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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th March 2024

Fortnightly Roundup

Big Plastic Count

We encourage everyone at home to continue participating in the Big Plastic Count this week. Together, we can build evidence about what happens to our plastic waste to help put a stop to the plastic crisis. **From Monday morning until Sunday evening (11th-18th March), count as you throw! Simply mark every piece of plastic package as you throw it away on the [Let's Count Tally Sheet](#) and bring the completed tally chart to school the following Monday (19th March).**

EYFS Fundraising

A huge thank you to the wonderful Griffin community for your fantastic response to and support of our EYFS fundraising this term. Both events, the non-uniform day and the table top sale, were a huge success. Thanks to the friends and families' generous donations; we managed to collect a total of £320! This allows us to order a hatching kit for our youngest pupils to observe little ducklings hatch, grow and develop. Watch this space: all Griffin pupils will have a chance to look after the ducklings throughout the ten days period of their stay in our EYFS setting next term.

Y5 Trip

On Tuesday 12th March 2024, year five had the chance to attend a theatrical production of "Beauty and the Beast," presented by Emanuel School. This trip provided the children with the opportunity to enjoy live performances and gain insight into the behind-the-scenes aspects of theatre. Additionally, the children could ask questions directly to the actors and actresses, enhancing their understanding of the experience. Overall the children enjoyed the trip.

Phonics Workshop

This week we held a Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents focusing on the KS1 Phonics Screening check which will take place in the week commencing 10th June. It was lovely to have over half of our parents attend the workshop and engage by asking lots of questions in order to best support their children at home. The slides will be added to our school website and resources sent home for those who were unable to attend.

Creative Wandsworth Workshops

Year 4 and 5 had the opportunity to take part in a workshop yesterday, led by Creative Wandsworth. The project explored textile waste in Wandsworth. Pupils learnt how to weave materials together using old clothes and materials. The finished projects are incredible and will be displayed in an exhibition in Southside shopping centre from April 15th. Great work Year 4 and 5!

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Friday 15th March

Comic Relief: Dress in red-toe

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th March

Parent/Carer Evenings

Thursday 21st March

Y3 Science Museum trip

Tuesday 26th March

Break up at 2pm

Monday 15th April

Pupils return to school

Wednesday 17th April

Y4 Mote Farm trip

Thursday 18th April

RSE parent workshop - 9am

Thursday 25th April

Y6 to TeenTech London Festival

Monday 29th April

2pm: Y3 & Y4 World Heart Beat concert

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May

Y6 SATs week

Friday 24th May

Break up for half term

Monday 3rd June

Pupils return to school

Tuesday 4th June

Pupil photographs

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



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Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure has decreased to: **93.66%**

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 | 94.69% |
| Y4: Jaguars | 93.73% |
| Rec: Dolphins | 93.66% |
| Y6: Lemurs | 93.27% |
| Y1: Elephants | 93.22% |
| Nursery: Penguins | 91.36% |
| Y2: Lions | 90.87% |

Parent Consultations

On Monday and Tuesday, we are holding an opportunity for all parents to meet with their child's teacher. Please ensure that you have checked the reply slip with the time of your appointment on and arrive on time to ensure appointments run to schedule.

Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

This past week we had fun celebrating World Book Day! At Griffin Primary School, we really enjoy books and this was a brilliant way to celebrate our love of reading. Children took part in different activities throughout the day, such as: a Live Lesson with Authors and Illustrators, making their favourite characters out of craft materials and wooden spoons and creating enlarged book jackets. They all had a great time!

It was lovely to see such imagination as the children came to school dressed as their favourite characters. Thank you for all the effort made. We celebrated together as a whole school during assembly and really enjoyed seeing everyone's outfits! Children were given a £1 book token, which can be spent in any book store. They left with lots of book recommendations!

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Neurodiversity Week

Next week is Neurodiversity awareness week. We will be having an assembly to celebrate neurodiverse individuals and all the amazing contributions they have made to society. Please see website for parent resources and more information: <https://www.neurodiversityweek.com/>

Year 6 Secondary Transition

Scan the barcode or click to the parent Worry Ninja online workshop.



Wandsworth Local offer



Wandsworth Local Offer: this is the key website where you can find information and contact details for the local authority, education, health, voluntary groups who can support you and your child or young person, from 0 to 25 years old.



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