



Griffin Primary School

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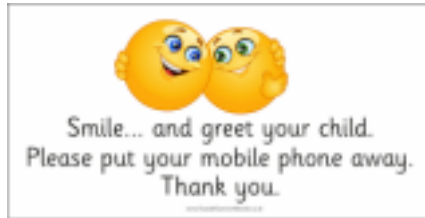
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Welcome	Important Dates:
<p>Good afternoon</p> <p>It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that I will be leaving my role as Executive Head at Griffin to continue my journey as Principal at Parkfield. This decision was not an easy one, as the Griffin community has meant so much to me. The relationships I've built with the children, families and staff here have been truly special, and I will always carry fond memories of our time together. Watching your children grow and thrive has been a privilege I will cherish forever.</p> <p>Though I am excited for the next chapter at Parkfield, please know that I will still support the transition of Principal at Griffin next term and will visit in some form and capacity. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your children's lives. I will miss you all.</p> <p><i>M Rea</i></p> <p>Many thanks for all your efforts to try and get your children into school on time, ready for PE days and lots of learning. It is making a difference.</p> <p>We now need to work on pick up time, please talk to us if you have any problems with this. There is a legal expectation that you are ready to collect your child at 3.30pm. Too many parents are presently arriving at 3.45pm or later. Staff have lots to do at the end of the day so please help them and be prompt!</p> <p>After the first few weeks it appears that the Magic Breakfast is a popular start to the day! Each week we will have a range of different items for the children. Toast and jam seems to be the most popular at the moment- with crumpets coming a close second.</p> <p>Swimming</p> <p>We are pleased to share that we are working closely with Emmanuel school who have kindly offered us the use of their swimming pool. Initially this will be for our Year 4 class as this is part of the Year 4 new curriculum. However, we are hoping to add some additional slots of Years 5 and 6 across the year.</p> <p>We have lots of much needed grounds work booked in for the half term break. We are working hard to make the school a better place to learn. Trees are being lopped which should mean that we can use the Fiorset School again.</p> <p>A big thank you to all of those parents who enjoyed the performance poetry session yesterday. This was the first time children had performed in this way and I think you will agree they did a magnificent</p>	<p><u>Magic Breakfast</u> All week!</p> <p><u>Half Term</u></p> <p><u>Monday 4th November</u> = CPD Day - School closed to pupils</p> <p><u>Tuesday 5th November</u> Clubs begin</p> <p>Swimming for year 4 starts this week- Hurrah!</p> <p><u>Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings</u></p> <p>Week beginning 11th November 2024</p> <p><u>Wednesday 13th November</u> EYFS parent coffee morning (NIPA Project, Education Well Being Service, Local Offer)</p> <p><u>Friday 20th December</u> - School closes at 2pm</p>



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We would like to politely please ask that you **don't have your phones on during pick up and collection**. If you need to take an urgent call we would ask that you step out of the school gates to take the call.

Uniform

If you need any extra school uniform for your children we have a large selection of pre worn items that are clean and ready to wear. We will pop these items outside at collection time next week on a dry and sunny day. Please help yourself. It would be great if you have any old uniform to share so that we can use it for other children. Over time we will work to develop a 'swap shop' to try and support all our families.

Please can I remind you to make sure your child comes to school in PE kit or has it with them on PE days. Children will no longer be able to take part in lessons if they are not dressed appropriately. Our PE curriculum is really full on and children need to be in sportswear to take part safely.

GOOD NEWS

Football stars at Griffin Primary

This week, the boys and girls football teams had the exciting opportunity to take part in their first football tournament. The tournaments took place in Trinity Fields in Wandsworth and it hosted many schools across the Wandsworth borough. Both teams showed exceptional determination, sportspersonship and courage throughout their tournaments. The boys showed a remarkable amount of perseverance during their matches and did not give up until the end. The girls won two of their matches during the group stages which meant they got through as far as the quarter finals! We couldn't have been more proud.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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Attendance 13th - 25th October 2024

Class %

N: Penguins 87.9 %

R: Dolphins 86.7%

Y1: Elephants 98.1%

Y2: Lions 96.8%

Y3: Tigers 90.7%

Y4: Jaguars 96.4%

Y5: Pandas 94.2%

Y6: Lemurs 97.3%

Whole School 94.3%

Well done everyone for really trying to get to our target of 96%. Every day really does matter and there is so much wonderful learning going on that we do not want any of our children to miss out on. Our attendance over the last 2 weeks has been so much improved.

