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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th October 2023

Fortnightly Roundup

Meet the Teacher

It was great to see so many parents/carers engage with our 'meet the teacher' mornings for all year groups. Feedback from these sessions was greatly appreciated and we are pleased to know that parents found these informative, particularly about the curriculum expectations and how to best support their child at home.

TfL Workshop

Two weeks ago, Year 6 had a visitor from Transport for London. The children learnt all about travelling safely on the tube or bus. They also learnt about how to get a Zip Card and our responsibilities when using public transport safely as well as the environmental impact we can have in the way they choose to travel.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Last week's Macmillan Coffee Morning was a huge success! It was lovely to host parents for both the event and to watch our weekly celebration assembly. The total amount raised over both cake sales was a whopping £200.

Thank you to the Wandsworth Road Co-Op Manager for donating cakes and also the kind friends of Griffin - both old and new.

Cross Country

On Wednesday, 20 pupils from Year 5 and 6 represented Griffin in a Cross Country Championships at Tooting Bec Common. It was an incredible experience for children to experience a real race where they each had their own race number and competed against many other schools from the borough of Wandsworth. Even though it was challenging and tiring, it was lovely seeing the children persevering and crossing the finish line with a smile on their faces. Each and every one of them should be proud of their efforts and I hope this will inspire them to run in the future.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Friday 13th October

Oral Hygiene Project visiting classes

Mon 16th & Tues 17th October

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings and Book Fair

Tuesday 17th October

Wellbeing Service coffee morning - 9am

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October

Half term

Monday 30th October

CPD Day - school closed to pupils

Tuesday 31st October

Secondary application deadline

Thursday 30th November

Flu immunisations

Friday 8th December

Open Morning for Reception 2024

Thursday 14th December

Carol Concert - 9.15am

Monday 18th December

Xmas Lunch & Xmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December

EYFS Nativity - 2.30pm

Wednesday 20th December

Break up at 2pm

Thursday 21st December

CPD day - school closed to pupils

Monday 8th January

Term begins - pupils return

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

Book Fair

In preparation for our Book Fair at Parents' Evening, we are running a competition for all children. Pupils are invited to design a bookmark to win one of five £5 gift vouchers to use at the fair.

Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy at Griffin Primary School. Last year, with your help, Scholastic gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked libraries and classrooms. Please see the attached Book Fair flyer for more information.



We are proud members of [The Elliot Foundation Academy Trust](https://www.elliottfoundation.org/)

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to those parents who have completed our Griffin survey. We are extending the deadline to complete this, as we want to hear from as many families as possible. [Please complete the survey by clicking here.](#)

Devices will be available for parents/carers to complete this at Parents' Evening.

CPD Day

Please note that one of our CPD Days has changed from Friday 21st June to Monday 30th October. Pupils will return from the half term break on Tuesday 31st October.

Updated for reference:  Term Dates 2023-2024

Reuse and Repair Fair

Wandsworth Council are hosting the borough's first Reuse and Repair Fair at the Royal College of Arts on Saturday 14th of October. The day is free and open to all, with activities and workshops happening from 10am-4pm, including upcycled denim draught excluders, recycled collage making, sewing skills, refill stations, bike repairs and more. Free registration is encouraged and more information is available by [clicking here.](#)

MMR Vaccination

Measles cases are rising across the country, with over 102,000 children starting primary school in England being at risk of catching the disease. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. The [Back to school MMR Guidance](#) from the NHS includes information, as well as [NHS Vaccine Poster](#) and [NHS MMR Poster](#).

Attendance

It is great to see that our whole school attendance figure has risen to **95.29%**. This is now very close to our target of 96%. Well done to Y5 Pandas who have the best attendance in the school.

Thank you for supporting Griffin's high expectations of excellent attendance and punctuality. When children attend school regularly and punctually, they will be best able to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.



| 4/09/2023 to 05/10/2023 | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Year | Cls | % |
| N | Penguins | 96.26 |
| R | Dolphins | 94.95 |
| 2 | Lions | 91.29 |
| 4 | Jaguars | 95.67 |
| 5 | Pandas | 97.22 |
| 6 | Lemurs | 95.98 |
| 1 | Elephants | 93.39 |
| 3 | Tigers | 97.06 |
| Whole School | | 95.29 |

Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

Today, pupils enjoyed taking part in *National Poetry Day* as part of Inside Out Friday. Pupils explored the theme of *refuge*, through sharing, reading and creating their own poems. Across the school, children showed the value of creativity, as they explored ambitious vocabulary, different styles of poetry and figurative language. As a result of this, they created poems that were both playful and imaginative.

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Do you often struggle to get your child to do the things you need them to do? Is your child experiencing big emotions that are difficult to manage? Do you feel that you are not enjoying your children as much as you hoped you would because you find their behaviour difficult to manage?

Or

Is your child experiencing worries about coming into school? Or about specific things e.g; the dark, dogs? Do your child's fears and worries impact on your family's daily life? Would you like to understand how to help your child manage their anxiety?

If you have answered yes to one of these questions, the Battersea Education Wellbeing Service may be able to support you. They work with families, supporting children who are experiencing mild to moderate anxiety or common behavioural difficulties. They are an early intervention service, based in Griffin Primary School.

We have an upcoming coffee morning for parents/carers on Tuesday 17th October 2023, at 9am. We welcome all parents and carers to attend to find out more about the support we can offer.