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Parent Newsletter

Friday 11th October

Dear Parents

What a wonderful couple of weeks we have had at Griffydam. The children in Class 3 and Class 4 joined 273,000 other children worldwide for what we hope to be the world's biggest poetry class. The Officials at the Guinness World Record have promised to give us the results soon!!!!

We had 20 children take part in the cross country on the 28th September, which is 20% of the school, which is a fantastic turn out. All children are invited to take part in cross-country events and it is a wonderful opportunity for the children to get involved in and represent the school. Yesterday, the children in class one had a very special visitor, check out the picture below. You can see the excitement on their faces at the opportunity to meet PCSO Russell and PCSO McDonald from Leicestershire Police.

Class 2 have been creating their own finding tales based on Jack and the Beanstalk. I am so impressed with their story telling skills. In addition, this week several of the children have shared their own hand drawn comic books. I look forward to seeing you at the parents evening next week.

Kindest regards,
Miss Wills

Dates for your diary

October

- 11th – Harvest Assembly 9am
- 11th – PTA Movie Night
- 14th – Parents Evening
- 16th – Parents Evening
- 16th – Bags2School collection
- 17th – Celebration Assembly 9am
- 18th – 25th October - half term holiday

(Inset Day Friday 18th October 2024, school closed to pupils)

November

- 5th – Flu immunisations
- 15th – Children in Need
- 29th – PTA Disco

December

- 5th – Whole school pantomime
- 11th – Class 1 and 2 nativity performance (after school, time TBC)
- 12th - KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
- 19th – Last day of term (school closed on Friday 20th December)

Harvest Assembly

It was wonderful to see so many families joining us today for our Harvest Assembly. Thank you so much for all of the wonderful food donations which have been donated to Newlands House in Netherseal.



Labelling uniform

Please could we remind parents to ensure all items of clothing that come into school are clearly labelled with your child's name.

This includes PE and Forest School clothing. We have lots of 'lost' items that have no name and can't be reunited with their owners!





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National Poetry Day



Thursday 3rd October was National Poetry Day. Class 1 created an Autumn movement poem. Class 2 wrote a class poem about Harvest and are looking forward to sharing it with parents at our Harvest Festival.

Class 3 and Class 4 took part in a Guinness World Record attempt to co-write a poem about 'What Counts'. The aim was to break the record for the largest poetry lesson (multi-venue) and display the poem all over the country. We are waiting to hear whether the attempt was successful.



Student Council

Our Student Council for 2024/25 has been established. These proud students will be sharing our "Students' Voices" through regular meetings this year. We are sure that they will have fantastic ideas about how we can continue to improve our school.



Sports Ambassadors

This year, Mrs. Shaw and Mr. Bentley had a very tough job of choosing our Sports Ambassadors.

It has been the first year that all Y6 applied. Thank you to all of you for your time and effort to complete the application, and huge congratulations to the successful 4. They have already started their duties by organising the play equipment at the end of every break and lunchtime. Great job Sports Ambassadors!



Class 1

Class 1 had a wonderful morning on Thursday. They had the opportunity meet PCSO Nicola Russell and PCSO Pat McDonald from Leicestershire Police. Their visit has supported our topic on 'Me and My Community'.

The children were all very excited and curious to find out about their job roles. They even had the opportunity to look inside the police car.



Class 2

Class 2 has had a wonderful week. We have loved learning our harvest poem, consolidating our learning on place value in Maths and learning about reptiles in Science.



In literacy we have showcased our amazing imagination by innovating Jack and Beanstalk to our own version 'Daisy and the sunflower' now the children are creating there own wonderful finding tales.

Class 3

In our RE lessons, Class 3 has been thinking about our Wonderful World and how we can look after it.



Class 4

Class 4 has been learning about World War 1 in History. Children are going to take it in turns to visit George's Farm to see the amazing World War models he has created.



In RE, we have been learning about what Christians believe about God.

We have been finding out how important the church is to Christians. This week we have been making stained glass windows, as they are an important feature in a Christian church.

Cross County

Thank you to everyone who attended the cross county on Saturday 28th September with Mr. Bentley, Mrs. Shaw and Miss Wills. It was a brilliant event and the children were fantastic.



A boy in Class 3 wanted to share with the school that he recently spent his own money buying litter pickers because in a recent RE lesson they discussed ways to save the planet and he said litter picking.

His parents said he had been out in the local woods and said "I'm happy we collected so much and made a difference, but also I'm sad that there was so much to collect". He found cans, plastic bags, a dummy, sweet wrappers and lots of chewed up tennis balls! He wants to go out again soon.

He wanted to share this with Mrs. Wilkinson, Miss Wills and the school 😊 what a kind lad!

We are so proud of your effort. You are making a difference to our world!

UPCOMING

EVENTS



**Friday 15th November is
Children in Need Day.**

This year, we will celebrate the day by wearing yellow and participating in RunPudsey. More information will be shared after half term.

Get your yellow clothes ready!