



Griffin Primary School

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November 2024

Important Dates:



Good afternoon

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see you all at parents' evening last week. I hope you enjoyed seeing what your child learnt last half term. Standards are rapidly improving across the school, children are beginning to know and remember more about their learning. It is an exciting place to be!

Swimming



Year 4 have,

at last, started their swimming lessons!

For many of our Year 4 children last week's swimming was the first time they had been in a pool.

As there was much excitement and a little worry, we asked Elvis, one of the TEFAT

Magic Breakfast

All week!

Monday 9th December

Year 2 Trip to Shrekland!

Tuesday 10th

December Whole

school Nativity

rehearsal EYFS

2-3pm

Wednesday 11th

December

- Christmas Jumper Day!
- School Christmas Lunches at Noon
- EYFS Nativity Performance to parents at 3pm

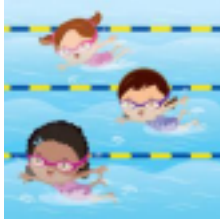


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director's rather handsome and brave Vizsla, to share his experience of learning to swim.

Children were able to watch videos of Elvis taking his first plunge in a pool. He then came into school to wish all of year four the best for their lessons at a local pool.

We have been really lucky to have the use of a school pool at a school in Clapham. The school has also supported us with swimming coaches. So a great big thank you



to **Emmanuel school!**

Please can I remind you to make sure your child comes to school in PE kit or has it with them on PE days. They will also need to tape over or remove any jewellery. 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.

If you have any issues with either general PE kit or swim wear please let us know as we have a range of kit that we are able to support families with.

The school grounds

As you may have seen we have at last been able to get started with trying to improve the outside of the school. Much needed work has now been undertaken to make trees safe, clear gutters and generally tidy up.

New outdoor changing rooms for the footballers are due very soon. As soon as these are in place we can all get back to learning in our fabulous forest school.

Friday food sharing

The Friday food drop continues to be popular. Please help yourself to any of the foods, they are there for **ALL** our families and the wider community.

Learning at Griffin

As we have now started new learning across the school we thought it would be a great time to share some of the work children have produced so far this term with you all!

EYFS

In Early Years, we've been looking at ourselves: our looks, interests, skills and talents as well as our families, homes and the wider community. We celebrated our similarities and differences, reflecting upon how each of us is unique in their own special way. The children drew beautiful self-portraits, explored their families by creating family trees and talked about their dreams and aspirations. It's been fantastic watching our pupils settling so well into the school environment, forming new friendships and engaging with all sorts of activities and tasks with so much enthusiasm.

