



# GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER



Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Griffin Parents/ Carers

Welcome to our new Leadership Group Newsletter - we are moving quickly to the end of the academic year and to the final few weeks for our Y6 students & families. Here we are at the end of Week 2 - summer term 2 with lots of information to share already!

Please remember that we have two CPD days next week: Griffin is closed to students on Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th June while we have some training time for our staff to ensure everyone starts to get ready for September. We reopen at 8.55am on Monday 27th June.

- Our students have been working hard already and exploring our Theme: Griffin - The Year of Change: Expressing Ourselves!
- It's so lovely to see how much progress they have made since September and how confident so many have become. On Friday I had the pleasure of visiting the Arts Student Council meeting and it was great to see students from across the year groups working with Ms McGuinness and Ms Stoodley to help plan our 70-year Griffin Celebration!
- We have reached that time of the year when we have matched our students and Class Teachers ready for September 2022. Carly Doyle has already sent this information to you all but I have included a summary below. Please check out the information below, and, of course, do check in if you have any questions. Ms Doyle's letter [Here](#)

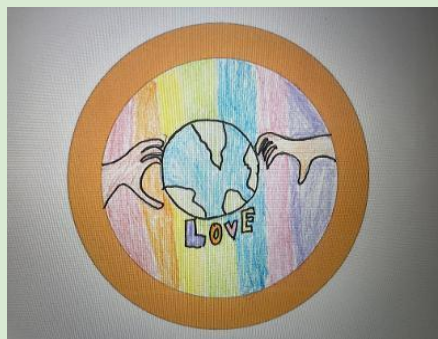
## 1. TEFAT Badges

In September, our Elliot Foundation Trust will be 10 years old so CEO Hugh set all the students across the academies a challenge to design a celebratory badge. At Griffin, every student was asked to create a unique design to celebrate one of the TEFAT values. Out of the 100+ entries at Griffin, I am delighted to announce that the winning 3 sent to Hugh were designed by:

Krish (Y2), Marvin (Y4) and Mirar (Y5)



Krish - Be Safe



Marvin - Make a Difference



Mirar - Children First

We are very proud of them all!

## 2. School Uniform

### Uniform Policy

You may be aware that the Government has asked all schools to review their uniform ready for September 2022 to ensure it is affordable. As a consequence, all of our TEFAT academies have updated their policy. At Griffin, from September, we have also set up a secondhand uniform sale on the penultimate Friday of each half term as a regular event. We hope that many of you will

consider donating any items of uniform that your daughter/ son has outgrown so that we can sell items for a donation/ swap. It would be great to save families the cost of buying new items wherever possible. I am attaching a link to the Policy. If you have any comments/ suggestions please email me directly ([karenbs@griffinprimary.org](mailto:karenbs@griffinprimary.org)) by **Friday 1st July**. **Gf. Uniform Policy: 2022-2023** Please note that blazers and ties will not be worn from September.

### 3. Trips & Visits

Over the next few weeks, our Griffin students will be heading off to many exciting places including cricket trips and a visit to Pizza Express (I hope I can go on that one!)

Y4 will be representing our singers when they go to Brunel University next Monday afternoon to join our other London TEFAT Academies in a **singing event** - we hope this will be great fun!

Seventeen of our Y6 students will be dancing at **Leicester Square Theatre** on Friday 8th July - now that is exciting!

They will be joining me at an event I am organizing for all of our London TEFAT academies. Our students have been busy choreographing an original piece of dance with Simeon Qysea (a professional dancer) and they look great!

We have also been really lucky to be given free tickets for the whole school to go to a show at the **Polka Theatre** in a couple of weeks too (thank you for organizing this, Ms Doyle!)

### 4. Meetings for the next Griffin Generation!

We are looking forward to the next Griffin Generation beginning their education with us over the next couple of weeks as we invite our new Nursery & Reception families to visit us.

Nursery appointments are on **Monday 27th June** and Reception meetings will take place on **Tuesday 5th July**.


