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Autumn Term Week 4

This week in Nursery, children have been having fun in PE pretending to be pirates and creating their own pirate movements. In Maths, they have been playing Kim's Game and developing their skills in remembering and noticing what has changed. They have also been exploring autumn, with a walk around school to look at the seasonal changes. In our two-year-old provision, children have been focusing on combining objects in Maths and enjoying our focus story, 'Sleep Tight, Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Reception children have been practising their 1:1 counting to develop their ability to count a set of objects accurately up to 10. In RE, they have learned about what makes someone a good role model and discussed some people who are role models to them. During independent learning they have been continuing to practice their understanding of ordering numbers to 10 and drawing maps of Rugby. This week, Year 1 have been writing their own versions of 'Cave Baby'. In art, they created beautiful, secondary colour prints using fruit, applying their knowledge of the colour wheel. In history, the children used time-related vocabulary to explain when significant events in their lives happened. Year 2 children have been writing innovative stories in English and learning about Rosa Parks in their 'Inspirational People' topic. They have also been tasting cooked and uncooked foods in Design technology (DT) and placing 10s and 1s on a number line in maths. Year 3 children have been reading more of the text 'Leon and the Place Between.' They've described character emotions and created adverbial phrases to describe how actions can be done. In History, they have been practising chronology skills by ordering a timeline of the three periods in the Stone Age and prehistory.

Parking Safety

I have received emails with photographs of cars parked unsafely by school. You will notice that there are now 2 cones out to prevent parking too close to the crossing.

Cars are being blocked in, due to parking on both sides of the road and people are not being considerate about the space they are taking up. There are also cars turning round part way along the road, preventing flow of traffic. The only place for turning now is the entrance to the school - cars must not be parked in this vicinity and parents **must not** use this gate to walk into school.

I know that the situation is not ideal but know that this is the case near most schools. **I strongly urge you to walk** if you live within walking distance, as it will probably end up being quicker due to the hold ups with parking outside of school! Not only that but it is healthy and a great start to the day. Another option is to park on the neighbouring roads and walk the last part to school.

Photographs

The proof of your child's individual school photograph will be coming home today. All of the instructions regarding purchasing this will be included in the pack.

Census Day Menu – October 1st

This is just a polite reminder to order your child's meal for this special menu.

Recycling Spectacles

Here at The Griffin we are really keen on the 3 Rs – Reduce, Re-use and Recycle. We support the local Lions Group by helping them recycle glasses that are no longer needed so that they can be recycled and used again or become eco-plastics. The collection box has just been emptied and is in the main entrance.



Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Reception – Louie for being a role model with his behaviour and kindness to others

Year 1 – Harrison for his outstanding attitude to learning and school.

Year 2 – Alfie for showing kindness, being a good role model and trying his best.

Year 3 – Niamh for her incredible attitude to learning both at school and home! Also, great expression in her reading.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Zayden for his effort with his name writing

Year 1 – Niyara for her perfect letter formation and the pride she takes in her work.

Year 2 – Vaanya for using amazing handwriting across all subjects.

Year 3 – Yuvaan for consistently neat handwriting – so good it is on display!

PE Award

Year 1 – Noah W for his excellent demonstrations throughout PE lessons

Year 2 – Tishe for being a great team player.

Year 3 – Ethan S for incredible teamwork and collaboration

PE Kits – week beginning 28th is Week A

	Week A	Week B
Reception	Tuesday	Friday
Year 1	Monday & Tuesday	Monday & Thursday
Year 2	Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday (Swimming)	Tuesday & Friday (Swimming)

Eden Park Allotment Harvest Celebration

Families who have an allotment, or whose children have previously been in the Eco Club at school, are invited to join us for the Harvest Celebration on Sunday 4th October at 2pm. It will be at the allotments and there will be activities for children to join in with.

Our Rich Cultural Make-Up

In the hall we have a world map and I like to put a sticker on the countries of origin of our families, to show everyone how wonderfully diverse our school is. If you would like there to be a sticker up for your family please let me know via Dojo stating which country to add a sticker to. Thank you

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

07/10 - Flu Immunisations Reception and Years 1 to 3

08/10 - Tours for prospective parents for 2027/2028 intake 1.15pm/2.00pm/2.45pm

09/10 - Hello Yellow Day – Wear something yellow and £1 donation on ParentPay, for the mental health charity MIND.

12/10 - Open morning - tours for prospective 2027/2028 intake 9.30/10.15/11am

16/10 - Harvest Festival – 9am - Parents welcome

16/10 - Y3 visit to St Michael & All Angels Church and mini Harvest Festival (Parents welcome to attend – 1.30pm)

22/10 - FROGS Halloween style Dress Down Day & Disco

23/10 - Teacher Training Day

26-30/10 - Half Term

We have now updated the annual diary dates and will resend these to you tomorrow.

Meta Smart Glasses

Meta smart glasses worn by parents and visitors at primary schools present serious safeguarding and privacy risks because they can discreetly record video or audio without obvious consent.

They pose a challenge as children cannot meaningfully consent to having their faces or data processed by AI, or captured by wearable devices. They could also lead to covert recording as, unlike rectangular mobile phones - which fall under standard school phone-free policies - smart glasses look like ordinary eyewear, making discreet filming at school gates, receptions, or sports days hard to detect. I am sure that any parent would feel very strongly about other parents/adults wearing these to school, and so I am asking you to not wear these on school grounds. If it is reported or observed that someone is wearing them, they will be asked to remove them and, if this is not done, we reserve the right to ask that person to leave the school grounds as the safeguarding of our children is our highest priority.

House Points

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