



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 6

Despite this only being a 6-week half term, it has felt a long one! On Thursday we had the pre-start meeting for our new Nursery building and, having started the bidding process for this new project quite a while ago, it is particularly exciting to be at the point where the contractors will be on site from March 2nd! We have done some amazing learning this week and Nursery children recapped the maths concepts they have learnt and explored the planet, its oceans and continents. In Reception, children have been inventing stories in talk for writing, practising subtraction and focussing on developing independence when writing. They also had a great time as a whole class, in their outside area on Wednesday.

In Year 1, children have designed leaflets to help others when they feel sad, tested UV beads to show the sun's rays are present even on cloudy days, and created Valentine's Day cards for loved ones.

In Year 2, children have been grouping and sharing in maths to show how multiplication and division work. They have been working hard to apply their skills to answer some difficult questions!

We hope you all have a super week off over half-term and enjoy spending time with your family and loved ones, as well as resting and recharging those batteries! See you back on Monday 23rd February.

Warwickshire Health Newsletter

I will be sending this interesting and informative digital letter to you all via Dojo today. I hope you find it helpful.

Thinking Day

World Thinking Day is celebrated annually on Monday 23rd February by Girl Guides and Girl Scouts worldwide to promote international friendship, reflect on the movement's values. We are inviting any children who are part of the scouting or girl guiding movement, to wear their Rainbow or Brownie / Squirrel or Beaver uniforms to school on that day.

Thank You for your Support

We hope you found the parents' evenings informative and helpful this week and enjoyed seeing the amazing work your children are producing. Apologies if your appointment was running late.

There is always a lot to discuss and questions to be asked but, with each parent having 10 minutes in a class of 30 children that is 5 hours for teachers to be talking without a break!

Also, thank you for completing the art surveys while you waited.

Pupil Illness

Please remember to contact school **every morning** that your child is off with an illness – this then saves the office team time calling to check, which we have to do for safeguarding purposes.

Parent Forum

I have had 3 parents contact me about being part of my parent forum – 1 from each of Nursery, Reception and Year 1. This will not happen with less than 8 people as, ideally, it is good to have 2 representatives from each year group. If you want to be a part of this, please email admin2072@welearn365.com.

Parent Survey

So far, we have only had 3 responses to this survey. It will remain live for 2 more weeks. It should only take about 10 minutes to complete and helps us to know what we are doing well and what we need to be even better at. You have a link to the Microsoft form via Dojo and I have also put it here:

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

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – Wiktor for his positive attitude and outstanding effort in his name writing and maths

Reception – Loewe for being so willing to help anyone and her attitude to her learning.

Year 1 – Finley for his positive attitude and determination to learn.

Year 2 – Aaron for his consistent outstanding attitude towards his learning, kindness to others and overall being a fantastic role model.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Patrick for the pride he takes in his work

Year 1 – Archie S for the care and attention shown in his geography work and leaflet.

Year 2 – Theo for his improvement in handwriting. He has shown a great attitude towards making his handwriting clearer, ensuring letters are sat on the line and forming letters correctly.

Mr. Martin's PE Award

Year 1 – Sahib for superb effort in lessons. Well done!

Year 2 - Arvinder for his brilliant effort in PE lessons and conquering his fear of the wall bars.

House Points

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

Goodbye, Thank You and Welcome Back

Year 2 staff and pupils said goodbye to Mrs Clarke, our student teacher. We will all miss her very much and will hopefully see her again sometime soon!

I also wanted to say thank you to Mrs Day for doing such a fabulous job in leading the Nursery in Mr Pouton's absence – the whole team have been excellent as always and taken such good care of the children.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Pouton back after half term!

Keeping Under 5's Safe Online

Ofcom's research has shown that 86% of 3-4 year olds have access to a tablet at home and 21% have their own tablet. For advice and some questions to ask your children please visit <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/keeping-young-children-safe-online/>

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary – 2026!

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

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

25/03 Marvelous Monarchs Workshop – Year 2

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

Arts Week – First Week Back!

The staff have some wonderful activities planned for our 'Far East' themed Arts 'Week'. We have our Chinese Dance session on the Wednesday for all children – thank you if you have contributed £5 to this event for the consumables e.g. card, paint and tissue paper, as well as for the Dance Company.

There will be an exhibition of the artwork produced at the end of the day on Friday 27th February from 3.20-6pm. We hope you can come along.

News from the FROGS



I can announce that the amount raised at this year's Christmas Fayre was an astounding £1446. They are using a sum of money to support during the year e.g. buying reading books for Year 2, but also saving up for some larger outside equipment.

Thanks for supporting our school, everyone!