



# Griffin Primary School

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**Executive Principal: Mr N Read Interim Head of School: Mrs S Craig**

**Deputy: Miss S Casey Interim Deputy: Mr Thomas**

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## Welcome from Sally Craig- Interim Headteacher

### Wow...what a great start to the term.

Firstly, I would like to thank you all for ensuring your children get to school on time with all that they need for the school day. It has been a real delight greeting all the children on the front and back gates each morning.

If we have not met yet, I apologise. I have tried to introduce myself to most of you at the gates at the start and end of the school day. If we have not met yet please make yourself known it is good to match the children with those grown ups that they live with at home.

This term I have been asked to lead the school with Mr Read's support up until we are able to appoint a permanent Headteacher for the school which we hope will be in January.

Miss Casey is presently not working in school but we are being supported by Mr Thomas who has a wealth of experience and is busy organising lots of additional activities for all of your children to take part in both during and after the school day.

You will see in this update that we have been able to engage a number of sports coaches to add both lunchtime and after school clubs. These will be planned across the year to make sure all pupils have the opportunity to take part if they so desire.

Watch this space though, as there are many more great opportunities coming!

We were pleased that the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions were so popular last year, many staff and parents fed back how helpful they were. So this year we have organised these 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for every class. This is a great opportunity for parents and carers to get to know their child's teacher and find out what they will be learning over the year and how we can work together to help them learn. Please find your child's date in the important dates column. All meetings start at 9am during the week starting 23rd of September. Be assured we will remind you nearer the time and let

you know which day has been organised for each year group.

Thankyou for supporting us with the changes to arriving at school and with collection at the end of the day. We have lots of work to do on the side playground to make it safe for children to use.

It will be a real privilege to work with you all this year, please don't be a stranger- we are here to help.  
Sally Craig



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## Important Dates:

### Meet the Teacher - 9am

Year 1 Monday  
Year 2 Tuesday  
Year 3 Wednesday  
Year 4 Thursday  
Year 5 Friday  
Year 6 Monday 30th  
EYFS Tuesday 1st

Half Term

**Thursday 26th September** Phonics workshop for all parents - 9am

**Thursday 17th October -**

**Thursday 24th October -**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October -**

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

**Monday 4th November -**

CPD Day - School closed to pupils

**Friday 20th December -**

School closes at 2pm

**Monday 28th October - Friday 31st October**

## Attendance Week ending 13th September 2024

### Class %

N: Penguins 73.61

R: Dolphins 90.28

Y1: Elephants 86.25

Y2: Lions 89.06

Y3: Tigers 78.13

Y4: Jaguars 87.02

Y5: Pandas 83.33

Y6: Lemurs 93.23

Whole School **85.97**

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

Nursery, Reception, Years 1,2 and 3 now come in the front gate each morning.

Our older pupils now use the side gate to both start the school day and for collection at the end of the day. Registration is at 9am;

In accordance with our statutory responsibilities, any child arriving after 9am will be marked late. If you need any support with school attendance or punctuality, please contact the office and we can arrange a time to meet.

### Attendance Matters



0 days off in a year 0 lessons missed	100%
2 days off in a year 10 lessons missed	99%
5 days off in a year 25 lessons missed	97%
10 days off in a year 50 lessons missed	95%
14 days off in a year 70 lessons missed	93%
20 days off in a year 100 lessons missed	90%



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**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:**

<a href="#">Nursery 2024-25</a>	<a href="#">Reception 2024-25 Year 1 2024-25</a>	<a href="#">Year 2 -2024-25</a>
<a href="#">Year 3 2024-2025 .mp4</a>	<a href="#">Year 4 2024-25 Year 5 2024-25</a>	<a href="#">Year 6 2024-25</a>

**Curriculum Overviews:**

<a href="#">Nursery and Reception Curriculum Overview Autumn 1 Year 1 Learning Overview Au...</a>	<a href="#">Year 2 Learning Overview A...</a>
<a href="#">Year 3 Learning Overview A...</a>	<a href="#">Year 4 Learning Overview A... Year 5 Learning Overview A...</a>
	<a href="#">Year 6 Learning Overview A...</a>

