



# THE GRIFFIN GAZETTE

## Keeping you up to date

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### Spring Term Week 8

#### An Amazing World Book Day

WOW! What a fantastic World Book Day we had on Thursday. The children and staff all looked so fabulous – thank you so much for your support in this – and we spent the day focusing on 4 different books – ‘Oi Frog’, ‘Tiddler’, ‘Wilbur and Elmer’ and ‘How to Catch a Star’. Each book had an activity linked to it that the staff had prepared and the children joined in enthusiastically. Teresa Mpofo (the Headteacher of our Sponsor School, Lawrence Sheriff School) had a meeting with me in the morning and loved seeing and meeting so many different book characters, as your children said ‘hello’. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Bedtime Read in the evening – we hope your children enjoyed taking part. Here are some photos, showing the fun that we had and more will be going on the website soon.

Have a wonderful weekend – it seems hard to believe that the Easter Holiday is just 2 weeks away!



#### Nursery Places for September -

**(for current pupils) URGENT**

We will soon be offering places to our September intake for Nursery. **Please confirm (by emailing school) whether you still want a place in Nursery in September 2024 or would like to amend your hours.**

**The deadline for us to hear from you is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.** If we don't hear from you, we will assume that your child's place is to remain the same as now.

#### Have Your Say! AIP Customer Survey

We want to hear from you! Parent and pupil feedback is essential to help us to create future menus. We use your feedback from our termly surveys, to see which dishes are most and least popular, enabling us to create dishes that are nutritionally balanced and that children are excited to eat! Please find our survey “Parent Survey” under the navigation bar on the School Food United portal.

#### Easter Colouring Competition

Children should either have brought an Easter Egg to colour home or completed it in school today. Mrs Tucker and Mrs Isaac's are running a competition to be completed by the deadline of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, so that we can decorate the windows of our front reception area. There is a prize for everyone who has entered and an Easter Egg for the winners. Good luck everyone!



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## Star of the Week Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our stars of the week:

**Nursery** – Pola for settling so well and being a great all-rounder – working hard and being a good friend.

**Reception** – Arron for really growing in confidence and working so hard on your reading and writing. Great job!

## House Points



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

## AIPs World Book Day Colouring Competition

Congratulations to Riya (YR) and Pola (YN) for being selected by their classmates as the winners of the World Book Day colouring competition. They received their prize in Celebration Assembly today.

## Vacancies

Our adverts for a Year 1 Teacher and Teaching Assistants are now live on WM Jobs and on our school website. Please spread the word.

## Comic Relief/Red Nose Day – March 15<sup>th</sup>

On this day we will not be wearing red noses but will, instead, hold a cake sale in order to raise money for this fabulous charity event. Cakes will be 50p and if you are able to provide any it would be much appreciated.

Please remember that we cannot accept any cakes with nuts or nut products in as we are a nut free school. The link to make donations is on ParentPay

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14533>

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## Dates for the Diary

- 15/03 – Red Nose Day** (Cake Sale)
- 16/03 – FROGS Table Top Sale** (11am-2pm, £10 a table)
- 21/03 – Warwickshire Music EYFS Singing Stars**
- 22/03 FROGS Easter Bonnet Parade and competition** (50p entry – prize for all entries. Parade at 2.45pm – parents welcome)
- 22/03 - Last day of Spring Term**
- 25/03 – EASTER HOLIDAY**
- 08/04 – First Day of Summer Term**
- 06/05 – Bank Holiday Monday**
- 20/05 – Book Fair in school all week**
- 27/05 to 31/05 – Half Term**
- 03/06 - Second half term starts**
- 05/06 – Class Group Photos**
- 11/06 – New Intake Parents’ Information Evening** (for our September Nursery and Reception families - 6pm)
- 18/06 – Year 1 Parents’ Information Evening** (tbc)
- 28/06 - New Intake ‘getting to know you’ session** (am)
- 04/07 – New Intake ‘getting to know you’ session** (pm)
- 05/07 – Sports Day** (1.30pm)
- 08/07 – Reserve Sports Day** (1.30pm)
- 10/07 – Move Up Morning** (Children will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom - where possible)
- 12/07 – Annual Reports out to parents**
- 15/07 – Open Classrooms** (2.45pm)
- 18/07 – End of Term**
- 19/07 – Teacher Training Day**

And finally ... to all of our marvellous mums we wish you a very ...



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