



# Griffin Primary School

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## GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2024

### Fortnightly Roundup

#### Mental Health Week

Throughout this week, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'being kind to yourself matters'. The week started with an assembly, led by Natasha from UP and Miss Cooper. The week's learning focussed on being kind to others is important, but sometimes we can forget to be kind to ourselves too.

#### Y6 Science Museum Trip

Last week, Year 6 had an amazing time at the Science Museum, where they deepened their understanding of forces and electricity in the Wonderlab. They participated in a friction race on a slide made of different materials; experimented with electricity and how it can travel through people; and used pulleys to easily pull their own weight.

#### Safer Internet Day

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. As part of our celebration, we thought about the importance of staying safe when online; how we can stay safe online; and who we can go to if we ever feel unsafe when online. Following this, we took time to think about how far technology has advanced over time and what different types of technology may look like in 20 years. This produced lots of thought-provoking conversations about how we use technology in our everyday lives and how it's incredibly important to keep up to date with staying safe, even when there are so many changes.

#### Battersea Readers' Cup

On Tuesday, a group of our Year 6 pupils competed in the Readers' Cup at St Thomas's Prep School. Our team had been preparing for months by reading 3 different books to take part in a university challenge-style quiz against other local schools. We are hugely proud of our team, who put in the dedication and hard work to prepare and compete. They did incredibly well but narrowly missed out by coming 2nd to another school. Well done team!

Have a lovely half term break,

*Mr Read*

### Important Dates:

#### Monday 19th February

Pupils return to school

#### Thursday 22nd February

Parent/Carer Reading workshop - 9am

#### Tuesday 27th February

SEND Local Offer Coffee morning - 9am

#### Thursday 29th February

£2 Non-uniform day: fundraising for EYFS

#### Thursday 7th March

World Book Day  
Fundraising sale - 3.30pm

#### Monday 11th - Friday 15th March

Big Plastic Count

#### Tuesday 12th March

Y5 trip to Emanuel School - Beauty & the Beast Showcase

#### Friday 15th March

Comic Relief: Dress in red-to-toe

#### Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March

Parent/Carer Evenings

#### Tuesday 26th March

Break up at 2pm

#### Monday 15th April

Pupils return to school

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

### Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance figure has decreased to: **93.79%**

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

The NHS guidance [is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

Parents who take their child out of school without permission may face [paying a fine](#).

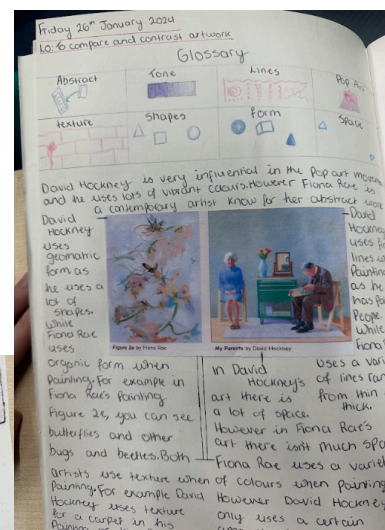
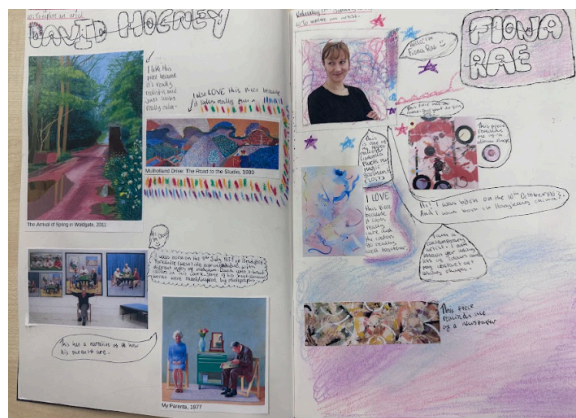
| Class             | Attendance |
|-------------------|------------|
| Y5: Pandas        | 96.9%      |
| Y3: Tigers        | 95.21%     |
| Y4: Jaguars       | 93.64%     |
| Y6: Lemurs        | 93.39%     |
| Rec: Dolphins     | 93.36%     |
| Y1: Elephants     | 92.71%     |
| Y2: Lions         | 91.77%     |
| Nursery: Penguins | 91.03%     |



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## Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

A sketchbook is an essential tool for any artist or designer, and at Griffin we believe they can be especially valuable in helping children explore their creativity and develop their skills. With the right guidance and support, a sketchbook can help children express themselves visually, experiment with different techniques and styles, and build their confidence in their artistic abilities. Have a look at some of our pupils' sketch books from this half-term.



## SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Please ensure you are able to login to Provision Map to access your child's SEND support plan. Spring 2 plans will be the last printed versions. Going forward, you must log in to the Provision Map program to view support plans and provisions. If you need support to do this or the log in details reprinted, please let myself or your class teacher know.

On **Tuesday 27th February at 9am**, we will be hosting a coffee morning where Carol Hill from the Wandsworth Local Offer team will give information about the SEND Local Offer and how to access the information about services and provisions that are available.





# Griffin Primary Reading Workshop

Please come to our workshop to find out about the relaunch our reading program.

**When:** Thursday 22 Feb 2024 at 9am

**Where:** Main Hall

**Who for:** All parents/carers



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