



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Summer Term Week 8

So much has been going on this week! It was a pleasure to have Miss Niamh Barrow and Miss Alex Fitzpatrick, our new Year 1 and Year 2 teachers respectively, in school on Thursday. They really enjoyed meeting the children and spending time with different members of staff getting to know a bit more about The Griffin. Miss Byrne and I were busy interviewing for a new TA in Reception as Miss Powell is moving into Year 1, and we had a very successful outcome.

In Nursery this week, children have been learning about different cultures around the world and how ice forms, in Understanding the World. In maths the children have been working on counting and matching numerals to twenty. Reception children have been busy practising for their end of year graduation and enjoying their continuous provision.

Year 1 children have been learning about different sized settlements e.g. cities, towns and villages, as well as writing a brochure for the London Aquarium. They also had a great day at Ryton Pools – their den building skills were superb! A massive well done to our Eco-Club who held a fabulous cake sale today and raised enough money to be able to adopt an Orangutan for the next year. Thank you also for the wonderful efforts with our Break the Rules Day and your generous tombola gifts - the children looked amazing! Enjoy the weekend and we will see you on Monday.

School Coat – How to Order

We have had our school coat available for you to view in the entrance to the school – we hope you have had a chance to look at it. We are now ready to go live and our school's 'My Clothing' web page is working. You can view it at the following link:

<https://myclothing.com/collections/the-griffin-primary-school-29642>

We only have the coat on offer from this site – the rest of the logo uniform is available from Webb Ellis.

Please note that all coats are embroidered to order, with an aim to dispatch deliveries within 3-5 working days, with a 14-working day guarantee during busier periods. There is a £3.95 delivery charge for orders under £50, so I suggest that you chat with a few friends and place a joint order of 4 coats to avoid postage charges.

Nursery Eligibility Codes

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, you will have received an email with documents attached about applying for your eligibility code for DfE funded hours. Please complete this by **Friday 11th July** to save the office spending time chasing late applications. If you have any queries, please speak to the office team who will be happy to help.

Sports Day – 4th July

Children have been busy practicing the events for this year's sports afternoon, to which you are all invited. Parents can arrive from 1pm and we aim to start the events at 1.15pm.

We are hoping to hold the event on the school field, accessible by the stepped approach to the rear of the school (there is an accessible slope at the end of the school near the reception outside area).

We are going to start the afternoon with our rotation of activities and then finish with our competitive races. Parents are asked to keep to the inner perimeter of the field by the fencing and there will be a row of seats next to each activity for those in the crowd that may need them and standing space demarcated as well. We kindly request that other than cheering your children on and waving to them, you refrain from getting involved with them.

Children can wear a T-Shirt of their house colour on this day and come to school in their PE kits. Please make sure that they have a water bottle. If we feel that the weather is not suitable for the event to take place safely, e.g. too wet or too hot, we will inform you by 11am on the day. Please respect this decision. Our reserve date is Monday 7th July in case. We look forward to seeing you.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Asees - for always showing our school values.

Reception – Arjun - for always working so hard, being a kind friend to others and always making good choices.

Year 1 – Harry - for his fabulous resilience and amazing effort that he puts into all that he does.

House Points

The winning house this week is  .

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

We've Won an Award!

At the beginning of the academic year, I signed us up to the Warwickshire Safe and Active Programme. This focuses on children travelling to school actively where possible, walking, cycling, or coming on their scooter. It also focuses on children being taught about road safety in a variety of ways. I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Bronze Safe and Active Award. Our certificate will be coming into school next week when we have an assembly about road safety for our Reception and Year 1 children.

Welcome Back!

We are so pleased that Mrs Tucker (Office Manager) and Mrs Cation (Year 1 Teacher) are now recovered and able to return to school. We have missed you both.

Secondhand Uniform

We have decided that the last day of term – Friday 18th July – will be a dress down day. This is so that, if you wish to donate any good quality uniform to school e.g. Nursery uniform which is not needed as your child is moving to Reception or uniform that your child has outgrown, you can have it washed and ready to bring in on the last day. We will be selling it at the Family Fun Day in August, as well as on the last day of term at our family picnic, if we have enough donations. What a great way to recycle and to save a few pennies!

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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 – including Miss Barrow (Y1) and Miss Fitzpatrick (Y2))

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 of term.

News from the FROGS



Thank you for all the generous donations for the tombola which we will be running at the Family Fun Day on 9th August, which is being held at our school.

Our next event is a gift from the FROGS to your children to say, "Thank you" and "Well Done" for a great year – we have a silent disco coming to school during school hours on the 8th July. We hope your children enjoy it!



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