



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 9

We hope you all had a really fabulous half-term – it was a busy one with Halloween and then lots of fireworks displays happening at the weekend.

We have had a great week at school, starting our new topics and really showing confident and ‘can do’ attitudes towards our learning.

Nursery children began their new Talk 4 Writing story, Owl Babies, and explored the adventures of the owl family. They also learnt their very first phonics sound (phoneme), 's', and practiced spotting it in different words and objects around us.

Reception children helped the creature police find the ‘wild things’, who had escaped their island in our hook for our new story, ‘Where the Wild Things are’. They have been learning how 3 and 4 can make different shapes but the amount stays the same. In music, they have been exploring sounds we can make with our voices and experimenting with pitch.

Year 1 children came back full of enthusiasm and ready to learn! On Monday, they discovered blue feathers and footprints in their classroom – which really hooked us into our new book ‘Billy and The Beast’. They have also been learning about aerial photographs and exploring how to mix primary colours to make secondary colours.

Year 2 had a fabulous visit to Rugby School on Wednesday, learning all about William Webb Ellis and seeing the buildings and history linked to this famous place. We were so proud of them as they did amazing listening and asked fabulous questions. We even had a photograph on the pitch where Rugby was born and found out lots of information about Lawrence Sheriff, who was a friend of Queen Elizabeth the first! They have also started their new science unit all about habitats! In maths, they have been learning to add two 2-digit numbers, both concretely (using apparatus) and pictorially. As you can see, we have had a really productive week!

Online Safety Information for children under 5 years old

I am going to be putting online safety advice in the newsletter each month. To start this off, here are some helpful tips from the NSPCC to help you determine what’s right for your child in terms of tech ownership and usage throughout childhood.

- **Supervise use** - We recommend this age group only have supervised access to technology. This means that they should only be using technology when fully supported by a parent or carer.
- **Use family devices, accounts and services** – Use child friendly devices and services like children’s tablets and child versions of popular video sites.
- **Check content first** – Check the content on apps and games each time before use and turn off features like ‘autoplay’ so you can be in control of what is shown next.
- **Set up your parental controls** – make use of safety settings across your home Wi-Fi, devices and accounts. You can find out more by visiting the NSPCC’s parental controls page.
- **Start safety conversations** - it’s important to start talking about safety online as soon as your child is using technology. Visit the NSPCC’s Techosaurus page for age-appropriate resources.
- **Establish healthy habits** - Make technology use purposeful from a young age by making sure it’s playing a positive role in your family. You can do this by watching and enjoying age-appropriate online videos together.

‘Happy, Kind and Confident’

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Khadija for showing good resilience in her learning.

Reception – Dvija for making amazing progress this year.

Year 1 – Amelia for her fantastic determination and willingness to get stuck into everything she does! Her positive attitude and effort inspires everyone around her.

Year 2 – Zora for his outstanding effort in maths, he tries hard in every lesson and is now asking for help when needed. He is always respectful and kind to everyone.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Zeph for his super maths work.

Year 1 – Alfie for his amazing handwriting and the pride he takes in his work.

Year 2 – Arthur for finally joining up his handwriting! After much persuasion, he is now joining his letters beautifully.

Values Ambassadors

We Talk Richie (YN) Harrison (YR) Harriet (Y1) Ethan S (Y2)

We are Respectful Mishika (YN) Henry (YR) Neriah (Y1) Esmee (Y2)

We Listen- Guinevere (YN) Pola (YR) Rihaan (Y1) Bella (Y2)

We are Kind- Wiktor (YN), Noah K-P & Srihitha (YR) Milan (Y1) Ethan K (Y2)

We are Considerate- Aurora (YN) Aryan (YR) Joel (Y1) Fabian (Y2)

House Points

Well done to everyone in Sapphire House for earning the most Dojo points this week and being the winning house.

School Meal Price Increase

From January, there will be an increase in the price of a school meal from £2.50 to £3.00 due to increasing costs from the food suppliers. This will currently only affect parents of Nursery children who are having a school meal. Unfortunately, SFU have been charging you £3 already and so will be refunding you directly for this error.

National School Meals Week

This is from the 10th–14th November, led by LACA – The School Food People. The theme, “Cooking Together,” celebrates the role of food in bringing people together and inspiring healthy habits.

Throughout the week, we’ll be running themed activities and displays, including a Discovery Table with daily messages around Nutrition, Community, the Environment (loving our planet) and Social:

For the ‘Cooking Together’ activity – AiP’s chefs have put together a Recipe Book for families to cook together – we will send this via Dojo.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

Each week we publish the dates that are coming up in the next month, so that you don’t forget.

11/11 – Tours for Prospective Parents
9.30/10.15/11am

12/11 – Tours for Prospective Parents
1.15/2.00/2.45pm

14/11 – Children in Need – Wear Pyjamas or spots / Pudsey (link for donations on Dojo)

17/11 & 19/11 – Bikeability (for Reception children)

24/11 – Pizza Making Workshop (AiP) – Year 1

25/11 – Maths Information Evening – come along and find out how we teach maths - all parents welcome 6pm.

28/11 – FROGS Break the Rules Day – tombola prize donation

05/12 - FROGS Christmas Fayre - 3.30pm choir ; doors open 3.45pm

Children in Need – Link for Donations

Please use the following link to make a donation, if you are able, to this great cause, which we will be participating in next Friday by wearing pyjamas, spots or Pudsey items.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18757>



News from the FROGS

Easy Fundraising App – free money!

For the whole month of November, if you install the Easy Fundraising app and register to support The Griffin Primary School, you will automatically raise £2 for our school, without it costing you a penny! Please ask all of your friends and family to sign up too and, of course, if you have 2 adults in the household, if you both sign up we get double the donation!

When you are doing your Christmas shopping, see if the stores you want to buy from are listed on the app and, if they are, buying through this app will get a % donation to our school – again at no additional cost to you but of MASSIVE benefit to the school and the opportunities for your children! What could be easier?!