



# Griffin Primary School

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Deputy: Miss S Casey

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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/9781107015417/9781107015417.009.pdf))

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



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](#)

## **easyfundraising**

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