



Griffin Primary School

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Principal: Mr N Read Deputy: Miss S Casey

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Fortnightly Roundup

Creative Wandsworth

This week, Year 4 and 5 went to Southside shopping centre to visit an art exhibition. Earlier in the year, the children took part in a workshop to weave old materials together to 'weave out waste'. They had the opportunity to visit their artwork on display and learn more about reducing fabric waste around the world. If you have time, the art will be on display in the shopping centre until 8th May so pop down and have a look at the incredible work of Year 4 and 5!

Attendance and Punctuality - We need your help

Recently, we have seen a rise in children who are persistently absent, meaning they are below 90%, and are falling behind their peers. We want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

The school gates open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt start to learning. The school day ends at 3.30pm and families are reminded to collect their child(ren) at this time. Unfortunately, there have been many occasions recently where children have not been picked up on time, sometimes half an hour late, leaving many of our pupils upset that they have not been collected.

What you must do:

- Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence • Tell the school in advance of any medical appointments and bring appointment cards/letters
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend, send them in as they often perk up on arrival, and we will monitor them
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, talk to us as a first step so we can help

What we will do:

- Check your child's attendance twice every day
- Make contact to discuss your child's attendance with you
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned • If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit

Wishing you a lovely bank holiday weekend,

Mr Red

Important Dates:

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th

May Y6 SATs week

Monday 20th May

RSHE workshop for parents at 9am

Wednesday 22nd May

Y5 TEFAT Oracy Project trip

Thursday 23rd May

Y6 at LIFE Exhibition
Break up for half term

Friday 24th May

INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Monday 3rd June

Pupils return to school

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th

June Y4 Multiplication Tables
Check

Tuesday 4th June

Pupil photographs

Monday 10th - Friday 14th

June Y1 Phonics Screening
Check

Wednesday 12th June

Y4 Football Tournament at Emmanuel

Wednesday 19th June

Y5 TEFAT Sings trip

Monday 1st July

New Nursery (2024) Parents' meetings

Tuesday 2nd July

TEFAT Create Day @ Royal Opera
House

Wednesday 3rd July

Y6 to Fulham FC
Y5 Printmaking workshop

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July

Y6 PGL residential trip

Tuesday 9th July

Sports Day

Thursday 11th July

Move Up morning

Wednesday 24th July

End of term - Break up 2pm

Dates are given as a guide;
always check the school
website.



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Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure has decreased yet again to: **93.49%**

Well done to Year 5, who remain above our target of **96%** attendance!

The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

Parents who take their child out of school without permission may face [paying a fine](#).



Class	Attendance
Y5: Pandas	96.99%
Y3: Tigers	94.31%
Y1: Elephants	93.65%
Y4: Jaguars	93.49%
Rec: Dolphins	93.44%
Y6: Lemurs	92.79%
Nursery: Penguins	90.88%
Y2: Lions	90.64%

Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

Next half term, children will be following the PSHE unit '*Changing Me*' as part of their Relationship and Health Education. The *Changing Me* unit includes 2 or 3 lessons, in every class, to help children understand the changes which happen to their bodies as they get older. Younger year groups will be learning the correct terminology for body parts and doing the foundational work for later year groups.

Across Years 3-6, lessons build on children's prior knowledge and they look fully at puberty and human reproduction. We will be holding a workshop for parents to allow them to go through the materials we will be using and how this will be approached with the children. The workshop will take place on Monday 20th of May at 9am in the larger hall. We hope you will attend.

Please contact Miss Casey with any additional questions or concerns.

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Transitions can be difficult, particularly for some children with SEND.

The Battersea Education Wellbeing Service are running 'Worry Ninja' online parent/carer workshops, providing tips and tools to support your child's confidence, and to help with any worries before their SATs and as they move to secondary school. The online workshops will be live with the opportunity to raise any questions you might have. You can sign up here:

www.eventbrite.com/cc/worry-ninja-parent-session-swlstg-nhs-trust-2107979

Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service are running some useful parent workshops throughout the summer term: Please see link to sign up [WAAS Spring term 2024 parent schedule FINAL \(1\).pdf](#)



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