



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 5

I was delighted to welcome two of our Trustees into school on Tuesday to do a monitoring visit. They were impressed, not only with our approach towards the teaching and learning of maths, but also the behaviour of the children in all year groups. They met with some pupils from Reception to Year 2 and the overwhelming feedback was that they love maths! In Nursery, N2 children have been learning about the Solar System and also creating some amazing Kandinsky pictures with shapes. E2 have been learning about 'more, less and the same' in maths and chose to innovate their story to 'Going on a Dog Hunt'.

Children in Reception have been learning subtraction in maths and looking at wonderful things in our world!

In Year 1, the children travelled to London using Google Earth to spot landmarks in their geography lesson. In art they learned to draw 3D buildings from our local area, and in science they discovered why days are shorter in winter.

In Year 2, children have been using arrays to help with their multiplication sentences. They also started their new book 'Dear Earth' and wrote a poem! In DT, they embellished fabrics, understanding different ways that artists do this!

Attendance Data

The attendance data for each class for this academic year so far is:

Nursery: 92.78%

Reception: 97.79%

Year 1: 96.5%

Year 2: 96.3%

As a whole school we are trying hard to better our attendance from last year (96.4%) and aim for 98%. Our whole school percentage attendance is currently 95.6%.

Mrs Hallam

I am sad to say that after half-term, Mrs. Hallam, who supports children in Reception class, will no longer be working at The Griffin. We are sorry to see her go and wish her the very best for the future.

We have been busy recruiting to fill this vacancy and are delighted to say that we have recruited Miss Browning to fill this role.

Number Day

How fabulous to see all the great number costumes in school today – you really are super creative! Thank you for your support – we had a super day.

Parent Views

It is really important to us that parents feel they have a voice at The Griffin.

I would like to start a Parent Forum once a term, where we have 2 or 3 parents from each class who meet with me to discuss how we can make the Griffin experience as good as it can be, either generally or within focus areas. If you are interested in being a part of this forum, please either post a piece of paper with your name, child's name and Year group(s) into our new Postbox in the entrance lobby or send an email with this information to admin2072@welearn365.com.

We also ask parents to complete a Survey annually – each year we use the responses to analyse what we are doing well and what we can do even better. This will be going live today and will remain open for the whole of February. You will be sent a link to the Microsoft form to complete it – we really do appreciate all of your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RDds1dpafV?origin=IprLink>

At our forthcoming Parents' Evenings there will be iPads and laptops around for you to complete a short survey about the Arts at The Griffin. This will be helpful as we work towards achieving the ArtsMark Award.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Penny for superb contributions in class and growing confidence.

Reception – Jakub for always trying his best in class, every second of every day.

Year 1 – Alex for a fantastic attitude to learning and growing independence. He is completing tasks by himself, believing he can do it – as we have always known he can!

Year 2 – Maahi for her amazing attitude towards learning. She always tries her best, shows respect towards both peers and staff and is a fantastic role model.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Dvija for working really hard on writing within the lines or space provided.

Year 1 – Casper for his pride and excitement when presenting his poster about the London landmark Big Ben.

Year 2 – Mrs Clarke has chosen Zora for his amazing independent handwriting in English, remembering his capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Well done!

Mr. Martin's PE Award

Year 1 – Zach for great listening and trying his best in PE.

Year 2 - Zainab for her patience and determination.

House Points 🏆

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

Rugby Library – Half Term

If you are wondering what to do over half term, why not visit the library? You can borrow lots of books for free and also go to events. On Saturday 21st February, at 3pm, there is an 'Escape the Library' event for families and children from 7 and above – and it is free! I know how our Year 2's love a challenge, and so thought I would mention it here. To find out more visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/escape-the-library-escape-room-family-friendly-tickets-1980869998489?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

Cultural Arts Week – Voluntary Contributions

There is still plenty of time to make a contribution towards the Cultural Arts Week for art supplies and the planned dance workshops. Just head to Parent Pay. It would be much appreciated.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary – 2026!

10/02 Safer Internet Day

10/02 Parents' Evenings – Not Nursery (see below)

11/02 Parents' Evenings

16/02 – 20/02 HALF TERM

Mr. Pouton is back!

25-27/02 Arts Week – Far East Focus – All year groups

25/02 Chinese Dance Workshops – All year groups

04/03 Marvelous Monarchs Workshop – Year 2

05/03 World Book Day – Dress up as a Book Character

05/03 Big Bedtime Read – join us in your PJs for a bedtime story (more information to follow)

10/03 Parents' Information Evening – topic tbc

13/03 Comic Relief – Dress Down & Cake Sale

13/03 Silent Disco – further information to follow

13/03 Wonderful Women (Mothers and Others) Gift

Trolley – further information to follow

17,18 & 19/03 Nursery Parents' Evenings

27/03 Easter Bonnet Parade – 2.30pm

30/03 – 13/04 EASTER HOLIDAY

13/04 Teacher Training Day

14/04 Summer Term Starts

08/05 Family Bingo Evening

19/06 Marvelous Men (Fathers and Others) Gift

Trolley

11/07 Summer Fayre & Farmers' Market

News from the FROGS



Easy Fundraising

It's back – sign up to Easy Fundraising in February and you will instantly raise £2 for The Griffin Primary School. Here is the link

<https://youtu.be/ir7MKZUYR3Q?si=NNN0pTcMy4EP8AJ> or just search for

Easyfundraising in your App store and download it, selecting The Griffin as your cause.

It really is as simple as that – you raise £2 for the school, and it doesn't cost you a penny! If you ask grandparents and friends to do it too, then we raise even more!