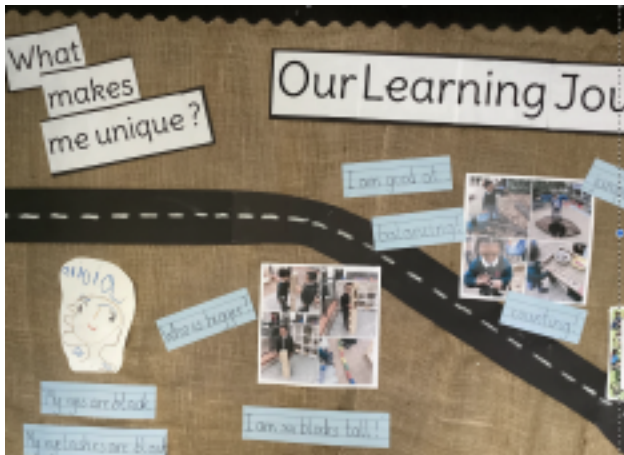
Thursday 12th

December EYFS and Year 1 Trip to Elf Academy in Battersea 11-12:15pm

Wednesday 18th

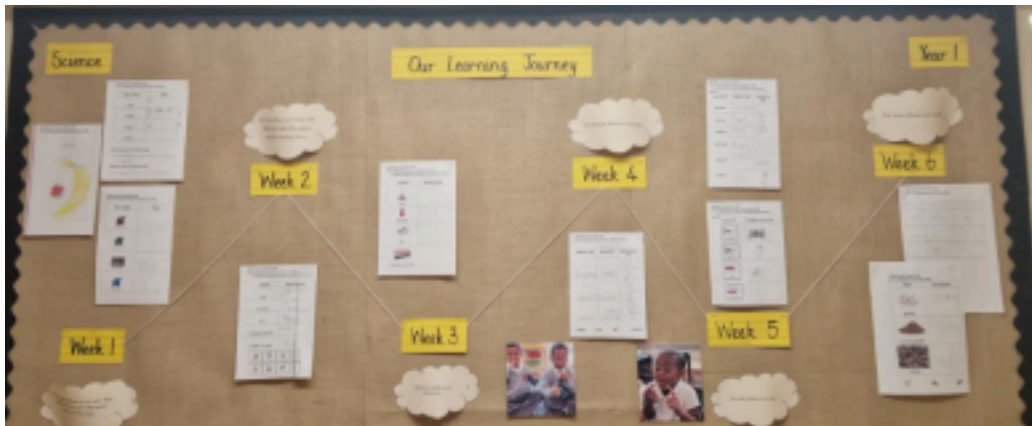
December

Winter Concert
Performance 2:30-3:30pm



Year 1

For science children have been looking at the range of human senses.. Children undertook a range of activities to investigate and learn about how our bodies work.



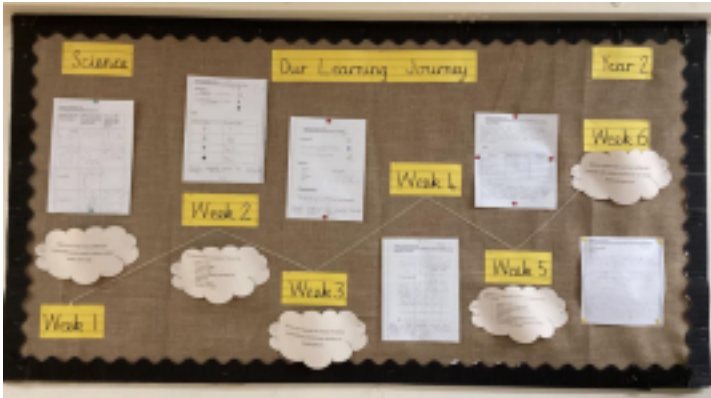
In History children looked at changes in toys and technology in recent times.





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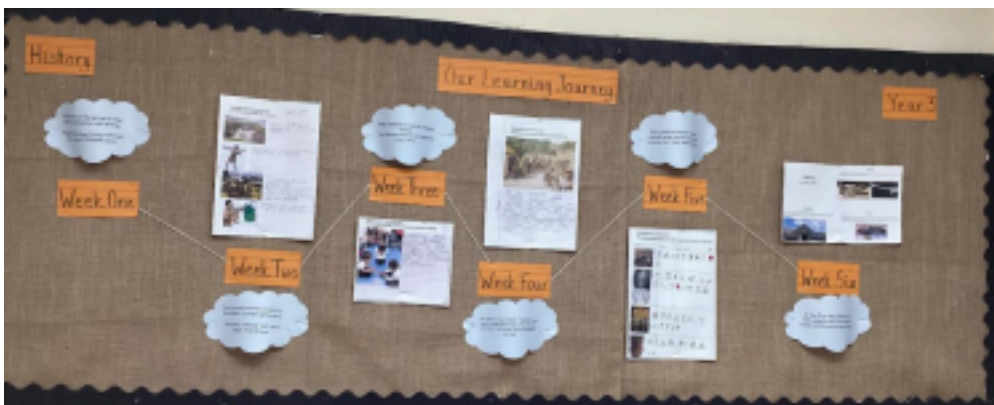
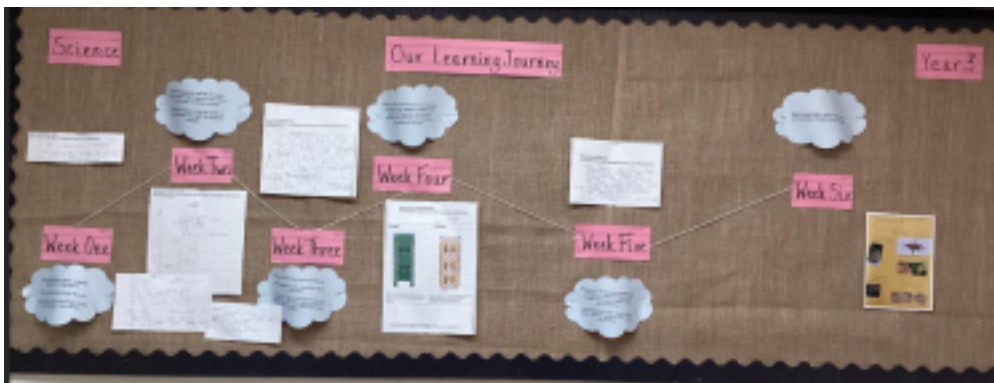
Year 2



