



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 11

We have had a 'cracking' time this week as Reception children received an incubator and some eggs on Monday. Several have already hatched and the chicks are keeping the children entertained in class. It is such a wonderful way to learn about Spring and lifecycles and I know that the children are loving it because they can't stop talking about the chicks!

This week in Nursery the children have looked at the history behind dinosaurs and discussed what a fossil is. We have also sorted what clothes we wear in different weather. In maths, we have focused on 'heavier and lighter' - the children have had so much fun finding objects to put on the scales.

Year 1 have started to learn about 'Mass' in maths, using scales to compare heavier and lighter objects. They started a new class book 'The Comet' and found a box of items belonging to the character Nyla in the classroom. After exploring the contents, they wrote questions to find out more about Nyla. In science, they have been measuring the temperature outside with a thermometer and analysing the data. It has also been wonderful to see the amazing Easter Gardens that they have been making as part of their home learning. We hope you have a good weekend and a Happy Mothers' Day.



### Healthy Start

The government recommends that all children from 6 months to 5 years old take a daily multivitamin supplement. Eligible parents/carers can apply for the healthy start scheme for support with buying vitamins, milk, fruit and vegetables. The link is below:  
<https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/>



### Polling Station

I am pleased to say that on Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>, Polling Day, we will be able to stay open for all year groups. The Nursery building will be used for the Polling Station and Nursery class will relocate to the main building for the day. We will have barriers up to prevent the public going past the pedestrian crossing, so that no child is visible to the general public and staff will be using the main car park on that day so parking on site will be limited. If you can walk on that day please do so.

### Money Savers!

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they are entitled to a free school meal. One of the options on the menu is a sandwich option, as well as there being hot meal options. If your child is currently bringing in a packed lunch you may want to consider them having a free school lunch once or twice a week. Also, on 1<sup>st</sup> April the rules for free school meal eligibility are changing. Anyone who is already receiving it will receive it for 6 years from the start date but for people applying from the 1<sup>st</sup> April this will not be true. It may be worth checking if you are eligible before the rules change using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### A Day Out at the Seaside

We have booked a 55 seater coach for Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June, to go to Hunstanton for the day. The price is £18.50 per person (child or adult) and all children must be accompanied by at least one adult. The coach will depart at 7am and return at 7pm, so that we have a full day there.

At Hunstanton you will be free to do as you wish – hopefully the weather will allow everyone to have a beach day, so bring your buckets and spades, windbreaks and suncream, as well as your swimming costumes and towels! If the weather is less kind, there is the Sealife Centre and Blackbeard's Adventure Golf, as well as lots of cafes and the Rainbow Park Amusements.

Please use ParentPay to book a place on the coach. It is first come, first served so be sure to book early to avoid places being sold out.

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Amaia for always showing our school values and being such a kind friend to all her peers

**Reception** – Zachary for amazing progress in his writing.

**Year 1** – Karthi for always being ready to learn and showing great listening when on the carpet

## House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

## Vacancy – General Catering Assistant

AiP are now recruiting for 15 hours per week (3 hours a day – 10.30am-1.30pm) Monday to Friday. The hourly rate of pay is £12.21 (the National Living Wage). Tasks include helping to prepare food, washing up and helping to serve the dessert option to the children. If you would like to gain a qualification, there is also the opportunity to do an apprenticeship. The link to the advert is below:

<https://www.sodexojobs.co.uk/jobs/job/General-Catering-Assistant/141211>

## Allsorts Magazine

We have been sent information about the latest Allsorts Magazine.

Please visit [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com)



## Lost and Found

On the last day of this half term we will put all of the lost property out at the front of school. Please have a look and collect it if it belongs to you. The Easter holiday is a good opportunity to check whether names are still inside uniforms so that we can return it to you.

## Attendance

Attendance has been increasing slowly over the past 3 months; January 93.71%, February 94.69% and March 94.76%. This is really pleasing to see but remember, being late counts as an absence, so please be on time. Our whole school target for the year is at least 95% and we are currently at 94% (including Nursery) and for compulsory school aged children it is 96%. Well done everyone.

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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

**03/04 – FROGS meeting – 7pm at school**

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

**10/04 Easter Hunt with a special surprise at the end!**

**11/04 FROGS Easter Bonnet Parade – 2:30pm**

parents welcome to join us.

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

## News from The Frogs

### Next Event



### Easter Bonnet Parade

Children are invited to decorate a bonnet or create an Easter bonnet and bring it in on the last day of term. There will be winning prizes for the favourite ones – voted for by the children- but everyone who enters will also win a prize. It is 50p to enter – please bring cash. At 2.30pm we will have a parade and announce the overall winners. Parents are welcome to join us for this.



**Tickets are now on sale for 'Strictly The Griffin' via ParentPay.**

Come along with a partner, as a group of friends or even on your own for a night of fun, laughter and dancing!

You will learn the Cha-cha-cha and the Waltz during the evening and enjoy a 2 course meal – either bacon, tomato and parmesan pasta bake **or** chargrilled vegetable and cheese pasta bake (both served with garlic bread) and a choice of 2 desserts. Please pre-order your meal choice when booking your tickets. (If you have any allergies please let us know.)

There will be a bar available and you can use cash or card to purchase refreshments.

Tickets are limited, so get booking!

If you ever need to contact the FROGS, their email address is [frogs2072@welearn365.com](mailto:frogs2072@welearn365.com)