – it is a first come first served system so please book as soon as you can to guarantee your preferred time.

Keeping Safe

In assembly today, I spoke to the children about not coming out of the gate at the end of the playground without a grown up. This is because some children have been racing out of there, way ahead of their parent and it is very dangerous. It is a busy and crowded space at the end of the day – both with people and cars – and we would hate for anyone to get injured. Please supervise pre-school children closely too.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Arya for the confident way in which she has moved from 2 year old to 3 year old provision.

Reception – Arlo for the amazing progress he has shown in his phonics due to his hard work and great learning attitude.

Year 1 – Fabian for being such a kind and considerate person in the classroom, on the playground, in the lunch hall – in fact all the time!

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

Donations

We are very lucky to receive donations of items regularly – including books and toys, amongst other things.

We are all very pleased to be able to benefit from this and reuse pre-loved items, but sometimes we know that we probably will not use them. As we are keen to avoid waste, we will be starting to put items that we do not need or will not use into the entrance hall.

Please do help yourself – if you were able to make a ‘thank you’ donation, it would be much appreciated. If not, please don’t let that deter you from helping yourself. A donation box will be left on the table.

Thank you.

2026/27 Admissions Consultation

This ended on Tuesday 28th January with no comments received. It will now be presented to the Trustees at our next meeting to be formally approved.



News from The FROGS

I hope to see some of you at the meeting next Thursday at 7pm to start planning our next events.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

06/02 FROGS Meeting – 7pm at school.

13/02 - Reception Trip to the Space Centre

14/02 Valentines’ Day Themed Lunch

17/02 - 21/02 Half Term

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

25/02 - Parents’ Evening

26/02 - Extra Parents’ Evening (Nursery only)

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. Also, a book themed lunch will be available.

18/03 Year 1 Coronation Day – further information to follow.

08/04 Mad Hatter’s Tea Party Themed Lunch

14/04 to 25/04 HALF TERM

Uniform Consultation

At the end of last academic year, I said that we would consult with parents about having another option for our uniform provider. This would be alongside Webb Ellis. Also, we will consider the option of having a school coat, similar to the one shown below. At the forthcoming Parents’ Evenings, there will be a slip for you to complete to say whether you would be interested in this being an option for the children. They are waterproof and lightweight, with a foldaway waterproof hood, elasticated storm proof cuffs and a microfleece lining to help keep the cold out. They cost £16 through MyClothing, which we will set up, if there is enough interest. We will keep you informed.

