



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Spring Term Week 11

Well that is the end of the Spring Term! Just one more term of this academic year to go! Where does the time go? This week in nursery, the children have been working on their 'music manners', playing various musical instruments in time to the beat. They have also been focusing on the phoneme 'b' and exploring objects that are heavier or lighter in maths.

Reception children have been learning about Easter in their Jigsaw RE session and how this is an important time for Christians. They have been continuing to explore number composition through using 2 sets of coloured cubes to make different numbers and spot the parts, as well as inventing stories using the storytelling dice on the outside area stage. Year 1 children have been constructing taxis, having debates over 'odd' eggs, and making chocolate nests using their learning from their topic on mass and volume.

This week, Year 2 have been very busy! They have completed the length and height unit in maths and writing their own story based on the book "Tadpole's promise." There were some very interesting characters! They also had a visitor from 'One Day Productions' as part of their history unit – Marvellous Monarchs! They used their bodies to create different royal artefacts, interviewed Elizabeth I and II and coronated our new King (Jude)!

Wow! What a wonderful end to the term - our Easter Bonnet Parade showcased the amazing creativity of you all and it was a joy to see. Thank you for taking part in this event. The children selected their 'top 3' in their class and then a member of staff chose the overall winners – they were Toby (Nursery), Harley (Reception), Finley (Year 1) and Ethan K (Year 2) – photos are on page 3. If anyone did not get their prize for entering they will get it on the first day back. We hope you all have a fabulous two weeks off school and enjoy the Easter Holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 14th April for the Summer Term.

Changes of Arrangements at Pick Up

Please ensure that you have informed the relevant staff if there is a change of person collecting you child at the end of the day – this may be a grandparent or another parent if children are having a playdate. Even if you have mentioned it at the door to the class teacher, please also send a Dojo message or call the office so that we have the information in writing. They will then double check that the staff who are dismissing the children are aware. If we have not had this information, we will have to contact you to clarify the arrangements, which can then lead to all concerned hanging around at the end of the day.

This is to make sure that all children are safe and that we know we have done our duty regarding this.



Club Cancellations

I would like to apologise for the number of times teacher led clubs have been cancelled over the past few weeks – some of this is due to staff illness, and some due to staff training or parents' evenings. This week we have had an issue with our school kitchen oven not working and so the cancellation of recorder club was due to the children all needing to eat in a different order as Alex was using the ovens in the DT room to cook all of the food, so that service could continue as usual.

When we do have to cancel a club, we always offer the chance to stay for wraparound so as to minimise any inconvenience for you but we do not like letting the children down and will try our best to avoid this as much as possible.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery – All of our two-year-olds for their fantastic adaptability and for confidently showing their knowledge alongside older children during group time.

Reception – Amaia for incredible reading of the Phase 3 digraphs and longer words using our ‘chunk it up’ method.

Year 1 – Alfie for his outstanding taxi design and construction.

Year 2 – Frida for her effort in lessons even when she wasn't feeling 100%!

Presentation Awards

Reception – Peter for his efforts with practising his name writing and letter formation.

Year 1 – Kiaan, for making such a good effort with his presentation.

Year 2 – Zainab for her amazing presentation in science.

Mr. Martin's PE Award

Year 1 – Rosabella for great focus and effort in lessons

Year 2 – Theo for great attitude in learning

House Points

Well done to everyone in Emerald House for earning the most Dojo points this week. The winner for the term was ...Topaz – congratulations. They will have an extra playtime on the first day back as their reward.

End of Term Reports

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents should have received their child's end of year report today. Nursery have only just had their parents' evenings and so do not need one this term.

If you are from a split family and have not received one, please do let us know.

Publications

I am sending you two publications via Class Dojo – one is the school health newsletter and one is a letter from Warwickshire health regarding meningitis, in light of the recent outbreak in Kent.



Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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

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 and Others) Gift Trolley

11/07 Summer Fayre & Farmers' Market

Comic Relief Cake Sale Amount

Thank you to everyone who bought a cake at the recent cake sale – it raised £100 exactly, which we have donated to this great cause.

Safeguarding Information

Over the Easter holiday, if you have any urgent concerns about safeguarding for any child, you can call Family Connect on **01926 414144**. Lines are open:

- Monday to Thursday – 8.30am – 5:30pm
- Friday – 8.30am – 5:00pm

Out of hours

If you have an emergency outside of usual office hours, please contact the emergency duty team immediately on: **01926 886922**

Emergency contact

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the police immediately on:
999



Toby – Nursery



Harley – Reception



Finley – Year 1



Ethan K – Year 2