



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 10

We had an unexpectedly soggy start to the week, when the Nursery team arrived to find that a pipe had burst under the children's sink in the nursery over the weekend – not the start to the week we wanted! However, within half an hour, the Nursery team had moved equipment and resources across to Year 4, so that no learning was disrupted and by 10am the Year 4 classroom was transformed. What amazing team work! Thank you to them and to the Nursery parents for your flexibility with drop off and pick up times. Luckily the sun has been out this week to help dry things out. We will keep you informed about when we can move back into the building.

It has been a busy week in Nursery! The children have adapted fantastically to the recent changes and have settled in really well. They have been working very hard, especially while learning about the different parts of an Apatosaurus. They have also been focusing on the phoneme 'h', and the children have enjoyed practicing this through a range of fun activities. In Reception, children have been practicing their number bonds using Numicon, learning about food miles and also how to keep healthy.

This week in Year 1, the children have written incredible stories about characters overcoming a dilemma when they see a shooting star. They have also enjoyed exploring volume and capacity outside in the sun, and have been busy planning exciting trips to London. This week in year 2 we have explored our new book "Tadpole's Promise" and focussed on using possessive apostrophes and alliterations! We have also been observing metamorphosis with our mealworms, they have now transformed from larva to pupa. It's been a fantastic week in Year 2, ready for the week ahead.

The week ended with an extremely busy and successful day, interviewing lots of high calibre candidates for the Year 3 Teacher position – we will let you know more when we are able to, however ... we are feeling very excited!

### Unsafe Driving

Please find a message below from a local resident:

*"I am a resident on Lower Lodge Avenue and on multiple occasions I am finding parents speeding up and down Lower Lodge Avenue during peak drop off and pick up times. There is a speed limit and given there are children walking around, it is increasingly unsafe. Not to mention for vehicle safety alone given there are a number of parked cars on the road so it is important to abide by the speed limit to ensure no accidents happen that can be avoidable. I have seen some parents driving erratically, especially down the hill towards Magnolia Avenue then up Lower Lodge Avenue. We have had some near misses on mornings so just wanted to flag this to the school."*

Please ensure that you are mindful of this as you drive and leave school.

### Easter Holiday Activities

I am sending a timetable for Easter activities from the Rugby Children and Families Centre.

### Allsorts Magazine

Here is the link to the March/May digital edition of Allsorts magazine [https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG\\_MARCHMAY](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MARCHMAY)

you can **tap** straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone/tablet (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and clubs/classes to help your family. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page.

### Walk and Wheel – Week 2

Well done to everyone who has been walking or wheeling to school this week. Keep going next week! Please do not ride scooters or bikes within the school grounds.



'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

No Star of the Week Assembly this week, due to Year 3 Class Teacher Interviews all day. We will recommence next week.

## Summer Term After School Clubs & Wraparound

Please see below for next term's club list. Please book these on ParentPay. Mr Martin's and Game On's Clubs can be booked ad-hoc but must be booked by 2pm. You can pre-book for a half-term in advance if you are a regular user.

Teacher led clubs\* have limited numbers. Please contact the school office and they will allocate your child with certain sessions to make it fair for everyone.

**Monday** – Mr Martin - Basketball / Game On – Board Games / Miss Byrne\* – Cooking / Mr Pouton\* - Football

**Tuesday** – Mr Martin – Movement Club / Game On – Playing Cards Club (eg. Top Trumps, Card games eg Uno)

**Wednesday** – Mr Martin – Puzzles / Game On – Multi-sports

**Thursday** – Mr Martin – Ball Sports / Game On – Crafts / Mrs Hine\* – Eco Club / Miss Barrow\* – Art Club

**Friday** – Mr Martin – Explorers Club / Game On - Athletics

We will endeavour to be outside for the 'active' club when the weather allows.

## Plastic Artwork

Here is the Eco Club's amazing plastic fish and ocean, created to educate people about the increase of plastics in our sea and the damage it causes.



## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary – 2026!

**23/03 The Big Walk and Wheel Week 2**

**23/03 IEP Review Meetings** – relevant parents have been notified of these meetings.

**25/03 Marvellous Monarchs Workshop** – Y2

**27/03 Easter Bonnet Parade** – 2.30pm

**30/03 – 13/04 EASTER HOLIDAY**

**13/04 Teacher Training Day**

**14/04 Summer Term Starts**

**16/04 National Offer Day (School & Nursery offers)**

**17/04 Singing Club Performance in Assembly**

**29/04 Captivating Creatures Workshop** – E2 and YR

**04/05 Bank Holiday**

**07/05 Polling Day** – Nursery Building being used

**07/05 Invite An Adult To Lunch** – Nursery and YR

**08/05 Family Bingo Evening**

**11-15/05 Scholastic Book Fair in school**

**14/05 Nursery Sports Day (pm)**

**15/05 Reception, Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (pm)**

**25/05 Half Term**

**09/06 New Intake Parents Evening**

**12/06 Class Photos**

**15-18/06 Nursery Home Visits**

**19/06 Marvellous Men (Fathers & Others) Gift Trolley**

**11/07 Summer Fayre & Farmers' Market**

## News from the FROGS – Next Events



If you know of any craft/food stall holders or face painters who might want a stall at our Summer Fayre & Farmer's Market, please do let a member of the FROGS or the office know. Thank you.

## Easter Bonnet Parade

Next Friday, the last day of this half term, we are inviting children to create a decorated Easter Bonnet and enter a competition. There will be a prize for each year group and the children will help to select the winners. However, there is a prize for all entries. The children need to bring their bonnets on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March with 50p entry fee.

There will then be a parade of these magnificent bonnets at 2.30pm on that day, on the MUGA if the weather allows or in the hall if not. We look forward to seeing you there!