



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 4

Feeling Autumnal

In Nursery this week, the children have been investigating the different leaves and colours of Autumn, as well as studying conkers. They have also been thinking about 'All Gone' in maths - singing songs where they count backwards and removing objects in games until there are no more left. They also had their first 'Talk for Writing' session based on 'The Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Next week the children are learning about matching in maths, and 'People who help us' in Understanding the World.

My tummy was rumbling on Monday due to the delicious smell of baking bread that was wafting through the school – you are all 'Star bakers' Reception! Luckily the whole class helped make the bread (unlike in The Little Red Hen story) and so they all got to share it! The children have been learning the phonemes 'i', 'n', 'm' and 'd' in their phonics sessions and have been working on matching in their maths. Next week the children are comparing numbers and learning about woodlands. They have worked so hard and are making so much progress. Well done everyone.

First School Photo

Thank you for making sure that your children looked super smart on Tuesday when Kasenya from 'Your Story Photography' was in school – I am sure you will love the photos when they arrive.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for an Early Years Educator (Level 2 or 3) to start after half term and also a wraparound care supervisor to support our before and after school provision. This requires a Level 6 equivalent qualification. Both jobs are being advertised on WM Jobs. Please spread the word.

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Next week for the whole day on Wednesday and Thursday morning, Miss Byrne is out doing her Designated Safeguarding Leader Training. This is so that we have 2 safeguarding leads in school – the other being Mrs Hine.

Our supply teacher will be Mrs Taylor and, of course, Mrs Cole and Mrs Wijayarathna will both be in school as usual.

Get Voting with your Blue Tokens

From next week we need you, your friends, family and neighbours – in fact everyone you know - to vote for our project to win up to £1500 for outdoor PE equipment to help the children have an active lifestyle and develop their motor skills when have an active lifestyle and develop their motor skills when playing outside playing outside. Every time you shop at a local Tesco or Tesco Express Store all you need to do is put a blue token into our box and all we need to do is keep our fingers crossed that we win!

Coats

As we enter October, please ensure that your child has their coat with them every day.

Flu Immunisations Deadline This Sunday

Please use the link below to complete the consent form: <https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/consent?returnurl=https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/form?identifier=5a646486-37e1-42ae-a3e8-131656e9a8ae>

'Happy, Kind and Confident'

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery - Aniela for great progress and improvements since the beginning of term and being a kind and helpful friend to others.

Reception – Fabian for always showing all of our values – we listen, we talk, we are respectful, we are kind, we are compassionate and being a great role model.

We are very proud of you both!

House Points

The winning house this week is 

Can you give up a few hours to help?

We really do need your help in order to ensure that school is the best it can be and that it is an exciting place to be. So far, I have only had one volunteer for FROGS (our PTA) and two volunteers for the Parent Council.

Whilst I am happy to organise some initial events for the children which raise funds for the school, they will only work if there are other people to support this.

If we do not have enough interest in the Parent Council, I will park that form of consultation for the moment.

Dates for the Diary

30/09 Saturday Football Academy Starts – flier on Dojo

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 paid session. If you wish this to happen, please let Mrs Tucker know.

w/c 13/11 Book Fair (from Hunts Bookshop – come and buy some Christmas Books for your family and the school gets commission, so you will also be helping school.)

Harvest Festival

It is our Harvest Festival on Friday 13th October and This year, we would like to support the Rugby Food Bank with donations at the Harvest Festival.

In 2022-23, Rugby Foodbank has provided over **7300** emergency 3 day food parcels in the Rugby area, of which 38% went to children. They have given out over **116** tonnes of food in this period alone. The demands on the foodbank are growing, with increasing numbers of people being forced into food poverty by the current cost of living crisis and issues of low income. There is an ongoing trend where we helped even more people than the previous year, and this is where we need your help. Below is a shopping list of the top ten items the Foodbank currently needs. Please consider bringing some of these in on the 12th October, the day before the Harvest Festival, so that we can do our bit to support those in need. Thank you.

Foodbank Shopping List

Hot chocolate

Tinned vegetables or pulses

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Fish

Tinned Fruit

Pot Noodles

Cream Crackers

Cuppa Soups

Tinned Snack Meals

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Christmas Visit

We would like to take the children to see The Gruffalo at Warwick Arts Centre for our Christmas Visit. The total cost will be between £16.37 and £18.37 per child. To gauge interest, please complete an online form via this link <https://forms.office.com/e/XGr0XTUbyi>

