



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Summer Term Week 6

What an amazing week we have had at school! It has been a crazily busy week with our class photos, hosting a meeting of Lawrence Sheriff Trustees, our new parents' information evenings, Rugby Green Week - our toy swap-shop – and, of course our Cultural Arts Week!

Children in Nursery have created some extraordinary Indian elephants – masks, large 3D models and painting – as well as a giant magic carpet, and they have been super enthusiastic in their work.

In Reception, children have also had a wild time, drawing their own elephants and decorating them and working on their paint mixing skills with tigers, inspired by Henri Rousseau's artwork.

In Year 1, the children have designed their own Mehndi patterns, created lotus flower paper sculptures, focussing on their cutting skills, designed peacocks and also used different art mediums - wax crayons, water colour paints and pencil crayons to bring some tiger eyes to life! They also used collage to create a class piece inspired by the artwork of Niloufer Wadia.

A huge thank you to Mrs Wall from Lawrence Sheriff School's Art Department, who brought 17, Year 8 boys to work with our Reception and Year 1 children making peacock tail feathers – the end result is absolutely stunning!

We hope you enjoyed our exhibition at the end of the day – it was great to see so many of you and to hear so many 'WOWS'!

I have put some pictures of the artwork displayed in the exhibition on page 2 but, as I am sure you can appreciate, the staff have not had the time to send photos of pupils yet, as they have been non-stop this week!

On Thursday, Rita Joshi came to school to do some India inspired art with the children in the morning and then some Indian dancing in the afternoon – thank you for coming to see the children dancing at the end of the day – I was sorry not to see it but was in a Trustee meeting – I believe I missed a treat and that some of you joined in too! Wonderful!

A massive thank you to Rita for making the day so magical for the children.

I am so proud of how well the children have behaved during the past 3 days – it is not easy for some children to come off timetable and be out of routine – but they have been totally brilliant! I hope they have enjoyed themselves.

Have a super weekend and we will see you on Monday.

### Cultural Celebrations

Thank you so much for helping us to celebrate and appreciate our amazing cultural diversity at The Griffin, on our Cultural Day today. Seeing the children in their traditional costumes, or in the colours of their country's flag, and wearing them so proudly was wonderful. As one child said in assembly – "we are celebrating people from all around the world today". At The Griffin we respect all people, as everyone is important and valued and we know that we treat people based on **who** they are and **how** they are. We make sure we treat everyone in the way we would want them to treat us – with respect and friendship! In a school with 14 different home languages this is so important and a key part of our values.

### Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Dvija for his fantastic resilience and progress.

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

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

### House Points

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

### Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

- 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)
- Parents welcome to all the activities on the last day term.

### The Inaugural Griffin Primary Art Exhibition

