



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 11

We have had a lot of illness this week at school – today 10% of children were absent! Please remember that you need to call the office by 8.55am and leave a message on Option 1 to tell us that your child is ill and what the illness is, and that you need to do this **each day they are off**, even for the 48-hour sickness/diarrhea rule. We have also noticed that a lot of children have been off with a cough or cold – they do not need to be off unless they are feeling poorly with it or have a temperature above 38°C. The Christmas productions have been coming along well, Year 1 children made delicious pizzas on Monday and we have generally had a great week, ending with the delivery of our beautiful and enormous Christmas Tree.

This week in Nursery, children have been exploring the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' as part of our 'Once Upon a Time' topic. In maths, they have been counting 1–5 using multilink cubes, and in phonics they have been learning the phoneme 'p'.

Reception have been learning about Thanksgiving Day and thinking about what they are thankful for, they have been innovating 'Where the Wild Things Are' and doing some super work in maths.

This week in Year 1, the children wrote stories inspired by *Billy and the Beast*, with 'super-children' rescuing the animals! They did some outdoor learning in maths (now that the temperature has increased) and sang their hearts out for 'Keeping the Pulse' Day!

In Year 2, children have been creating fact-files about before, during and after the Great Fire of London, they have learnt about 2D shapes and also about life cycles in science. Have a great weekend – get those advent calendars ready!

Christmas Menu

This is now on the SFU app. Please make sure that **ALL** orders for the week beginning 15th December are completed by **Tuesday 9th December**, so that Alex, our school cook, can then place one big order.

Christmas Productions

The online booking forms are now live – there is plenty of space for everyone, but we do need you to book so that we know how many chairs to get out. Thank you.

Christmas Colouring Competition

The lovely office team are running a Christmas Colouring/Decorating Competition. It is free to enter. There will be a prize per class, and every child who enters will receive a sticker. Sheets will be sent home today and need to be back in by Monday 8th December – full names on the back please. Judging will take place that week and winners will be announced on Friday 12th December. Good luck!

Break the Rules Day

Thank you for your support with this today – your children looked amazing with their crazy hair, colourful socks and cool trainers! We received some wonderful gifts for the tombola but I know some of the children were worried because they forgot them. Don't worry! You can bring them in on Monday if you did forget.

Books

If you are having a clear out before or after Christmas and have any good quality books for 2-11 year olds, please consider donating them to the school. This is a great way for us to demonstrate re-using items as part of our commitment to being eco-friendly whilst helping children with their reading at the same time!

Our Orangutan

The winner of our 'name the Organutan' competition was Arvinder, with the name 'Ole' pronounced 'Oli'.

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Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Renee for coming into nursery with a positive attitude and her brilliant reading.

Reception – Annapoorna for being incredibly brave, and earning herself a solo in the play with her beautiful singing and her love for everything we do.

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

Year 2 – Zac for having a great week, working hard in maths and writing and making us smile.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Aryan for always completing and setting his work out carefully and neatly.

Year 1 – Luca for his wonderful writing. He is taking such great care with his work and making huge improvements.

Year 2 – Ethan K for taking such pride in his work and the progress since September.

PE Award

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

Year 1 Aahil for great listening and trying his best.

Year 2 Bella for superb respect and always joining in well.

House Points

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

Wraparound

If someone different is collecting your child, could you please let them know that they should only be parking in the staff car park before 8.15am and after 5pm. Thank you.

If your child is booked into wraparound on Friday 5th December and you are actually coming to the Christmas Fayre, please remember to cancel your booking.

Gremlins

Our phone company have finally managed to get our phone system working fully – however, there is a slight change. If you wish to speak to the office, you no longer need to press '2' but need to simply stay on the line and you will be transferred,



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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.

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

10/12 - Christmas Performance Reception 6pm / Year 1 & 2 2.30pm

11/12 - Christmas Performance Reception 2.30pm / Years 1 & 2 6pm

12/12 – Santa Dash If you have a Santa hat please bring one to school as we will all be taking part in a Santa Dash during the school day.

15/12 – Christmas Craft Workshop – Nursery and Reception 2pm (parents welcome to join us)

16/12 – Whole School Trip to Warwick Arts Centre

17/12 – Christmas Jumper Day; Virtual Santa Grotto; Christmas Lunch

17/12 - Christmas Craft Workshop – Years 1 & 2 2pm (parents welcome to join us)

18/12 – Nursery Christmas Celebration – 11am/3pm

19/12 – Songs around the tree - 2.45pm – (including a performance from the Recorder Group)

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

05/01 – Teacher Training Day

Christmas Fayre

If anyone is able to come in next Friday afternoon to help us set up the Fayre in the hall it would be much appreciated.

This year, the Fayre will start with the choir singing on the stage in the Reception outside area. Please make your way down there at 3.30pm. Father Christmas will be here at 3.45pm and then the doors will be open.

The Fayre will include some external craft stalls and a pizza and coffee van, as well as the usual games, tombolas, refreshments and raffle. Please return your raffle tickets to the office, as soon as possible.

Bookings for Santa's Grotto – please use the link below:

[Santa's Grotto](#)

