



# Griffin Primary School

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## GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th November 2023

### Fortnightly Roundup

#### Old Vic - Play Your Part

Rehearsals have started for our exciting Play Your Part project with The Old Vic. We are one of only six schools nationwide taking part, in which our Year 4 and 5 pupils are collaborating with professional facilitators/directors over a six-week rehearsal period to support putting on our in-school production on Thursday 7th December. More information regarding tickets will be released soon.

#### Eco Council

Our Eco Council is now up and running. We received a big number of high quality applications from the KS2 pupils, with some thoughtful and well-informed ideas about what we can do to become a more sustainable, eco-friendly school. This year, we want to concentrate on embedding a culture of reducing, reusing and recycling materials, organic waste and energy. We will also look after our gardening patches, by learning how to grow vegetables and, hopefully, have our first attempt at processing and consuming our harvest in the summer.

Our Eco Council champions are:

Y6: Hajira, Iqra, Anna

Y5: Diamond, Patrick, Yasir

Y4: Haris, Rikuto, Joel

Y3: Fatten, Mohamed, Efemina

#### First Beat

Last week, Griffin pupils from Year 3 and 6 started First Beat, at World Heart Beat Music Academy. Children will attend weekly sessions after school and will have the opportunity to try a variety of instruments and learn more about music. We look forward to hearing about how they get on.

Have a lovely weekend,

*Mr Read*

### Important Dates:

**Friday 17th November**

Children in Need

**Tuesday 28th November**

Reception vision screening

**Thursday 30th November**

Flu immunisations

**Thursday 7th December**

Y4 & Y5 Play Your Part - 6pm

**Friday 8th December**

Open Morning for Reception 2024

**Wednesday 13th December**

Y4 trip to Dolby Screening

**Thursday 14th December**

Carol Concert - 9.15am

Xmas Lunch

Xmas Jumper Day

Date change

**Tuesday 19th December**

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

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

### Attendance

We are really pleased that our whole school attendance figure has increased to: **95.38%**. Our target is 96%, so we are nearly there.

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 who are above our target of 96% attendance!

#### Punctuality

Please be reminded that the gates open at 8.45am and close at 9am each day. Any pupil arriving after the gates have closed is marked as late in the register and has missed out on important learning.

Class	Attendance
Y3: Tigers	97.02%
Y5: Pandas	96.88%
Rec: Dolphins	95.85%
Y6: Lemurs	95.83%
Y4: Jaguars	95.15%
Y2: Lions	94.39%
Nursery: Penguins	94.15%
Y1: Elephants	91.88



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

## Griffin's Greatest

Today saw the first celebration of Griffin's Greatest.

Each week, teachers nominate a pupil who has consistently demonstrated all of the Griffin Learner Traits throughout the week. The children meet Mr Read (and Rolo!) with a piece of work that they are proud of and enjoy a hot chocolate together.

Well done to: Cameron, Bailie, Aishah, Maraj, Ayomide and Mirabel.

**FORGIVING**  
**CURIOUS**  
**UNIQUE**  
**HELPFUL**  
**RESPECTFUL**  
**AMBITIOUS**  
**RESILIENT**

## Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

This half term term, our pupils have been exploring the power of imagination and storytelling through the wordless text Journey by Aaron Becker.

Journey is a stunning picture book that follows a lonely girl, who draws a magic door on her bedroom wall and embarks on an adventure in a fantastical world.

Each class has been writing their own narrative based on the illustrations, using descriptive language, dialogue, and plot structure.

We are very proud of the amazing narratives that our children have written based on Journey. They have demonstrated their creativity, skills, and enthusiasm for writing.

## SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful half term and are ready for Autumn 2 at Griffin.

We are excited to get some impactful interventions running to support our SEND children's needs in school, for example Little Wandle Phonics, Nesy, Lego Therapy and Speech and language interventions. If you would like to find out more about these interventions, please speak to your class teacher.

Please see links for useful services for families with SEND children:

[About WIASS - Wandsworth Information, Advice and Support Service](#)

[Education Welfare Team](#)

[SEND in Mind](#)

[Wandsworth Autism Advisory Service](#)

[Understanding Supporting ASC Webinar Poster. Education Wellbeing Service.pdf](#)

## Children in Need

On Friday 17th November, Griffin will be taking part in Children in Need fundraising.

Children are invited to take part in a 'dress up and donate' day. Ideas can include: wearing all yellow to dress as Pudsey, spotty clothing, superheroes or pyjamas. Whatever you choose, wear something that will make our whole school smile.

If possible, participants should make a donation to help Children in Need change the lives of children across the UK. Donations can be made directly to <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/> or via the QR code posters that will be at entrance points around the school next week.

