



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 6

On Tuesday morning, I wondered what was going on, as I could hear some very loud voices from lots of children! It turned out to be our Reception children, Miss Byrne and Mrs Cole marching around school telling everyone about looking after our world. They had made their own banners; "STOP!", "Look after our trees!", "Save the Whales!" etc. and were very passionate about the messages they were giving. This has come from the children's love of a book they are reading called, "Planet Awesome". They also had a fabulous trip to the National Space Centre on Thursday and enjoyed the planetarium as well as the rocket! Their behavior was exemplary and was commented on by all of the adults accompanying the trip.

In Nursery this week, children have been learning about colder climates with a focus on 'Antarctica'. They have also been getting very creative with their Valentine's Day cards and hats.

In Year 1, children have been investigating wheels, axles and chassis as part of Design Technology (DT). They have experimented to see which wheels are best to use and where to correctly position axles to ensure our vehicles can move smoothly. They finished by creating their own London Taxis. In their writing they have been writing instructions on how to build a boat for the little boy in the 'Lost and Found' Story.

I hope you all have a fantastic half term – stay safe and enjoy each other's company – and we will see everyone back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Seaside Trip – express your interest!

We have already got 21 people who want to come to the seaside on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June – 7 families. If you would like to come too, then remember to express an interest on the link sent. We can only go if we have enough interest. Just think – no driving, sun (hopefully!), sea and sand; amusements; fish and chips; the aquarium! What a wonderful day out in Hunstanton! The link is below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/LF8FJCPcEX?origin=lprLink>

**THE DEADLINE IS FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY**



### Rugby Children's Centre Half Term and Spring Term Timetables

These will be sent to you today via Class Dojo. We hope it is helpful.

### World Book Day – Book Tokens

Today, your child has a World Book Day £1 token in their bag. They can spend this in any bookshop, either in exchange for a £1 World Book Day Book, thus either getting a free book, or putting towards the cost of another book. The last day for using this token is Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

On 6<sup>th</sup> March it is World Book Day and we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. We will be doing activities linked to some of our favourite books during the school day.

### Free PE Session

On the first day back after half term, Year 1 and Reception pupils will be having a free PE session with 'Superstar Sports'.

Wishing everyone a.....

♥ happy ♥  
*Valentine's*  
♥ day ♥

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Oscar for his fantastic engagement in all lessons, helping to look after his little brother in Nursery and being super kind.

**Reception** – Archie B for being super kind and working so hard in every area. He has great 'listening ears' and joins in all the time.

**Year 1** – Esmae for always being a great role model to everyone and doing her best in everything she does.

## House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

## Drop off and Collection Times

### Nursery

Nursery does not finish until 3.30pm. Arriving before this can be very disruptive, taking adults away from the children and affecting our legal ratios for supervision.

### School and Nursery

Please limit the number of people coming onto school grounds at the end of the day. Drop off and collection should be people who are on our contact list. There may be exceptional circumstances where a close relative is visiting e.g. Grandparents, and they come to collect too. For safeguarding reasons, we should recognise who is on our school grounds at all times.

## Recruitment for Year 2

We are now recruiting for our Year 2 Teacher. Please spread the word – the advert, job description and application form are on the vacancies section of our website.

## New Faces

Nursery parents may have spotted a new face on a Tuesday and Friday! Mrs Adams, a highly experienced early years practitioner, is joining our wonderful team until the end of this academic year to enable some specific interventions for children to take place, as well as increasing our adult:pupil ratio in provision. I know you will make her feel very welcome.

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

**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**

**01/04 Reception – School Nursing Service Visit**

**08/04 Mad Hatter's Tea Party Themed Lunch**

**14/04 to 25/04 HALF TERM**



## News from The Frogs

Last Thursday we had our first meeting of 2025. They announced the grand total of £617.17 profit from the Christmas fayre, which is an amazing amount. Thank you to everyone who came. If you feel that you could be a FROGS helper and help behind the scenes with prep for events or help to run a stall for some of the time at any of our events, please do let Mrs Hine or Jenny Saunders (Y1) know as, because our number of helpers was low at the Christmas Fayre, some of The FROGS were unable to accompany their own children into Santa's Grotto, missing out on this magical experience. The more of us there are, the less time each person needs to be on a stall, as we can spread the load out.

### Next Event

**21/03 – Dress Down Day** – wear something Red £1

- **Bluey and Comic Relief Disco** (£3.50 including dancing, games, snacks and a gift. 3.30-5pm. Nursery parents will need to stay with their children in case it proves a little loud or busy! Wraparound club session will be the disco. If your child needs to stay beyond 5pm please send Mr Martin a message on Dojo and we will be in touch.