



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 5

This week, I have seen so much fabulous learning – my favourite moment in Nursery was when I walked in to find everyone on the floor with their painting aprons on and a giant piece of paper on the floor which was covered in autumn colours made by putting the paints on with their hands – great fun! They have also been working on their Owl Babies story map through talk for writing and looked at same/different in maths.

My best moment in Reception was when I was teaching in the class and the children taught me one of their favourite songs, 'superheroes', and the actions – what a joy! As well as that, they have been writing some C-V-C words linked to the Little Red Hen and created their own 'mini-me' for their small world play.

Next week Nursery children are working on 'one more, one less' in maths and Reception children will be labelling in Literacy and continuing to compare numbers. We can't wait! Enjoy the warm and sunny weather this weekend.

Parents' Evenings Sign Up

Our Parents' evenings are coming up on Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th October. You will receive a Microsoft form from Mrs Tucker to book a time slot to meet with Mr Pouton or Miss Byrne. Bookings are allocated on a first come, first served basis. If you are unable to make an appointment in person we can offer a TEAMS meeting instead. Please let us know.

Pathway to Rocherbie Heights - Update

Good news! I have spoken to Bloors and they have informed me that the pathway will be open for pedestrian use on the 16th October – this will mean that our families who live there will now be able to walk to and from school rather than drive all the way round.

FROGS

Thank you so much – we now have 5 FROGS and Mrs Hine makes 6. We will be holding a dress down day and cake sale on Friday 20th October to raise funds for the school. It will

be £1 for your child to come to school in their own choice of clothes and cakes will be 50p each. For any Star Bakers amongst you, we would appreciate donations of cakes on that day. The cake sale will be at the end of the day either in the hall or at the front of the school, depending on the weather.

Please remember that we are a nut free school and home-made cakes will need to have a list of ingredients, as we have children with severe allergies in school. Mrs Tucker will set up parent pay for these events or you can bring cash on the day.

We will be organising more events this term and our first meeting will be during the first week back after half term. More details to follow.

Raffle Prizes

If you know of anyone who could donate a raffle prize for a Christmas Draw please let Mrs Hine know.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery - Chloe for such great developments in her participation in lessons and finding her voice. She has really grown in confidence.

Reception – Harry for showing such great progress and developing in confidence. He is always kind, looks after others and always does the right thing.

We are very proud of you both!

House Points

The winning house this week is . Well done for a second week as the winners.

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Harvest Festival next Friday. The children have been busy practicing their performances. Please bring your donation for the Foodbank to the front entrance where there will be some boxes for you to put the produce in. If anyone has any items to help decorate a table to display harvest produce (eg vegetables, dried grasses, autumn leaves etc) and our gifts on, or is able to come in at 1.45pm to help set this up before the assembly, please let Mrs Hine or Mrs Tucker know. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

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.

20/10 Dress Down Day and Cake Sale

24/10 and 26/10 Parents' Evenings (3.30-6pm)

27/10 Teacher Training Day

30/10 to 03/11 Half Term

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.)

The Gruffalo

Hooray! The results of the consultation about the cost of the proposed visit to Warwick Arts Centre to see The Gruffalo are in - 26 families responded and it was a unanimous decision that they were happy to pay for the visit. Gruffalo here we come! Further details to follow.



Brownsover Family Winter Project

This fantastic project to help families by providing a meal and a warm space will be running from Sunday 29th October to the end of March at Christ Church, Helvellyn Way on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from 4.30-6pm. More information is available on the parent noticeboard in the entrance. They are also in need of volunteers to support the project – if you can help, contact details are on the poster.

Fun Fact

Today is World Smile Day – I can certainly tell you that we have seen lots of smiley faces in school today.