### 5. EYFS Places

A final reminder .... if you are looking for a Nursery place for September 2022, please check in with Maggie in the Office. Your daughter/ son will need to be 3 by September 1st for them to start at the beginning of the new year. We offer free full-time provision at Griffin to support our families. Also, if you or a friend is looking for a Reception place for this September, please let us know as soon as possible and we will try our best to help. We'd love to hear from you!

### 6. Sports Day

A final date for your diary today - our Griffin Sports Day will take place on Thursday 14th July - Carly Doyle and Jodie Wallbank will be in touch with the times and arrangements for the day soon!

Have a super few weeks ahead!



Karen Bastick-Styles (Executive Head - Greenside & Griffin)  
Griffin - a Federation with Greenside and part of TEFAT.

<u>Griffin - 2022 - 2023 Class</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
Nursery Penguins	Ms Magda Zaborska
Reception Dolphins	Ms Louise White
Year 1 Elephants	Ms Esther McGuinness
Year 2 Lions	Ms Jess Stoodley
Year 3 Tigers	Ms Lauren Crook
Year 4 Jaguars	Mr Michael Downey
Year 5 Pandas	Ms Alex Bliss
Year 6 Lemurs	Ms Hannah Smith and Ms Jodie Wallbank

## A Message from Ms. Doyle

### Press Packers

We are so proud of two of our students, Armani and Bushra, who appeared on Newsround this week, interviewing author Jacqueline Wilson at the launch of her new book, *The Magic Faraway Tree: A New Adventure*. They were fabulous!

[Press Pack: Jacqueline Wilson reveals all about 'magical' new book - BBC Newsround](#)

Y3 had a fantastic time and we're so lucky to have a signed copy of this book in our library. I can't wait to read it.

### Friends of Griffin

We are delighted to announce that we are developing a new PSA (parent staff association) called *Friends of Griffin*.

They have lots of exciting ideas so I'm sure you'll hear from them soon. In the meantime, they have already planned their first event:



### **Cake and Second-hand Uniform Sale at 3:45pm on Tuesday 5th July**

Cake and old uniform donations needed. Please! (Good quality, clean uniform only)



If you would like to join *Friends of Griffin*, please contact the office and let us know if you're happy for your phone number to be passed on to the group.

### Fundraising for Griffin

Earn money for Griffin whenever you shop online by clicking on this link:

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/griffinprimaryschool/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/griffinprimaryschool/)

It doesn't cost you anything and could make a real difference to us. Thank you for your support.

Carly (Deputy Head)

## A Message from Ms Atkin

Good morning to Everyone!

You should now know your daughter/ son's class teacher for next year. If your child will be receiving additional support or provision next year to help meet their needs fully you will receive a letter shortly to explain what that will look like.

If you have any questions regarding this, please, first talk to your class teacher to explain in more detail.

If you have any further questions or queries please feel free to email me: [natkin@griffinprimary.org](mailto:natkin@griffinprimary.org), ring me or see me in the playground to talk more.

Best wishes

Nicolle (SENDCo)

## A Message from Ms Wallbank

I hope you're all enjoying a sunny start to the half term!

We have a busy few weeks, full of events and celebrations that we can't wait to share with you.

We are delighted that our Y5 & Y6 students who have been working with **Planet Harmony** this term will be performing next week.

Look out for the film clip that we will

Key dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 5th July 3.45pm** - Friends of Griffin cake & uniform sale. Please bake and send in any cakes that you can that morning.
- **Friday 8th July** - a group of Y6 students will dance at the TEFAT dance event - Leicester Square Theatre (information shared with dancer's families)

- **Thursday 14th July** - Sports Day. Information will be sent next week.
- **Friday 15th July 3.00pm** - 70 years of Griffin - We are celebrating Griffin's 70th birthday with a lovely food sharing event with families in our Key Stage 2 playground. Please send in any food that you can that morning. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Look out for an invitation from your daughter/ son's class teacher to their end of year performance during the last week of term too.

We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

Jodie (AHT)