



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Summer Term Week 4

We hope you enjoyed the Bank Holiday last weekend – the 4 day week at school has been super busy! I spent a morning looking at teaching and learning, behaviour and attitudes and personal development with three other headteachers, as part of our monitoring process and felt very proud of what they saw.

This week in Nursery, the children have been recognising numerals to 10 in Maths and developing their confidence with number recognition activities. In Talk for Writing, the children used their imagination to adapt the story of The Three Little Pigs. They changed the characters to The Three Little Worms, with the Big Bad Wolf becoming the Big Bad Bird! Reception children were looking at creatures in the ocean and learning about other animals' habitats. They have also been innovating their story of 'Jack and the Robbers' and ordering numbers to 10.

Year 1 children have layered foam to create large, weather-inspired collagraph printing stamps. They also began their new book 'Beegu', after discovering a UFO on the playground!

In Year 2 this week, children have been creating different colours and patterns using coffee filters and food colouring! They were observing how the different primary colours blended to make secondary colours. They have also been reading their new book, "The Owl and the Pussycat", where they were using commas in lists and expanded noun phrases!

We ended the week with the school full of 'animals' – head dresses, hats, animal print and cuddly creatures – to help celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough. We also sang 'Happy Birthday' to him in our celebration assembly and, although he may not have heard us, it was a joy to celebrate this truly inspirational man.

There is a lot happening next week, so please read further information below.

### Nursery Sports Day

This Thursday afternoon (14<sup>th</sup> May) Nursery are having their Sports Day events. This will start at 1.15pm. Could parents please arrive no earlier than 1.05pm and make your way around to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) via the back, playground gate past the hall. There will be a signing in sheet just inside the MUGA which we ask you to sign in case of an emergency (eg Fire Alarm). Children will need to wear their usual PE kit.

The event should last between 45 mins and 1 hour. At the end of this, the book fair will be available and ice lollies will be on sale for 50p (cash only).

Children are then welcome to stay in school for the rest of the day or alternatively you can take them home but siblings in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 will not be allowed to leave early.

Please note that if the weather is not suitable for holding sports day, we have a reserve booked for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the same time.

### Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

This Friday afternoon (14<sup>th</sup> May) Nursery are having their Sports Day events. This will start at 1.15pm.

We are hoping to be on the field for the event and ask parents to come to the back playground gate past the hall. There will be a signing in sheet which we ask you to sign in case of an emergency (eg Fire Alarm).

Children can bring a T shirt of their house colour if they wish.

The event should last approximately 1.5 hours.

At the end of this, the book fair will be available and ice lollies will be on sale for 50p (cash only).

Children are then welcome to stay in school for the rest of the day or alternatively you can take them home and collect any Nursery siblings.

Please note that if the weather is not suitable for holding sports day, we have a reserve booked for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at the same time.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Noah for using his communication to engage in group time and with his friends.

**Reception** – Noah K-P for superb effort with his phonics.

**Year 1** – Rihaan for his patience. We are very proud of his hard-working attitude this week and the work produced.

**Year 2** – Karthi for his amazing attitude in the classroom. He offers his support to both pupils and staff, well done!

## Presentation Awards

**Reception** – Lucas for great effort with his handwriting – with great results!

**Year 1** – Zach for amazing progress in his handwriting and the pride he is taking in his work.

**Year 2** – Niamh for improved handwriting across all subjects and working hard to make sure her letters are sat on the line.

## Mr. Martin's PE Award

**Year 1** – Annapoorna for her fantastic 'can-do' attitude!

**Year 2** – Karthi for showing respect and for being a good team player.

## House Points 🏆

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

## Scholastic Book Fair – 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May

Come along and have a look at the fabulous books that are available to buy from Scholastic. The book fair will be open every day from 3 to 4.30pm and also at the end of the Sports Days.

Reading is such an important skill as well as being an enjoyable past time. Why not buy a book to dive into, whilst also supporting The Griffin, as we get commission on the total sales of books, to supplement our learning street 'library'.



## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

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

**13/05** Year 1 trip to St John's Museum

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

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

**25/05 Half-Term**

**03/06** Recorder Club performance (pm)

**09/06** New Intake Parents Evening – Nursery and YR

**12/06** Class Photos (am)

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

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

**26/06** True Music and Singing Club Performance (am)

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

## Key Stage 2 Bikeability – May Half Term

Harris School Sports Partnership have asked us to let you know that, alongside their usual Multi Sport Holiday Club, they are running a **Level 1**

**Bikeability** training course for KS2 pupils during May half term. This may be of interest to our families with children in Years 3-6.

Please see the fliers I am sending on Class Dojo for further information.

## Flower and Talent Festival

St George's Church, near Paddox Primary School, is holding a competition as part of the above. There are 3 age groups: Up to and including Key Stage 1, Up to Key Stage 2 and Secondary.

Children can enter by creating a vegetable/fruit imaginary animal or a jam jar flower arrangement.

Prizes can be won for the best in each age group.

Please see the flier on Dojo for further details.

## News from the FROGS



### Family Bingo – what a night!

We had great fun at the Bingo night – lots of 'lines' and 'full houses', with great prizes won. It was super to see so many families and friends enjoying the games and the delicious food that was on offer.

Thank you to Mr Martin for assisting the bingo caller (Mrs Hine!) and to the FROGS for organising the event.