



Griffin Primary School

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Fortnightly Roundup

Phonics Workshop

Last week, Miss White (Phonics Lead and Year 1 teacher) hosted a workshop for parents. The workshop included details about how families can support their child's reading development at home. If you missed it, please have a look at the information on Phonics on our website.

Meet the Teacher

Years 1, 3, 5 and 6 have now had their 'meet the teacher' events. Thank you to all of the families who have attended these. If you have any further questions about your child's learning this year or homework expectations, please speak to your child's class teacher.

British Museum

Year 6 visited the British Museum last Friday, as part of their learning. During their visit, they looked at different artefacts, which originated in different countries, with a focus on Africa. They were even allowed to hold some of the artefacts that originated in Ethiopia and Ghana.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Red

Important Dates:

Meet the Teacher - 9am

Monday 25th September - Nursery and

Reception

Wednesday 27th September - Year 4

Thursday 28th September - Year 2

Thursday 28th September

Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y6

families - 3.45pm

Friday 29th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning (details to

follow)

Mon 16th & Tues 17th October

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Half term

Thursday 30th November

Flu immunisations

Wednesday 20th December

Break up

Thursday 21st December

CPD day - school closed to pupils

Parent/Carer Survey

We want to hear from all of our parents and carers about their child's experience at Griffin Primary School. This will help us have a rounded insight into what to strategically prioritise, and the new leadership team to fully understand everything Griffin.

Please find the link below for our parent/carers survey. Responses will be collected until Friday 29th September and will subsequently be published.

<https://forms.gle/J6SBA7xQF2sp8jbJ7>

Attendance

Griffin Primary School has high expectations for every pupil to attend school. Our target is 96%. Well done to our Nursery class, who have the best attendance in the school!

The NHS has published useful information for families, to support in deciding if to send in your child when they are feeling unwell.

[NHS | Is my child too ill for school?](#)



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Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

To help promote a love of Reading across Griffin Primary School, we are launching The Reading Road Map program. The Reading Road Map is a reading initiative that we are using in Years 3-6. Our main aim is to allow children to discover a wide variety of new and exciting book titles and authors, as well as creating and nurturing a love for reading.

Children will be given their own map, which lists the 60 different texts they can read throughout the year. The theme encourages children to find new books that they might enjoy, and possibly new genres they have never tried or encountered before. Once a child has read a book, they can get it ticked off on their checklist. For every certain number of books read, the children will be given a certificate. While it would be fantastic for children to read as many books as they can, the aim is to encourage them to enjoy reading and finding new books they want to read.

The books in each year group are spread across a range of reading abilities and as children become stronger readers over the course of the year, they will be able to access more books on the list. The books are colour coded to reflect challenge. Each phase 3/4 and 5/6 have 60 books to share between classes. Children will be bringing their book home as part of their home reading. Books that are damaged or lost must be replaced or compensated for.



SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

This week, we sent out pupils SEND support plans, which outlines the area of needs, planned support and targets for this term. These were sent out as paper-based copies but will be emailed in future; please ensure we have an up to date email for you. If you have any questions on these support plans please contact your class teacher or myself.

We are working with the Educational Welfare Team, who provide support for children's and families mental health. They will be coming to our parent coffee morning on the 17th October at 9am to talk about the services they provide - we invite you to join us!

They are also offering a range of wellbeing NHS online workshops for Primary age parents:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309>

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