Year two children have been amazing us with all that they have learnt and remembered about the Great Fire of London. Ask them lots of questions, you will be impressed.

Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard, investigating and writing about their learning. Ask your children about what they remember!



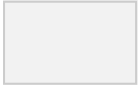
Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about the Ancient Greeks in their History lessons.

Do ask them what they remember as they have impressed us all with facts about how the Greeks changed the world.

You should all be very proud of your children in year 4, so many new experiences this term, from swimming, PE coach lead lessons- cooking and lots of Art! That is before we even start on the maths, the science and the reading and writing skills and knowledge they are developing! Well done Year 4.





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Year 5

A busy half term for year five- In history they have been looking at how the Anglo Saxons went about their daily life and how they changed how we farm and live as families. In science children looked at how different forces act upon the world. Ask them to tell you some facts- they are an impressive bunch!





Year 6

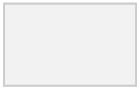
Year six have been looking at the transatlantic slave trade and how it affected so many people across the world. We can safely say they are specialists now!

Safeguarding and Phones

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.

Research tells us that those children who make lots of progress with their learning spend time talking to their families- the rise of social media and general screen time





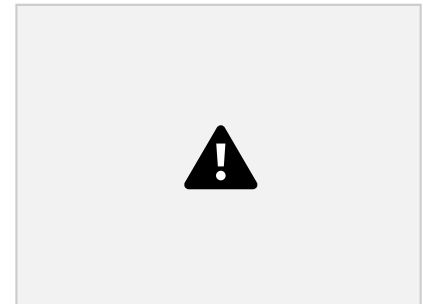
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Attendance 4th - 15th November 2024

Class %

- N: Penguins 75.6 %
- R: Dolphins 82.6%
- Y1: Elephants 92.8%
- Y2: Lions 92.8%
- Y3: Tigers 90.0%
- Y4: Jaguars 94.7%
- Y5: Pandas 91.5%
- Y6: Lemurs 94.2%
- Whole School 91%



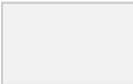
Our first two weeks back we have seen lots of illnesses and lateness. Thank you to everyone who has tried hard to be on time every day, it really does make a big difference to your children’s learning.

