



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 12

Summer time is officially here and it has felt really summery this week, with such glorious weather. Children have really enjoyed being outside. This week in Nursery's topic 'Puddles and rainbows', they have been looking into the weather forecast and have had a go at being a weather presenter themselves. In 'Dangerous Dinosaurs', they have read the story 'Cave Baby' and clapped out the syllables to different animals in the story. In maths, the children focused on recognizing mistakes in patterns.

Reception children have done some independent story writing, learnt about how farms have changed over time, 'Odds' and 'Evens' in maths and about Easter celebrations.

Year 1 children started the week by making rain gauges, but they will have to carry out their measurements once we have rain again! They have also been learning about capacity in maths lessons, using water to compare the capacity of different containers. In topic, they have started to learn about the Victorian Era.

We hope you have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Nursery Changes

Nursery parents are already aware, but we wanted to inform all of our parents about statutory changes that came into effect on 1st April regarding Nursery provision. The hours for the 30 hour government funded provision are no longer allowed to include breaks, and so they now go from 8.45am to 2.45pm. There is an 'Extended Day' Session if parents wish their child to stay until 3.30pm – this is parent-funded. If 3 or 4 year old children only do half days, they are welcome to stay for an additional lunchtime, which would be parent-funded.

If you wish to use the 'Extended Day' Session, there must be a commitment to a full half term for all days attended. This would need to be requested via the main school office by the penultimate Friday of the previous half term. However, we will take bookings for the summer term up to the end of this term.

This commitment is necessary due to the systems for invoicing and to ensure staffing ratios are in place.

Uniform

We have had some variations on a theme this week regarding uniform! Please remember that tights and socks should be grey, as should trousers and skirts. We understand that school shoes may have been outgrown and/or need replacing at this time of year – please do so as soon as possible or in the Easter break. The holidays are also a good time to double check that names are still in everything, to prevent loss.

Children's Safety

The office team and I have spent quite a lot of time this week leaving our offices to walk across and close the car park gate when it has been left open. Please remember that children's safety is everyone's responsibility and it would only take a few seconds for a child to run out of the gate if it was left open, straight out onto the road where large lorries and construction vehicles are passing regularly. The sign on the gate is very clear about closing the gate – this means as soon as you have driven through. Even if you are only going to be 5 minutes, it MUST NOT be left open.

Also, please use the car park spaces if they are available rather than parking on the internal service road.



Sun Safety

The warm, sunny weather is supposed to continue into next week – please remember to put sunscreen on your child before school, bring a water bottle and sun hat to keep them safe and healthy.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Maria for always showing perseverance in everything that she does and being fantastic.

Reception – Rosabella for great resilience which has led to super progress in her reading and writing.

Year 1 – Kaydee for fabulous progress in her phonics, reading and writing.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .
Well done to everyone in Emerald House for earning the most Dojo points.

Easter Holiday Clubs

Mr Martin has already sent information about GameOn's Holiday Clubs via Class Dojo. Please remember to book directly with GameOn in advance, if you require childcare over the forthcoming holiday.

Donations

Thank you to Kevin, the site manager of Bloors, who has donated unused timber to the school – it will all be put to good use in the future. We really appreciate your support.

Eid

We hope that our families who celebrate Eid al-Fitr had a wonderful time on Sunday and Monday, celebrating one of Islam's main festivals.

The Return of the Rhubarb!

Yes – it is back from next week!

There will be organic rhubarb available for you to take home, for a suggested donation of £1 for 5 sticks.

Money raised will help buy items for the school.

Delicious!



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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

02/05 FROGS' End of Friday 'Treat' – Fruit pots 50p

05/05 Bank Holiday – No school!

08/05 Invite an adult to lunch day

12/05 Scholastic Book Fair – in school for a week

13/05 Year 1 Victorian Trip – St John's Museum

14/05 Reception and E1 & E2 children – Animal Workshop (in school)

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. Deadline for tickets 1st May at 5pm. Come along and 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! 13 – 17 year olds must be accompanied by an adult.

If you ever need to contact the FROGS, their email address is frogs2072@welearn365.com