



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 2

VIPs

Thank you so much to all of the parents/carers and other family members who were able to join us on Monday for our Official Opening. We were joined by Teresa Mpofo (Head of Lawrence Sheriff, our Sponsor School), Peter Kent (our Chair of Trustees), some members of Warwickshire's team responsible for opening new schools and then we had some extra special VIPs - Maggie O'Rourke, the Mayor of Rugby and Waffle the Wonder Dog!

We were wowed by the gold Mayoral Chain that Maggie wore as she cut the ribbon to officially announce The Griffin 'Open' and then when Waffle also helped remove the ribbon to confirm this opinion. Some of our children presented our VIPs with gifts and we all had a wonderful time. This was the first brand new school in Rugby that Maggie had opened and she was very impressed when she had a tour after the ceremony.

The rest of the week has included our first PPA sessions with Mrs Hewitt for PSHE and Mrs Strangleman for Spanish – the children are learning about being part of a community in PSHE and they learnt greetings in Spanish – how to say hello and goodbye. So, as I say 'Adios' I hope you have a wonderful weekend and that the children have a good rest – it has been a great first full week but a tiring week for some of them. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday.



Parent Trustees

We are looking to appoint 2 parents to join our Trustees, a voluntary body who help the school grow and develop so that it is as successful as it can be. This is a fantastic opportunity and is open to both Nursery and Reception parents. We meet 6 times a year – once each half term.

If you are interested in self-nomination please contact Mrs Tucker in the office and she will give you a nomination form.

If we have more than 2 nominees we will go to an election.

The deadline for nominations is **4pm Friday 29th September.**

Flu Immunisations

The flu immunisation date is Tuesday 10th October.

Reception children are entitled to this. This is given as a nasal spray. You will receive a link shortly for you to provide your permission



'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

On Friday 22nd September, we will be holding our first Star of the Week celebration assembly at 9.15am. Parents of the 'Stars' will be informed at the end of the day on Wednesday so that you can try to make arrangements to attend the assembly. If your children ever receive certificates from activities they do outside of school, they are welcome to bring them into this assembly so that we can congratulate them and you are welcome to come in to see them be presented to them. Please ensure any trophies/medals are in a named envelope or that they have a name on.

Football Academy Starting

On Saturday 30th September, Game-On will be starting a new Football Academy at The Griffin Primary School. The timings are 9-9.45am for children 18 months to 2 years old and 9.45-10.30am for 3-5 years old. Once our field is ready there will also be a Junior session for those who are 5-12 years old. The price per session is £4. A flier will be coming out shortly. Please spread the word!



Blooming Marvellous

You may have noticed how smart our flower beds are looking at the front of the school – a massive thank you to Mrs Sokolovsky for helping us by weeding. If there is anyone else who can spare the odd half hour we still have a little bit of weeding to be done!

Handy Person Required

We have a shelving unit for our outside area that requires building with a drill and an electric screwdriver. As we do not have a caretaker at the moment, if there is anyone who can help us construct this, please let Mrs Hine know.

October Half Term Holiday Care

We may only just have started, but October half-term will soon be here! Game-On are running holiday care at Rugby Free Primary School over the October half-term. They are offering a 'First Time' 10% discount to children from The Griffin Primary School. Please see the booking form attached. Quote 'GRIFFIN10' when you book to receive your discount. You can also access holiday care at Bridges based at Brownsover Community School.

Parent Council

I would like to form a parent council, to meet once a term. This is to seek opinion on proposals, find out how we are doing as a school, consider areas for improvement and to help to move the school forward. I would like 4 parents from each year group. If you are interested, please email admin2072@welearn365.com with the title 'Parent Forum'

Dates for the Diary

An updated 'Dates for the Diary' sheet is attached:

26/09 School Photographs (Individual) – in the morning. If your Nursery child does not usually attend on Tuesday mornings you can come in just for the photos at 9am.

25/09 Open Morning – Please let any parents who are looking for a 2024 Reception place know

27/09 Phonics Information Session (6pm) - Reception parents only.

30/09 Saturday Football Academy Starts

10/10 Flu Immunisations – Reception only

12/10 Open Afternoon – Please let any parents who are looking for a 2024 Reception place know

13/10 Harvest Festival (2.30pm - families welcome) – Nursery children are welcome to stay for this, as an additional session. If you wish this to happen, please let Mrs Tucker know. Thank you.