A quick reminder that the gate is open from 8:45 am until 9 am.

Registration is at 9am; In accordance with our statutory responsibilities, any child arriving after 9am will be marked late. If you arrive after 9:15am, your child will be given a 'U' code which means that they are on site but recorded as absent after the registers have closed.

The rules around fines for attendance have changed this year. We are required to consider fines when a child has missed 10 sessions (5 days) without a reason. The amount for fines has also increased to £80 per child up to £160 if not paid quickly or if fines have been sent previously.

If you need any support with school attendance or punctuality, please contact the office and we can arrange a time to meet.





Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

Welcome back! We have an exciting half-term ahead—please view your child's class newsletter video below and review their termly plans to learn about the curriculum. More details will be shared in the 'Meet the Teacher' meetings.

Video Newsletters:

[Nursery 2024-25](#) [Reception 2024-25](#) [Year 1 2024-25](#) [Year 2 -2024-25](#)



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Curriculum Overviews:

[Nursery and Reception Curriculum Overview](#)

[Year 1 Learning Overview](#)

[Year 2 Learning Overview](#)

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[Year 3 Learning](#)

[Year 4 Learning Overview](#)

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PE Coaches: We're excited to welcome SG Sports coaches from Brixton to Griffin Primary School. They'll enhance PE lessons, lead lunchtime and after-school sports clubs on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, and help our teachers elevate their PE skills.

PE Timetable:

Year 1 Thursday and Friday

Year 2 Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 3 Wednesday and Friday

Year 4 Monday and Wednesday

Year 5 Monday and Friday

Year 6 Tuesday and Thursday

Please remember that your child should come to school on PE days wearing their PE Kit and a school jumper so that they do not lose time having to get changed for PE.

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

What a great first half term! The staff at Griffin have been working tirelessly to support our amazing SEND pupils to thrive within our mainstream setting. This half term's support plans will be reviewed by teachers and you will receive access to their new plan by logging in to the Provision Map. Speak to your class teacher or myself if you need support logging in to the Provision Map.

Parents Evening

Please let your class teacher know if you would like me to attend your parents evening appointment for any SEND discussions


Speech and Language Therapy

Year One Speech and Language Screener


After half term, all Year One pupils will receive a short screening activity to identify potential communication difficulties. Please speak to your class teacher if you wish to opt out of this service.



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Speech and Language Therapy Mainstream School Service



Griffin Primary School commissions Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) from Evelina London.

Our therapists work with schools to support the development of pupil's Speech, Language and Communication (SLC) skills, including:

- Attention and listening
- Understanding
- Talking
- Social interaction



Difficulties in any of these areas can affect pupil's learning, their access to the National Curriculum, and their ability to build relationships.

Please contact your School's SENCo to:

- Get more information about the SLT service
- Check if your child is on the school SLT caseload (Specialist)
- Request your child **does not** have direct contact with the SLT without your prior permission (Targeted)
- Discuss any concerns around your child's SLC skills

We support schools and pupils through:

- Specialist activities**
Children with identified SLC needs who are referred to us for assessment and may require additional support.
- Targeted activities**
Children with SLC needs or those who would benefit from additional input to access the curriculum. This includes schools running Targeted Language Groups and SLC screening to identify any needs, with SLT support.
- Universal activities**
Supports every child / whole school. This could include advice, drop-in sessions, environmental observations or training sessions.

www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/community-speech-and-language-therapy



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Top tips to support your child with sharing news about their day with you!

- Give a story to get a story! Try giving your child a simple recount of events from your day.
- Ask guiding questions when necessary, such as asking what happened next.
- If your child's story is a bit muddled, model back how they could have said it.



Please contact the school's SENCo to discuss any questions you have about your child's Speech, Language & Communication skills and the support available in the school.



www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/communityspeechandlanguage
Evelina London Children's Community Speech and Language Therapy

Family Support and Wider Community

Free School Meals

All pupils who attend Griffin Primary School are now entitled to have a free school meal, provided by the school kitchen. This has been extended to pupils in Years 3-6, through the **Mayor's Universal Free School Meals Scheme**.

It is still very important to let us know if you are in receipt of benefits that can trigger additional funding for your child whilst at the school.

If you wish for your children to have lunch it is really helpful to let us know so that we can ensure we always have enough food to provide lunches for all!