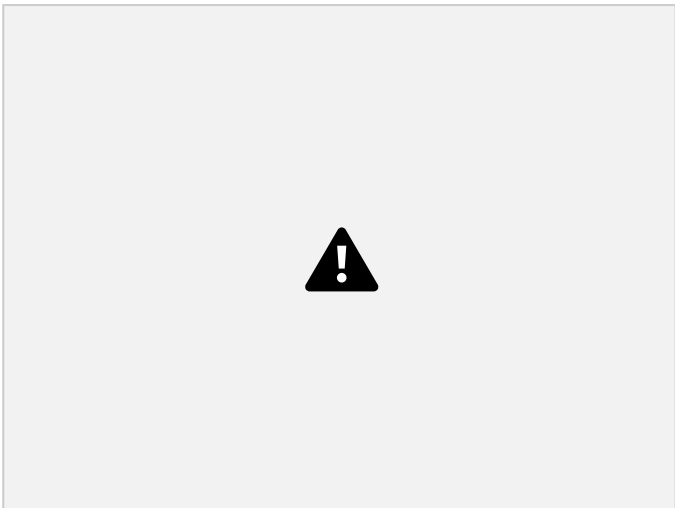
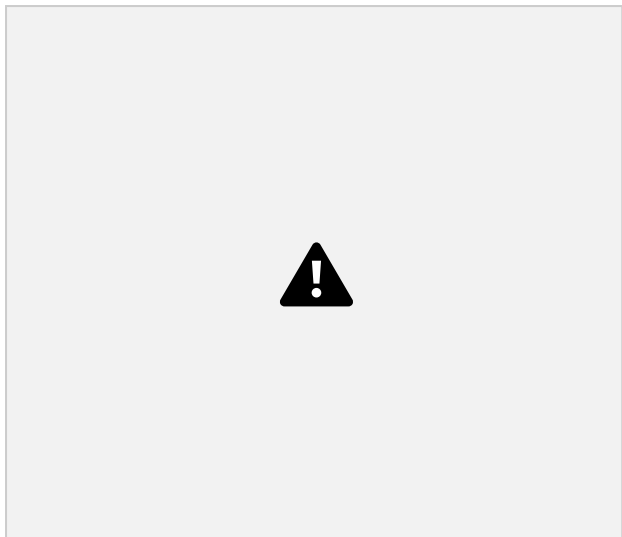
A quick reminder that the gate is open from 8:45 am until 9 am.

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 forward information to the Local Authority 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

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Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

We have an exciting half-term ahead! Please find attached your child's curriculum overview for Autumn 2, which outlines the learning taking place during this period. Alongside our broad and balanced curriculum, we are thrilled to share a variety of upcoming enrichment opportunities for the pupils, offering fantastic chances for learning outside the classroom. The children from the Whale Room will be visiting their local park; Year 6 will have the chance to visit the Portrait Gallery, linked to their Portraits unit in Art and Design; and Year 2 will be heading to the Shrek's Land Adventure, which complements their unit on fairy tales. These activities form part of our commitment to providing a rich array of experiences that support both academic and personal development.

We are also pleased to announce our upcoming residential trip for Year 6 pupils from July 4th to 6th at PGL Marchant Hill. The trip will offer a variety of outdoor adventure activities, including team-building, climbing, and orienteering, designed to build confidence and teamwork. A meeting will be held on Monday 25th at 9am to provide more details and answer any questions. We look forward to sharing more information soon!

Curriculum Overviews:

[Nursery and Reception Curriculum Overview Autumn 2](#) [Year 1 Learning Overview Autumn 2](#) [Year 2 Learning Overview Autumn 2](#) [Year 3](#)

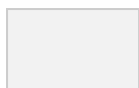
[Learning Overview Autumn 2](#) [Year 4 Learning Overview Autumn 2](#) [Year 5 Curriculum Overview \(1st Half\)](#) [Year 6 Learning Overview Autumn 2](#)

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

SEND Support Plans

Please log in to 'Provision Map' to see your child's Autumn 2 SEND Support Plan. If you have any questions or need a reminder of log in details please let your class teacher or myself know.

Please see attached strategies shared by the speech therapist for supporting your child's communication at home:



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Family Support and Wider Community

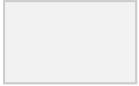
Free School Meals

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**.

You may be entitled to **Pupil Premium & Free School Meals**. Please request a form from the school office to complete as soon as possible. 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!





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