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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th April 2024

Fortnightly Roundup

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope our families had a good break and enjoyed their Easter or Eid, if celebrated. Summer term is always a busy term with lots of events towards the end of the year, so please keep an eye on newsletters and our calendar on the school website.

Toilet Refurbishments

Over the holidays, Griffin have had all of their pupil and staff toilets refurbished. All of these works are nearly complete and we are pleased that all toilets for all pupils are now looking beautiful and are fully functioning.

Comic Relief

Before the break, we dressed in 'red-toe' to raise funds for Comic Relief. Thank you to the families who donated. A total of £42.65 was collected.

Y3 Science Museum

Before the holidays, Year 3 went on a trip to the Science Museum. They spent the morning in the interactive wonderlab. The pupils had the chance to explore a range of real-life experiments linking to our forces topic. This included a friction slide where they compared the speed the children travelled down on each of the different materials, which they all loved!

Y4 Mote Farm

This week, Year 4 went on a trip to Mote Farm in Sevenoaks. They spent the day out in the countryside exploring life on a farm and meeting some of the animals. Children had the opportunity to pet cows, sheep and even feed pigs! They were excellent ambassadors for the school and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the countryside.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Monday 29th April
2pm: Y3 & Y4 World Heart Beat concert

Thursday 2nd May
Y4 & Y5 Creative Wandsworth trip

Monday 6th May
Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May
Y6 SATs week

Thursday 23rd May
Y6 at LIFE Exhibition
Break up for half term

Friday 24th May
INSET Day - school closed to pupils

Monday 3rd June
Pupils return to school

Tuesday 4th June
Pupil photographs

Friday 5th - Sunday 7th July
Y6 PGL residential trip

Wednesday 24th July
End of term - Break up 2pm

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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance figure has decreased to: **93.61%**

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	96.78%
Y3: Tigers	94.57%
Y1: Elephants	93.54%
Y4: Jaguars	93.52%
Rec: Dolphins	93.51%
Y6: Lemurs	92.99%
Nursery: Penguins	91.98%
Y2: Lions	90.62%



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

TEFAT Annual Report

The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust (TEFAT) [Annual Report to Parents and Carers](#) is now out and covers highlights from the past year. It contains:

- A letter from TEFAT pupils
- Education data, such as attainment, attendance, and Ofsted reports
- Arts and sports highlights
- Our sustainability drive
- Our community engagement efforts
- A summary of our finances
- And more!



Uniform

Please be reminded of Griffin's school uniform expectations as we experience the warmer weather.

Nursery & Reception

Jumper (Bottle Green)
Polo Shirt (White)
Jogging Bottoms, Trousers, Shorts or Skirt (Grey)
Summer Dress (Green)
Shoes (Black)

Y1 to Y6

Jumper (Grey)
Polo Shirt or Shirt (White)
Trousers or Long Shorts (Grey)
Skirt (Grey)
Summer Dress (Green)
Tights (Grey) and Socks (Grey or White)
Shoes (Black)

PE Kit

T-shirt (Plain White - no branding)
Shorts (Black)
Jogging Bottoms or Leggings (Plain Black - no branding)
Trainers or Plimsolls

Curriculum *Miss Casey, Deputy Head*

Unfortunately, Miss Casey sustained an injury over the holidays and is not currently onsite at school. She continues to work from home, but is unable to be mobile.

If you need to get in touch with Miss Casey, please contact the school office who can arrange this for you.

This half term, our focus across the whole school in PSHE is Relationships. The sequence of lessons starts with building a respectful relationship with self and covers topics including families, friendships, pets and animals, and love and loss. A vital part of this unit is about safeguarding and keeping children safe; this links to online safety and social networking. Children learn how to deal with conflict, build assertiveness skills and identify their own strengths and strategies for building self esteem and resilience. They explore roles and responsibilities in families and friendship groups, and consider stereotypes.

SEND *Miss Cooper, SENDCo*

Welcome back!

Please log in to your Provision Map account to see your child's Summer 1 SEND support plan. We will no longer be sending home printed copies, so please ensure you have access to this. If you need the log in details, please speak to myself or your child's class teacher.

Please see useful videos from the Education WellBeing Service around a range of topics such as ' Understanding your Child's sleep' and ' Supporting Emotional Regulation'. We hope to run parent workshops on these topics this term - dates tbc.

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