



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 10

It has been a cold and frosty week, with beautiful skies and sunsets. The children have been wrapped up nice and warm for playtimes and enjoying being with their friends. I have shown around a lot of parents for tours and been so impressed with the learning and attitudes I saw in classrooms – well done to everyone!

This week in Nursery, the children have been enjoying *The Three Little Pigs*, bringing the story to life through lots of creative artwork and imaginative play. In phonics, they have been exploring the phoneme 't', practising the sound through fun activities.

In Reception, children have been writing the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are', representing numbers on hand templates and Hungarian dice patterns, learning about Hanukkah and taking part in bike-ability! Phew! Year 1 children have had an exciting week! They've started rehearsing for our Christmas performance. Then they have explored how many body parts we have, investigated human and animal bone structures, planned imaginative stories inspired by *Billy and the Beast*, and learnt all about split digraphs. What a busy and brilliant week!

This week Year 2 have been learning about mixed addition and subtraction, looking at different questions and deciding what they need to do to answer the question. They have also been using comparatives in their writing, comparing 17th century London to current London. Another amazing week in Year 2!

As you can see – another amazing week at The Griffin! We have noticed that there are some children who are really tired this week so please have some early nights this weekend to help them to do their best in school next week.

Eye Screening

Unfortunately, due to Nursing staff illness, the eye-screening was postponed this week. We will receive a new date soon and will let you know when this will take place as soon as we do.

Spectacles

If you have any old or broken sunglasses or glasses please consider putting them in the recycling box in the entrance hall to help others. Thank you.

Pizza Making Workshop

On Monday afternoon. Year 1 children will be taking part in a Pizza making workshop with AiP, our catering provider. The children will still need a lunch ordering as this does not replace that!

Maths Information Evening

On Tuesday (25th) evening next week at 6-6.45pm, we will be showing you the basics of the journey of adding/subtracting from Nursery to Year 2 – it will be a whistle stop tour! We hope you can join us.

Tree Planting

Another huge thank you to a volunteering team from Cox Automotive, who spent the day on Wednesday planting 420 trees from the Woodland Trust in the freezing temperatures. They did a fabulous job and kept smiling all the way through. They also planted 2 fir trees which had been donated to the school. We really appreciate your help.

Santa's Little Helpers

If anyone is able to help run a stall for half an hour at the Christmas Fayre on 5th December 3.45-5.45pm it would be much appreciated. Please let either Mrs Hine or the ladies in the office know.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Saffron for always showing acts of kindness.

Reception – Lucas for being an all round star!

Year 1 – Archie B for incredible enthusiasm and hard work, as well as always doing the right thing,

Year 2 – Summer for her outstanding effort in all that she does, particularly in learning the songs for our Christmas performance!

Presentation Awards

Reception – Loewe for her superbly neat maths work.

Year 1 – Aahil for showing such dedication to improving his handwriting and letter formation.

Year 2 – Bella for her beautiful handwriting in all of her books - she takes her time and ensures all letters are sat on the line.

PE Award

Here are the children for last week and this week's PE award:

Year 1 Neriah for creative dance moves

Year 2 Lera for good listening and completing tasks

House Points

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

Wraparound Parking

This is a polite reminder that you should only be parking in the staff car park before 8.15am and after 5pm. Thank you.

Children in Need

Well done everyone! By wearing pyjamas, Pudsey or spots we managed to raise an impressive £109 to support children around the UK who are struggling with some aspects of their lives.



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.

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 6-6.45pm.

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

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

10/12 - Christmas Performance YR 6pm / KS1 2.30pm

11/12 - Christmas Performance YR 2.30pm / KS1 6pm



News from the FROGS

Money for Nothing!

I have given all families a flier with information about the Easy Fundraising App and have also sent it via Class Dojo.

PLEASE download this app and select The Griffin Primary School as your cause to raise £2 for the school. If you do any online shopping in the future, if you go in through this app, the school will get donations. It will only take a minute of your time.

Delicious

Thank you if you donated cakes for the FROGS to sell at the EPCA wreath making event tomorrow evening.

Oakberry Christmas Trees – Thank you!

We have kindly been gifted a half price 11ft Christmas Tree from Oakberry Trees just the other side of Lutterworth, LE17 5JU. and the FROGS are covering this cost. Thank you both so much!

They have a huge range of beautiful pre-cut and rooted Christmas trees in their tree barn, as well as providing the opportunity to go and reserve/choose your own tree fresh from the field. Coffee, hot chocolate and treats are also available to enjoy whilst you are looking. Opening Times: 22nd Nov to 24th Dec 9.00 am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday and 9.00 to 5.00pm on Sundays. **NO BOOKING NECESSARY** - just turn up! 01455208879

