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GRIFFIN NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024

Fortnightly Roundup

Theatre Workshop

Year 4 had the opportunity to take part in a theatre workshop, led by the Polka theatre. We practised our storytelling and worked in small teams to retell stories orally. In addition to this, the children practised their persuasive skills to sell a water bottle. They used lots of persuasive language, which they will be using in their English work as well! Good job Year 4 and thank you to the Polka theatre for such an engaging workshop.

Reading Workshop

We had nearly 20 parents/carers join us for our workshop last week. Miss White and Miss Casey shared how reading is taught at Griffin, as well as how families can best support their children with reading at home. Your child's new Reading Record has now been sent home and will be reviewed weekly on a Wednesday.

SEND Coffee Morning

Thank you for all that attended the SEND coffee morning, hosted by Miss Cooper! We had guest speakers from the Education Wellbeing Service and Wandsworth Local Offer. Flyers from both services are in the office area, along with a range of other services available in the local community to support families of SEND children.

EYFS Fundraising

A huge thanks to all who took part and contributed to the non-uniform day to fundraise for ducklings for our Early Years pupils yesterday. The total that was raised was a whopping £158.50. Watch this space for updates about the duck eggs arriving and how EYFS will observe them hatch and look after the ducklings for one week.

Further fundraising will take place on Thursday 7th March at the second-hand sale after school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Read

Important Dates:

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day - see email
Fundraising sale - 3.30pm

Monday 11th - Friday 15th March

Big Plastic Count

Tuesday 12th March

Y5 trip to Emanuel School - Beauty & the Beast Showcase

Wednesday 13th March

Y4 Football Tournament

Thursday 14th March

Phonics Screening Workshop
Y4&Y5 Creative Wandsworth workshop

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

Thursday 25th April

Y6 to TeenTech London Festival

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday - school closed

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

Attendance Matters

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	96.72%
Y3: Tigers	94.9%
Y4: Jaguars	93.58%
Rec: Dolphins	93.56%
Y6: Lemurs	92.87%
Y1: Elephants	92.84%
Nursery: Penguins	91.86%
Y2: Lions	91.31%



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Curriculum Miss Casey, Deputy Head

We have a busy half-term ahead of us before Easter. World Book Day on March 7th will be a little different this year with all children having the opportunity to watch a live lesson from the BBC where pupils can meet with several authors and explore the writing process. In addition, pupils will take part in a range of activities to promote a love of reading and will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. We look forward to seeing the exciting costumes!

Our whole school PSHE theme this half-term is 'Healthy Me'. Healthy Me covers two areas of health: Emotional health (relaxation, feeling safe, friendships, mental health skills, body image, relationships with food, managing stress) and Physical health (eating a balanced diet, physical activity, rest and relaxation, keeping clean, safety, first aid). Throughout the school, children will be learning how to care for themselves and we encourage these conversations to continue at home.

SEND Miss Cooper, SENDCo

I hope you have all received a copy of your child's Spring 2 SEND support plan. Please ensure you have set up a login for 'Provision Map', as future support plans will be accessed through Provision Map only.

Here are some links to some useful workshops and resources for parents/carers:

[Wandsworth Local Offer](#)

[Lambeth Local Offer](#)

[Speech and Language checker](#)

[Family Hub Virtual Workshop flyer Jan 2024 final.pdf](#)