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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th November 2023

Fortnightly Roundup

Ofsted

Last Wednesday and Thursday, we had a graded, 2-day Ofsted inspection. The team of inspectors visited lessons in all year groups, went to forest school with Early Years, spoke to staff, met with children of all ages and spoke to parents at the gate.

I am incredibly proud of all the team's hard work and this will be reflected in the report, once published. Griffin has made huge improvements already this term, which have been recognised by Ofsted, and we will continue to review and improve our curriculum.

The pupils did a remarkable job of talking to the inspectors about their education, personal development, behaviour and attitudes to learning. Thank you and well done!

Once we receive the report in the next 4 weeks, we will publish this on our website and share it with Griffin families.

Year 4 Cinema Trip

On Wednesday, Year 4 had the opportunity to go to the cinema to see 'Epic Tails'. It was a great introduction to Greek mythology, which will be used to inspire their writing in English. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and were excellent representatives of Griffin Primary School.

Children in Need Fundraiser

Last Friday, the children had a 'dress up day' to raise funds for Children in Need. Thank you for all of the kind donations, which have been passed on to the charity.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Tuesday 28th November

Reception vision screening

Thursday 30th November

Flu immunisations

Monday 4th December

Nursery Phonics session - 9am

Thursday 7th December

Stay & Play for January starters
Y4 & Y5 Play Your Part - 6pm

Friday 8th December

Open Morning for Reception 2024

Wednesday 13th December

Y4 trip to Dolby Screening

Thursday 14th December

Carol Concert - 9.15am
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.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure has slightly decreased to:
95.23%.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 who are above our target of **96%** attendance!

Class	Attendance
Y3: Tigers	96.78%
Y5: Pandas	96.72%
Y6: Lemurs	95.51%
Rec: Dolphins	95.07%
Y4: Jaguars	95.03%
Y2: Lions	94.98%
Y1: Elephants	92.85%
Nursery: Penguins	92.34%



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

Phonics Workshops

On Monday 4th December, we will be holding an open Phonics session for parents of our **Nursery** children. We will demonstrate how we deliver Foundations for Phonics. Please come along to see how you can support your child at home.

From Monday 4th December, Mr Dyson will invite each of the **Reception** parents in to model reading with their children. This will be done on a one to one basis to help you to support your children at home with their reading.

Griffin's Greatest

We are now into our third week of celebrating pupils who demonstrate all of our Griffin Learner Traits each week.

Well done to the children who have been Griffin's Greatest over the last 2 weeks.

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The Big Ambition

The Big Ambition Survey has been launched by The Children's Commissioner: [here is the link](#).

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important and aims, in the lead up to the next General Election, to take these thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, and to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. The Big Ambition survey will be open until Friday 15th December.



Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

Across the school this term, pupils have been learning lots of Design and Technology skills and knowledge. Year One has delved into the fascinating world of mechanisms, exploring pivots and levers to create their own moving toys! Meanwhile, in Year Two, budding engineers are creating their own chariots, with a focus on axles. Year Three has been threading needles and learning various stitches in their sewing, to construct their own pillow cases. Year Four is focusing on seasonal food to design, make and evaluate environmentally conscious tarts. In Year Five, the spotlight is on woodworking skills and CAMs to design moving toys. Lastly, our Year Six pupils are designing and cooking a delectable three-course meal in their food and nutrition project. We are immensely proud of the diverse and engaging projects each class is undertaking and cannot wait to see - or in some cases taste- the final results!

In other news, our Year 4 and 5 production of the Present is quickly approaching. The show will take place on 7th December at 6pm. Children have been working exceptionally hard to learn lines and practise their acting skills, in what promises to be a brilliant production! More information to be shared soon about how to get your tickets to this exciting event.

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

November Events SEND Parent Carers in Wandsworth:

SEND Travel Assistance (online) - Friday 24th November 10.30am-12.00pm

The SEND Travel Assistance Service and Application process in Wandsworth will support this event which is suitable for parent carers with a child or young person of any age who has a Wandsworth EHCP in place.

[Book SEND Travel Assistance](#)

Emerging Needs Pathway - Wednesday 29th November 10.00am -12.00pm

Discussion led by Wandsworth Council's Head of SEN and Inclusion to inform parent carers about the current Emerging Needs Pathway (ENP - for Children 0-7 with social communication difficulties) service and gathering their views. Particularly relevant for parent carers who are currently accessing or have recently accessed the ENP service.

In Person, SEND Inclusion Hub, Siward Road SW17 0LA - [Book Discussion Emerging Needs Pathway](#)