



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

26/27

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Autumn Term Week 3

It has felt a bit of a strange week to me this week, as I have been out of school doing Paediatric First Aid (PFA) training for 2 days. I am pleased to say that we now have 11 full PFA qualified staff, 6 Emergency PFA qualified staff and 6 Emergency First Aiders on our team, so that we can look after your children to our best ability.

Whilst I have been out, there has been a lot of activity!

This week, Nursery have been busy creating their own self-portraits and taking part in their very first PE session. They have had a great time settling into nursery and getting to know the new routines. Next week, they are looking forward to starting their new topics, 'Exploring Autumn' and 'Me and My Community'!

Reception children have begun their Mastering Number lessons and focussing on subitising and matching finger numbers to amounts of dots. They have also been learning about maps and how people use these in different ways to take journeys.

Year 1 have begun practicing their writing and learning the correct letter formations, including flicks. They have also explored the artwork of Rose and Kandinsky, as well as beginning using capital letters and full stops successfully to write about mammoths and bears!

Year 2 have been flexibly partitioning numbers to 100 using dienes and part-part whole models. We have also been acting out the different parts of our English book. In DT this week, they were choosing which tool was best to prepare different foods.

Year 3 children have been studying the prehistoric age in their topic 'Through the Ages' and also thought about the 'Eat Well Plate' in science. In maths, they have been partitioning 4-digit numbers into Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Ones. Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday, looking super smart!

Photographs

On Monday, children will be having their photographs taken. Please ensure they are wearing a logo jumper or cardigan and that they are wearing hair accessories in line with our uniform policy.

If children have PE on Monday, they can wear uniform if you would prefer but should still have their top half as requested above.

Once taken, they will be processed by JSS Photography and you will then get a chance to see the photo and decide whether you would like to purchase a copy.



Census Day Menu

Culinera have informed us that the menu for 1st October has had to be changed slightly. If you have already placed your order for that day, it will be cancelled and you will need to re-order. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Wraparound Timings

Please adhere to the timings for before and after school clubs. These are:

Breakfast club 7.45-8.30am Breakfast served until 8.15am

Early drop off 8.30-8.45am

Late pick up 3.20-3.35pm (doors will be open at 3.35pm)

Club Session 3.20-4.20pm (please do not arrive too early as it distracts the children if you are at the end of the hall)

Snack Slot 4.20-5.45pm (collect from 5pm only)

We have noticed that a lot of parents are not booking on for early drop off or late pick up – please book as otherwise it creates a lot of extra work and means we do not know who to expect. We will monitor this over the next 2 weeks. If it doesn't improve we will have to reintroduce the non-booking fee for these 2 sessions.

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Reception – Robin for his increased confidence and settling into school life so well this week.

Year 1 – Daniel for outstanding kindness and patience.

Year 2 – Henry for his attitude and maturity in the classroom.

Year 3 – Maahi for being an amazing role model and great friend.

Presentation Awards

Reception – Sienna for her fabulous name writing

Year 1 – Zeph for a brilliant start with his letter formation

Year 2 – Charlotte for her amazing handwriting in all of her books.

Year 3 – Esmae for amazing progress already this year so that her books look superb!

PE Award

Year 1 – Lorenzo for excellent participation in our games.

Year 2 – Harriet for her fantastic listening.

Year 3 – Oscar for great swimming and being the first one in the pool.

House Points

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

Values Ambassadors

Well done to the children from Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 who have been selected to be this half term's Values Ambassadors:

We Listen – YR Lydia, Y1 Zephaniah, Y2 Hugh, Y3 Summer

We Talk – YR - Guinevere, Y1 Daniel, Y2 Henry, Y3 Ethan K

We are Respectful - YR - Eli, Y1 Ayaan, Y2 Neriah, Y3 Arthur

We are Kind – YR Nika, Y1 Srihitha, Y2 Charlotte, Y3 Jude

We are Considerate – YR Aurora, Y1 Lorenzo, Y2 Ezgi, Y3 Kenna

If you still have an Ambassador or Star of the Week badge from last year, please return it to school. **We are missing 1 of blue, yellow, purple and orange and 2 of yellow.**

Meet the Teacher

Thank you for your attendance at this – we hope you found it helpful. We are currently updating our class pages on the website and they will have some of the information you were given on there.

Forthcoming Dates for the Diary

21/09 - Individual School Photographs

21/09 - Teacher led Clubs start

22/09 - Reception (YR) Phonics Information Evening
5.45pm (children welcome)

22/09 - Year 1 (Y1) Reading Information Evening
6.30pm

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)

19/10 - FROGS Halloween style Dress Down Day

23/10 - Teacher Training Day

26-30/10 - Half Term

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

PE Kits – week beginning 21st is Week B

	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)



News from the FROGS

We had our first meeting last night and began the planning of the Christmas Fayre on 4th December. If you know anyone who is 'crafty' and would like a stall at this event, we are having a 'marketplace' as part of the Fayre with gifts, crafts and delicious foods. Please email FROGS2072@welearn365.com if you want to find out more.

Online Safety

As part of our Digital Safeguarding subscription, staff and parents have access to the Warwickshire Online Safety Hub (<https://warwickshire.onlinesafetyhub.uk/>). This has resources to support you. I am sending further information via Class Dojo.

A Message from Bloors

A parent sent me a message about large construction vehicles being around during the key times of the school drop off and collection.

As you will have noticed, work has begun on the next phase of residential development on Lower Lodge Avenue. This means that there will be an increase in the amount of site traffic and so Bloors will be blocking off Lower Lodge Avenue to the left of the sub-station, just past the school car park gates. Parents will therefore only be able to park outside the school but it does mean that all of the construction traffic will be contained and away from you and your children.

If you walk from Rocherbie heights, this will still be accessible to pedestrians and the gate man will ensure the site's vehicles give way to pedestrians but please explain to your children the importance of holding your hand or remaining with you and being vigilant as they walk/scoot or cycle to and from school.

Parking Safely

This then leads nicely into another message from a parent about the fact that other parents are continuing to park on or too near to the zebra crossing – no-one should be parking on ziz-zag lines as it restricts visibility. Please be conscious of the distance left between your car and the one in front/ behind as sometimes there are quite large gaps left, reducing the parking opportunities for others.

As always – if you can walk to school please do or if not, if you can drive but then park slightly further away and walk the last part of the journey this provides your child with exercise and fresh air – a great way to start the school day!

Updating Contacts for the Flu Immunisations

On the external noticeboards, you will see the poster that is shown below. This is asking for parents to use the phone number update contact details if they have changed within the last 12 months, ready for the Flu Immunisations on the 7th October.

There are 3 telephone numbers for different areas of Warwickshire. We are included in the North Warwickshire code.



NHS
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Protect your child from flu

The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details

Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:
 ✉ bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
 ☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:
 ✉ Northlms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
 ☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:
 ✉ Southlms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk
 ☎ 01926 353899

Teacher Led Clubs

These are definitely starting next week! You should have received a notification if your child has been successful in getting a place on the clubs requested. If spaces were full your child will be on a waiting list for another available slot. Please Dojo the office if you meant to request a place but forgot, your child can still be added to the waiting lists.

Parents Information Evenings

On Tuesday 22nd September we have 2 information evenings for you to attend.

Our **Phonics Information Evening for Reception parents** starts at 5.45pm (children welcome).

Our **Year 1 Reading Information Evening** starts at 6.30pm.