



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Summer Term Week 5

What a shame that we had to cancel both of our Sports Day events due to the weather! Not having rain or cold temperatures for several weeks, it was frustrating that the weather turned this week and it also looked likely for our reserve dates too! However, it takes more than that to stop us! We are now holding Sports Day for Nursery and the school aged children on the same day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Nursery will be from 12.30- 1.15pm and then the school events will be 1.30-3.15pm. This should help our families who have siblings in Nursery and School. (See further information about the event is below!)

Our learning has been fabulous this week. In Nursery, the children have been on a minibeast hunt and have been continuing with their counting songs in maths. Reception children were learning one more and one less using concrete objects and number tracks. They have also been innovating their story – the children changed the cat to a Sabre tooth-tiger and the donkey to an anaconda! What great imaginations!

Year 1 children have enjoyed their trip to St John's Museum in Warwick to experience a Victorian classroom.

This week in Year 2, the children have been looking at unit and non-unit fractions. They have also been using this knowledge to answer reasoning questions to really deepen their understanding. In addition to this, they have been using their colour, texture and shape knowledge to create final art pieces - flower sculptures in the style of a famous Japanese artist!

Just one week to go until half term – I have included some information about events you could attend during the break in case you are looking for things to keep you and the children busy!

Enjoy the weekend – you may need the suncream and hats again next week, as it is warming up!

### Sports Day – further information

As you saw above – this has now been moved to next Friday.

On this day, all children can wear their PE kits to school with a top/T-shirt in the colour of their house. PE kits will be sent home earlier in the week. Children will all need a water bottle, as it is meant to be warm.

Nursery's event will be on the MUGA and the school event will be on the field.

On Wednesday, we will be sending school-aged children home with a slip of paper that tells you which event your child will be starting on so that, when you arrive you can make your way to that event and stand close to/against the perimeter fencing.

We kindly ask that during each event and when travelling between events, you do not become involved with your child unless asked to by the member of staff in charge – you are there to cheer on your child and their team mates.

### Vacancies

We have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor role for this September, as we grow into Year 3 and Key Stage 2.

This is for 1.5 hours a day, 38 weeks of the year and is paid at £4,183.94 per year (actual salary).

We will also have a vacancy for a cleaning role for 10 hours a week (2 hours a day) from September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be advertising this soon.

Please visit our website [www.thegriffinprimary.uk](http://www.thegriffinprimary.uk)

/about us / vacancies for further details and an application form if you are interested.

### Year 2 Trip

We have been trying to organise a trip to the seaside in July but it has unfortunately fallen through as the venue for inclement weather is no longer available. We have therefore organized a different visit for 15<sup>th</sup> June and will get information out to parents ASAP.

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## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Kiron for making strong friendships within the Nursery.

**Reception** – Pola for being such an amazing role model in all that she does.

**Year 1** – Harriet for her enthusiasm and excitement on our school trip, and volunteering to use a Victorian back straightener!

**Year 2** – Kenna for settling in beautifully into Year 2. She has made lots of new friends and is trying really hard in all lessons.

## Presentation Awards

**Reception** – Mandy for her fabulous effort with her handwriting.

**Year 1** – Ezgi for consistent pride in her presentation across all subjects.

**Year 2** – Denver for really trying hard to improve his handwriting in all subjects.

## Mr. Martin's PE Award

**Year 1** – Tishe for showing respect and giving 100% effort

**Year 2** – Esmae for a great attitude to learning and preparing well for sports day.

## House Points

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

## Easy Fundraising

Let's celebrate Donation Day!

Thousands of good causes are receiving a share of a record £2.2 million!

We have great news – we have received £178.41 from your donations.

## No Nuts Policy

This week we have had to change 2 packed lunches, as children had a nut-based product in their sandwiches.

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANYTHING WITH NUTS OR NUT PRODUCTS IN, AS WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH FATAL NUT ALLERGIES IN SCHOOL.**

It is a really important issue and I know that no one would want to feel responsible for another child becoming seriously ill (or worse) due to not following the policy. Thank you.

## Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

**18/05** Year 2 Optional SATS start

**22/05** Nursery & School 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)

**15/06** Year 2 Trip to Birmingham Botanical gardens – more information to follow very soon.

**15-18/06** New Nursery & Reception Pupils Home Visits

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

**03/07** CHANGE OF DATE True Music and Singing Club Performance (am)

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

## News from the FROGS

### Ice Lolly Sale

Just to let you know that we will now be selling ice-lollies at the end of the Sports Day events next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – even better news is that the sun will be shining and it will be lovely and warm (well that is what the forecast says at the moment!)

## Allsorts Magazine

Here is the link to the May/July digital edition of this magazine [https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG\\_MAYJULY](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS-MAG_MAYJULY) you can **tap** straight to advertisers' websites when viewing the magazine on your phone/tablet (please mention Allsorts). There are lots of attractions to visit, services and clubs/classes to help your family. You can also view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) or on the Allsorts Facebook page.



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