



THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

Keeping you up to date

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Autumn Term Week 7

Immersed in Stories

Your children are such amazing story tellers! In both Nursery and Reception, children have been re-telling their class stories using Talk for Writing techniques and their use of prosody (expression) has been really impressive. Thank you for supporting with this at home - it has been wonderful watching the videos that have been sent in of the children in 'story-telling' action.

Nursery children have also carved pumpkins, sequenced the 'Owl Babies' story and investigated woodland animals this week. Next week they will be continuing with their maths and literacy, as well as making Halloween biscuits.

Reception children are doing so well with their phonics and blending as well as matching amounts in maths. They have also been innovating the Little Red Hen story and enjoying making conker runs and water flows in our new, outside water equipment. Next week they will be practicing their tricky words and letter formation as well as creating their helicopter stories, where children orally create their own stories and act them out.

We are hoping to take both classes on an Autumn 'Welly' Walk next Thursday morning at 10am – if any parents would like to accompany us please let us know, as we could do with a few helpers. This of course will be weather dependent! With just 4 more days of school to go until the children's half term holiday there are quite a few tired children as they have worked so hard in this, their first half term at The Griffin. We hope you have a restful weekend.

Tapestry

Thank you all for signing up for Tapestry, our online Learning Journal. Remember that you can also send us examples of your child learning at home to add to their journal – we hope you find it helpful in keeping you informed about your child's learning at school.

Consultation on our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Policy

Every school has to consult parents about their RSE policy – we would ask parents to read through our policy, which is available on our website policy page and to contact Mrs Hine by Friday 10th November if you have any questions or comments about it via admin2072@welearn365.com.

Tax Free Childcare

Hooray! We have finally (after many phone calls and much chasing!) managed to get set up for Tax Free Childcare. You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). Please follow this link to check if you are eligible.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Photo Order Deadline

Please order your school photo by October 25th.

Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

Nursery - Azylah for growing in confidence to contribute in lessons and to play with and chat with her friends. It has been a pleasure to see.

Reception – Maahi for having good listening ears, trying hard, being a kind friend and always doing the right thing.

We are very proud of you both!

Next week 'Star of the Week' will be given on Thursday.

House Points

The winning house this week is  Well done to everyone in Ruby House.

Wraparound Care Booking

Mrs Tucker will be putting the sessions for the next half term onto ParentPay on Monday. Please sign up for what you need. There is a slight change to the schedule for after school clubs – Monday – Mini Rugby, Tuesday, Art & Craft, Wednesday - Gymnastics and Movement, Thursday – Around the World, Friday – Football.

Pedestrian Access

A big thank you to Bloors for completing the footpath down to Rocherbie heights – this will make a big difference to some of our families.

Helping Hands

Thank you to those dads (you know who you are!) who have helped construct equipment and put up toilet roll holders in the Nursery building this half term. We really appreciate your help.

FROGS

Our Friends and Relatives of The Griffin School fundraising group are having our first meeting on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm at school. Please do come along and offer your support, as we have lots of ideas.

Dates for the Diary

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

27/10 Teacher Training Day

30/10 to 03/11 Half Term

07/11 FROGS meeting – 7pm at school.

08/11 – PE for PPA (Just for this week, PE with Mr Gregory will be on 8th November rather than Tuesday 7th)

12/11 – Diwali – (we will do a focus activity about Diwali on Friday 10th November.)

12/11 – Remembrance Sunday (we will do some work on remembrance and poppies during the w/c 13/11)

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.)

17/11 – Children in Need (Wear Spotty clothes to raise money for charity. Pudsey items optional! £1 donation)

1/12 – NEW DATE – Christmas Decoration Day (Parents are welcome to come and join in the fun as we make decorations for our classrooms – 2pm)

4/12 – Reception Heights and Weights (Compass Team)

07/12 – Christmas Jumper Day – (£1 to support Save the Children)

13/12 Christmas Production - 2pm

14/12 Christmas Production - 6pm

18/12 Special visitor from the North Pole

19/12 The Gruffalo at Warwick Arts Centre (all school lunches that day will be the sandwich option. Please let your class teacher know if you can help on the trip.)

20/12 Christmas Lunch

22/12 End of Term at normal time.

Finally..... Keep collecting those Tesco Blue Tokens – we were a close second when I popped in to buy something earlier this week.