



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 8

What a wonderful World Book Day we had yesterday. The children and staff all looked amazing in their costumes and there was such a wide variety. We had Harry Potters, dinosaurs, superheroes, princesses and a few Where's Wally/Wanda's. We also had a fish with fingers! We really appreciate your efforts to make this a memorable occasion. Thank you also to the FROGS for donating a book for each child to be able to take home. This week in Nursery, the children have been working on 'more and less' in maths. In Talk 4 Writing they have completed their story map of 'The Gingerbread Man'. In topic we have continued to look at dangerous dinosaurs, with a focus on the Tyrannosaurus Rex.

In Reception the children have done their story map for 'The Enormous Turnip'. They have also made and tested turnip soup (delicious!) and planted cress seeds.

In Year 1 the children have described and then designed their dream house in literacy and Topic. In science they have conducted an experiment into the best protection from the sun using UV beads and covering them with different things, such as suncream or an umbrella.

Such great ways to learn!

We had our lockdown practice today and the children did extremely well – hiding and staying silent. Please remind them that the 'fox' was only pretend.

Have a great weekend and we hope to see some of you tomorrow.

Rugby Food Bank

We have been asked to raise awareness of an important issue affecting families in our community.

We know from **Citizens Advice data** that:

- **44%** of people seeking help with council tax debt are **single parents**
- **66%** are **female**
- **46%** have **long-term health conditions**
- **37%** of all food parcels distributed in Rugby last year went to **feed children**

Rugby Foodbank is working closely with Warwickshire councils to better support families struggling with council tax debt, but we need **real-life stories** to drive change.

We are holding an event on **Wednesday 12th March, from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM at Shine A Light Café, Rugby Foodbank**, where we hope to gather stories from parents who have experienced these challenges.

We are sharing the poster from Rugby Food Bank on Class Dojo, to promote this event and help them to reach those affected.



Norovirus

We have been asked by Public Health to distribute a poster to all families as, unfortunately, norovirus is still in circulation and case numbers remain high.

This will be sent out via Class Dojo.

Tree Planting

Reception class have started planting our 420 trees this afternoon – all of our children will be able to plant a tree over the next few days.

Tomorrow, we are having our family tree planting session. It will be from 10am to 2pm and Mr Hine will be here to help. We really hope that lots of people will be able to come along and be at the very beginning of 'growing' our grounds. If you are able to bring a spade and/or a watering can that would be very helpful.

Singing Club

If your child would like to join singing club after the Easter Holiday, Emma is taking names now. Please email her directly on emma@truemusic.uk to book a place. It is £3 a session. A Dojo has already been sent with this information.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery –Noah W for having amazing energy and enthusiasm in his learning.

Reception – Moussa for always being respectful, polite and kind. Also, for his amazing independent writing.

Year 1 – Tara for settling in so well, making an impressive start to Year 1 and always being a kind friend. Well done.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

Polling Station

We have been contacted by the legal department of Rugby Borough Council (RBC) stating that they require our school site to host a polling station on Thursday 1st May. This is our public duty.

Having been involved in this last year and closing the school for the day, we can now use last year's experience to plan for this year and are currently speaking to RBC about possible ways we can do this, whilst keeping the school open.

Our priority is ensuring that children remain safe whilst there are members of the public on site. We just wanted to let you know in advance and will keep you informed. We will do our best to minimise the impact this will have on the children's education, as it is already a 'bitty' and short half term.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

08/03 Family Tree Planting Session – would you like to plant a tree with your family members? Come along from 10am to 2pm to help us 'Grow the Griffin!'

19/03 Year 1 Coronation Day – n.b. date change

21/03 Red Nose Day – Cake Sale for Comic Relief 5pm
50p per cake. (Donations of cake appreciated)

Dress Down Day – wear something red (FROGS) £1

Disco/Party (Bluey theme) - £3.50 3:30-5pm

01/04 Reception – School Nursing Service Visit

08/04 Mad Hatter's Tea Party Themed Lunch

11/04 Easter Bonnet Parade – 2:30pm

14/04 to 25/04 HALF TERM



News from The Frogs

Next Event

21/03 – Dress Down Day – wear something Red £1
- **Bluey and 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.

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday 10th May from 7-10pm we are holding a **'Strictly The Griffin'** event for adults. Kerry Dennehy (a former All England Latin American Champion, English Closed Latin Champion, UK Closed Professional Latin Finalist, UK Closed Amateur 10 dance Finalist, UK Closed Amateur Latin Finalist, UK Closed Youth Latin Finalist and British Team Member) will be teaching us a Latin dance and a Ballroom dance during the evening. There will also be a meal of some description and a bar – it will be a fun evening for friends and families of The Griffin Primary School. Further information and ticket prices will be coming out soon. For those of you who love Strictly ... rather than a '10 from Len', it's a '9 from Mrs Hine!'

Competition

Would you like to name a bicycle for Warwickshire's bikeability fleet of bikes? If so, take a look at this competition.

Good Luck!