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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th December 2023

Fortnightly Roundup

'The Present' Production

Last night, our Year 4 and 5 pupils put on a brilliant production to begin the festive season. I was so impressed with their acting abilities and skills; they remembered all of their lines to tell the story of *The Present*. A huge well done to all of the children in those year groups and a big thank you to The Old Vic for giving Griffin this opportunity to work with real-life actors and playwrights!

Open Morning

This morning, we toured prospective families for future Nursery and Reception places. If you know of any family looking for either a *free* Nursery place from January or a Reception place for next September, please advise them to contact the school office.

Closing date for Reception places is 15th January via Wandsworth eAdmissions.

Royal Opera House

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s8XMd9b6mA4>

Do watch the wonderful publicity film, which celebrates the work achieved last year between The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust and The Royal Opera House.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Monday 11th December

Y6 residential meeting - 3.30pm

Wednesday 13th December

Y4 trip to Dolby Screening

Thursday 14th December

Carol Concert - 9.15am

Xmas Lunch

Xmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 19th December

Y4&5 trip to Royal Opera House

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

Rec & Y2 personal safety workshops

Tuesday 9th January

Y3&4 personal safety workshops

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

Carol Concert

On Thursday 14th December, all parents/carers are cordially invited to Griffin Primary School's Carol Concert. All classes (except Nursery) will perform a festive song, as well as the children telling the story of The First Noel.

The Carol Concert will start at 9.15am sharp. Please head to the Hall once you have dropped off your child(ren) by 9am.

Due to capacity in our Hall, each child is allocated 2 tickets. To register for tickets, [please complete the online form here](#).

Note: If you have not registered for a ticket, you may be denied entry.



WINTER EVENTS

7th Dec: Y4&5 'The Present' production (6pm)

14th Dec: Carol Concert (9.15am), Xmas lunch and Xmas jumper day

19th Dec: Nursery & Reception Nativity (2.30pm)

21st Dec: Break up at 2pm

SEE NEWSLETTER AND EMAILS FOR TICKET INFORMATION.



We are proud members of [The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust](#)

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure has decreased again to: **94.59%**.

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

Regular Attendance

Pupils with attendance below 90% are at significant risk of underachievement.

Please ensure that your child attends school unless in exceptional circumstances. If you have any questions or any problems you wish to bring to our attention, please do contact your child's class teacher, in the first instance. Griffin staff are all very keen to support parents/carers in improving attendance.

Class	Attendance
Y5: Pandas	97.01%
Y3: Tigers	95.63%
Y6: Lemurs	94.84%
Y4: Jaguars	94.67%
Rec: Dolphins	94.03%
Y2: Lions	93.91%
Y1: Elephants	93.01%
Nursery: Penguins	90.39%

Wrap Around Care

We are investigating whether there is enough demand to open an after school wrap around care provision. We know that many of our families work and require childcare after school, so we are therefore exploring this possibility. Griffin historically had an after school club but, unfortunately, it was closed due to low demand and it not being financially viable.

If you would be interested in Griffin opening an after school club, please help us ascertain the demand, by [completing this short survey](#).

Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

A resounding cheer goes out to our incredible Year 4 and 5 pupils for their outstanding performance in yesterday's production *The Present*. We are extremely proud of what they have managed to achieve in only 6 weeks. It was a delight to watch pupils take ownership over their roles, knowing their lines and cues. But more importantly, it was lovely to watch them support one another both on and off the stage and have fun. We want to thank parents and staff who also contributed to making this production such a success! It was a team effort culminating in a lovely show!

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

We know Christmas or other celebrations can be difficult for our SEND children, particularly as routines and structures may look different. Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service (WAAS) have produced this handy guide to supporting SEND pupils during the holidays [Christmas Holiday Tips](#).

If your child receives SEND support and you are concerned about their transition from Year 6 to 7, please contact your class teacher or myself for more information on the enhanced transition project ran by Wandsworth.

