



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 5

Welcome back to our final half term of the year! We hope you all had an enjoyable break and it has been good to see the children back, ready and keen to continue their learning.

In Nursery this week, children were buzzing when they met the Bee Man, also known as Dave. They made honey sandwiches and they were delicious! Thank you to Dave for volunteering his time to come in.

Also, this week in Nursery the children have started our new topics 'Big Wide World' and 'Splash'. They have also started their new Talk 4 Writing book 'Come On, Daisy!' we played 'hook a duck' to find Daisy. In maths we have looked at the value of money.

Reception children have started their new talk 4 writing text. 'The Rainbow Fish'. They provided advice to Blue fish who had written to them because he was sad. In maths, they have been working on number problems and they have been sharing beach pictures, linked to their new topic.

Mrs Cation has unfortunately not been able to be in school this week and so the children have been joined by Mrs Taylor. They have worked really hard and been extremely helpful to her. They have been filling in missing numbers on a number line and hundred square in maths, learnt about how plants make food and started their new text 'Leo and the Octopus'.

Today is Eid-al-Adha and we wish all of our families who celebrate this festival a wonderful time. Have a super weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Arts/Cultural Week

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week we are holding our very first Arts 'Week'. I am so excited and we have lots of super activities planned for the children. Our theme this year is 'The Indian Subcontinent' and all of our activities will be based on this theme.

On Thursday, Mrs Rita Joshi will be visiting school to do some artwork with all classes in the morning and then teaching some Bollywood dancing in the afternoon. **We are inviting parents to come to school at 3pm on Thursday to see everyone doing a short performance of this dancing. We hope you can come.**

We are delighted that on Friday, Mrs Wall, one of the art Teachers at Lawrence Sheriff School, is bringing some students to work with children in Year 1 and Reception to create a joint piece of art – it should be stunning!

At the end of the day on Friday we will lay out some of the artwork from the week in the learning street and open it for parents to come and have a look at the amazing creativity from the week.

Cultural Dress

If anyone would like to celebrate their own culture, we are inviting children to wear traditional costume/dress or to come in the colours of their country's flag on Friday 13th June.

Vacancies

Adverts and job descriptions are now on the website for the following positions which start in September:

- Cleaner (7 hours per week)
- Apprentice Teaching Assistant (47.5 hours per week to include wraparound)
- Teaching Assistant (Level 2) (37.5 hours per week)

The application form is available on the school website.

Year 2 Teacher

As announced before the holiday, our new Year 2 teacher is Miss Alex Fitzpatrick. I know that the Year 1 children and families will be looking forward to meeting her and so we have invited her to spend a day with us on the 26th June, as well as for the 'Move up Morning' on 2nd July. She will be holding a quick 'hello' meeting for parents on the 2nd July at 3.20pm in the Year 2 classroom, currently the Sensory Room, so that you can put a face to a name and start getting to know her.



Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Mia for her amazing learning attitude every day.

Reception – Finley for always doing his best and making such great progress.

Year 1 – Theo for being incredibly helpful to staff and his friends.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

Great Big Green Week – Next Week

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature.

Taking action with this year's theme, '**Let's swap together for good**', shows our support for a safer, greener, fairer future. As a school, we would like to support this by having a **TOY SWAP SHOP on Tuesday 10th June – Next Week!**

This weekend, if children want to they could look through their toys and choose one they do not want anymore (please make sure it is in good condition). They can bring it to school and swap it for another toy. We will put all the toys onto a table for children to visit at the end of the day. There is no charge for this – it is simply that, if you bring a toy to swap, you get to take a different and 'new' toy home.



Parking on Monday

At the end of the day, parking on site will be more limited as we are hosting a meeting for Lawrence Sheriff School's Trust Board. Please be mindful of this and, if possible, park elsewhere and walk the last bit of the journey. Bloors will soon be moving the barrier on the road to Rocherbie Heights further along and so there will be more parking available there.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

26/05 – Half-Term

02/06 – Teacher Training Day – No pupils in school or Nursery

03/06 – CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL

06/06 – Parent Survey Deadline

09/06 – Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week

10/06 – Toy Swap Shop

10/06 – New Parents' Information Evening – Nursery 5.30-6.15pm / Reception 6.30-7.15pm

11-13/06 – Arts 'Week' – further information to follow!

12/06 – Bollywood Dancing and Lappan Art (part of Arts 'Week')

17 & 20/06 – Nursery Play Sessions (new N2 pupils)

21/06 – Trip to Hunstanton (7am to 7pm)

23/06 – Year 1 Trip to Ryton Pools

24 & 27/06 – Stay and Play Session (new 2 year olds)

01/07 – New Nursery Intake - Home Visits

01/07 – Road Safety Assembly (Reception and Year 1)

02/07 – Move up Morning (spend time with your new teacher)

04/07 – Sports Day (in the afternoon)

08 & 10/07 – New Intake Reception - Home Visits

08/07 – Silent Disco for all year groups – more information to follow

09/07 – New Nursery Intake - Home Visits

09/07 – Singing Club Performance (2.50pm parents welcome)

11/07 – Annual Reports sent home

14-17/07 – Reception Class Bikeability

18/07 – LAST DAY

Nursery Leavers' Assembly (9.15am)

Reception Graduation Ceremony (11.15am)

Family Picnic (11.55am)



Thank You

A big thank you to Shaw Haul Midlands Ltd for helping to deliver a piano to school free of charge. We are very excited to receive this and thank the family who have given it to the school on long term loan!

We are planning on having piano lessons in school once the children reach Year 3 (in just a year's time) and so this is an absolute blessing.

Year 1 Home Learning – Correction

This week's home learning is due in on 10th June 2025, not 19th June 2024! Apologies!