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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th January 2024

Fortnightly Roundup

Happy new year! Welcome back to the start of spring term. This half term, we are focussing on Dreams & Goals, which will link our PSHE work across the school and weekly assemblies, as well as our Griffin Learner Trait of *ambition*.

Personal Safety Workshops

This week, Years 3&4 were visited by the Met Police to learn how to keep themselves safe. All classes will have these workshops over the coming weeks.

Class Curriculum Newsletters

Below are the links for all class' spring curriculum newsletters, in which you will find out what learning is planned for this term and how you can support at home.

Nursery: [Nursery Newsletter Spring 1.mp4](#)

Reception: [YR Newsletter.MOV](#)

Year 1: [20240111_165819.mp4](#)

Year 2: [IMG_2360.MOV](#)

Year 3: [IMG_6728.MOV](#)

Year 4: [IMG_4054.MOV](#)

Year 5: [IMG_2796.MOV](#)

Year 6: [IMG_4735.MOV](#)

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Thursday 18th January

Y5&6 personal safety workshops

Wednesday 24th January

Y2 trip to Science Museum

Wednesday 31st January

Y6 trip to Science Museum

w/c Monday 5th February

Mental Health Week

Tuesday 6th February

Safer Internet Day
Y6 Readers' Cup at Thomas' School -
3.30-5.30pm

Friday 9th February

Break up for half term

Monday 19th February

Pupils return to school

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure is: **93.85%**

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

"Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing." ([Mental Health & Attendance at School \(cambridge.org\)](https://www.cambridge.org/core/9781107051414/chapter/9781107051414_chapter_10))

Class	Attendance
Y5: Pandas	96.99%
Y3: Tigers	95.16%
Y4: Jaguars	94.9%
Y6: Lemurs	93.69%
Y1: Elephants	92.97%
Rec: Dolphins	92.83%
Y2: Lions	92.08%
Nursery: Penguins	89.94%



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

Menu

From Monday 19th February, the school kitchen shall move to its spring/summer menu. The new menu is attached to this email being sent to all families.

Please be reminded that school and kitchen must be informed of any pupil allergies or dietary requirements.

For further information, please see Harrison's: <https://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk/food-allergies-food-intolerances> .

Ofsted Report

As you know, Griffin Primary School was inspected by Ofsted in November 2023. The report has now been finalised and is ready to be published to the public.

Two categories previously inspected as 'Requires Improvement' have moved to 'Good', meaning that Griffin has 'Good' judgements for: Early Years, Personal Development and Behaviour and Attitudes.

We are very proud that the rapid improvements and sharp rigour of the new leadership team were recognised in the inspection, and that Griffin pupils are safe and happy.

Key Quotes

"Pupils are **safe**, and they **feel safe**."

"This is a **friendly and welcoming** school. Pupils treat each other **kindly**."

"Senior leaders have **high ambitions** for pupils' achievement. They are taking **swift and effective action**."

"Pupils with SEND receive **effective support**."

"School **staff** are **supportive of leaders' decisions** and **enthusiastic** about the school."

"The school fosters a **love of reading**."

"School **leaders work together** with leaders of the trust, other schools in the trust and subject experts to provide **support for the school's improvement**."

"Pupils are **attentive** in class and **eager to learn**."

"The school works with a range of organisations to **promote pupils' wider development**."

"The school has a **sharp focus** on the areas that it needs to improve."

The full report can be read [here](#) and is published on our website.

Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

This half-term, each year group will be teaching Art and Design with a focus on painting. Year 1 will be looking at the work of artist Clarice Cliff and explore his use of colour and patterns. Year 2 children will develop colour mixing skills, learning about the work of artist Romare Bearden. Year 3 children will discover how and why our ancient ancestors made art, experimenting with natural materials to make homemade paints and playing with scales to paint on a range of surfaces. In Year 4 Children will develop skills in colour mixing, focussing on using tints and shades to create a 3D effect. Experimenting with composition and applying painting techniques to a personal still life piece. Year 5 children will investigate self-portraits by a range of artists; children will use photographs of themselves as a starting point for developing their own unique self-portraits in mixed-media. Finally, Year 6 will explore a selection of paintings through art appreciation activities, collecting ideas in sketchbooks and planning for a final piece after researching the life, techniques and artistic intentions of an artist that interests them.

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

We have been working hard on the children's SEND support plan for the spring term, which will outline strengths, targets and support in place. As a school, we are now using a useful program called 'Provision Map', which enables us to create and view support plans in one place. Parents can create an account for this program where they can view their child's support plan and provisions and make comments.

Your child's class teacher will send home an envelope containing your child's spring term support plan, along with your log on details for Provision Map. If you need any help accessing this or have any questions about your child's support plan, please speak to your class teacher or myself.

Please also see webinar for supporting your child's sleep routine: [Sleep Routine Webinar](#)

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If you're planning ahead and booking a holiday, please use easyfundraising! You can raise a BIG donation for Griffin Primary School at no extra cost to yourself! Plus, for a limited time, book with TUI and you'll be entered into a giveaway for your chance to WIN the value of your holiday back: [Click here](#)



Reception - September 2024

A promotional graphic for Reception places. It features a pink and purple background. On the left, there are three vertical photos of children: a girl with braids in a blue checkered dress, a boy in a white polo shirt, and a girl with red hair in a blue shirt. On the right, a blue box contains the text "APPLY BY 15 JANUARY 2024".

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