**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.

**Clubs Timetable:**

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	Years 4-6 Football training
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	Years 1-3 Multi-Sports
<b>Friday</b>	Year 2-4 Art Club Lunch Time

**Lunchtime Clubs:**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Year 2</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Year 4</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Year 5</b>



**PE Timetable:**

Football team training years 4-6	Wednesday and Friday
3.45pm- 4.30pm KO Years 4-6	Tuesday and Wednesday
Multi-Sport 3.45pm- 4.30pm	Wednesday and Friday
Years 1-3 Football training Lunch time	Monday and Wednesday
	Monday and Friday
4-6 World Heartbeat	Tuesday and Thursday

Years 1-3 Multi-Sports 3.45pm-4.30pm

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## **Music after school- Watch out for the letter to sign your children up!**

### **First Beat After School Club (World Heart Beat Music Academy)**

We are incredibly lucky to be offered free music tuition (called First Beat) from the World Heart Beat Music Academy. Your child can access a **free** after school music session every Thursday from the 4th October until 24th November.

#### **World Heart Beat 'First Beat'**

World Heart Beat Music Academy is a joyful, welcoming and innovative place, where young people, aged 5-25, are brought together with world-class musicians to share their love of music.

**First Beat** is a free taster course for young people in **KS2** interested in learning an instrument. Children will attend weekly sessions and will have the opportunity to try a variety of different instruments and learn more about music.

**When?:** 3.45pm - 5.00pm Thursday starting 4th October. World Heart Beat's trained and DBS checked staff will collect children from the school and walk them to Embassy Gardens, accompanied by a member of Griffin's staff.

**Where?:** World Heart Beat Embassy Gardens, 3 Ponton Road, SW11 7BD

**Cost:** Free

#### **What happens?:**

Each week, children will be given the opportunity to try a different instrument including guitar, piano, singing, brass and strings. They'll be taught by the World Heart Beat's friendly and supportive team of professional musicians.

**After the course, children will have the opportunity to take regular lessons at the academy. World Heart Beat offers full bursaries and instrument loans to those who need them.**

## **SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo**

### **Welcome Back!**

It has been great to be back for a new academic year at Griffin and I hope you enjoyed a restful summer. Many of you know me from last year but I wanted to give a little more detail about my role as SENDCo. SENDCo, stands for special educational needs and disabilities coordinator. Every UK school is required to have a SENDCo to ensure all children with additional needs are supported. My role involves: ●

- Supporting teachers to identify and adapt learning for pupils with special educational needs
- Liaising with parents and external professionals such as speech and language therapists, educational psychologists or occupational therapists in order to provide specialised interventions.
- Making referrals for assessments for example with CAMHs or the Emerging Needs Pathway
- Applying for Educational Health Care Plans (EHCPs) and facilitating annual review meetings
- Arranging interventions to provide additional support to children with a learning gap
- Ensuring support plans are in place to set out small steps targets for SEND pupils

**If you are concerned your child has an additional need or your child is already on the SEND register and needs support- please**

feel free to contact me!



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## Speech and Language Therapy



### Speech and Language Therapy School Service

Hi! My name is Emma Morris and I'm a school speech and language therapist. I work with children across the school to support **Speech, Language and Communication (SLC)** skills, in areas like:

- Attention and listening
- Understanding
- Talking
- Supporting interactions with others



Speech, language and communication development is important in supporting pupil's **learning** and their ability to **build relationships**.

I support in school through a range of different activities including training, advice, classroom observations, setting up groups, creating a communication friendly environment to support language & learning, and much more.

**I am happy to talk to parents and carers.** If you would like to chat to me about any concerns you have about your child's communication, the school SENCO can arrange a meeting with me.

Keep an eye out in future newsletters for top tips to support your child's communication at home, as well as links to resources and advice videos!

## 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!

Our school kitchen is now led and managed by Harrison Catering.



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