



Griffydam Primary School



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Parent Newsletter

Friday 15th November

Dear Parents

What a fantastic day we have had at Griffydam. All of the children and staff took part in 'RUNPUDSEY' Thank you so much to everyone for the generous donations, £2164 must be a Griffydam record. Every child who registered and raised over £10 will also receive a special Pudsey lanyard. If you haven't already and want to donate please use the QR below.

On Monday, at 11am, a 2-minute silence was held to remember the people who lost their lives in two world wars and other conflicts. During the assembly, some of the children spoke proudly about members of their family who are or were in the services. Each child in Class 4 created a remembrance silhouette. I am sure you all agree it makes such a striking display at the front of the school.

The children have had a brilliant time during Forest School over the last 2 weeks and it was such a delight to see the little stick people that the children in Class 1 had made. Class 2 took down buckets of water and tubes and created the most elaborate water trail. They had to collect the water at one end and tip it into pipes at the other. Class 3 are definitely starting to get into the Christmas spirit as they learn to sign in Makaton to a Christmas song.

We need to say a warm welcome back to Miss Boiles. Miss Boiles was a student teacher in Class 3 last year and we are really proud to let you know that she is now fully qualified. Well done! You will see Miss Boiles on a Thursday and Friday until the end of the term in Class 3 before she goes on her travels, as she temporarily covers Mrs Witchalls.

Miss Wills



Dates for your diary

November

- 15th – Children in Need, dress in yellow
- 26th – Class 3 Djembe Performance 11.00am
- 29th – PTA Disco (after school)

December

- 5th – Whole school pantomime trip
- 11th – Class 1 and 2 nativity performance 5pm
- 12th – Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day
- 12th – KS2 Carol Concert 6pm
- 16th – Class 1 & 2 Crafts 2pm
- 17th – Class 3 & 4 Crafts 2pm
- 19th – Celebration Assembly 9am
- 19th – Last day of term (school closed on Friday 20th December)

January

- 6th January – First day of term
- 20th-23rd – Bikeability for Class 4
- 29th – Young Voices

Class 3 Drumming Performance

The children have been working very hard during their music lessons each Tuesday with their drumming teacher Mr Emerton from the Schools Music Service. They will be performing to the whole school on Tuesday 26th November at 11.00am and we would like to invite any parents/grandparents to come along to watch the performance. This will be held in the school hall.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who has registered their child/ren for runPudsey on 15th November.

We have already raised an amazing

£2164.70



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Raise £400 per tonne for your school.

Griffydam PTA is participating in the Rag Bag textile recycling scheme which provides regular fundraising for your school / organisation and raises awareness about recycling.

Please bring any of the below unwanted items in a securely tied plastic bag to your outdoor textile bank on site.

Rag Bag can accept good quality clean Men's, Ladies and Children's clothing, belts, bags and paired shoes (tied together).

The bags will be collected when the bank is full and transported to the Rag Bag factory where they will be sorted and graded for reuse or recycling.



New Clothing Bank

The PTA have organised for us to have a clothing bank from 'Rag Bag' that is now in place at the front of the school. This can be used for recycling wearable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts. The school raises money per kilogram of clothing/donations collected. Please ensure that all donations are bagged before putting them into the bank. Thank you for supporting this scheme which we hope will promote reusing and recycling items as part of our Eco-School status.



Quality and Material Accepted

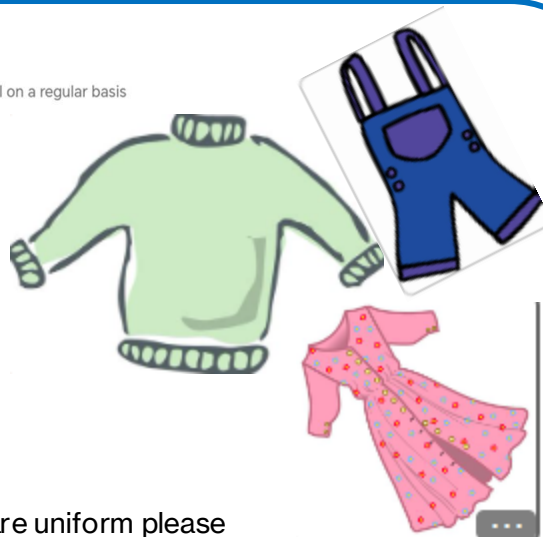
Rag Bag will continually monitor the quality of all the collected material on a regular basis from the external bin, internal bin and bag collections.

We accept the following wearable items:

- ✓ All men's, ladies and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes (tied together)
- ✓ Handbags, bags, ties and belts

Rag Bag cannot accept and pay for the following items:

- ✗ Duvets both synthetic and feathered
- ✗ Pillows & cushions
- ✗ Carpets & Rugs
- ✗ Soiled or wet clothing
- ✗ Workwear
- ✗ Uniforms (including School Uniforms)
- ✗ Shredded or mutilated textile material
- ✗ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material
- ✗ Household linen & towels



All spare uniform please hand into the PTA as usual



Asda Cashpot

Don't forget to sign up for the Asda Cashpot scheme which runs until the end of November. All you have to do is to opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com. Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. So far you have raised £84.64!

Class 1

This week Class 1 have been learning all about Remembrance Day and why it is important . In our Art lesson the children made a colourful poppy. As they were so beautiful we decided to incorporate them into a wreath.



Class 2

This half term Class 2 have been learning about famous still life artists in our weekly Art lessons with. This week the children used pencil to sketch and water colours to paint foraged branches from our woodland.

The children absolutely loved this activity and produced some incredible artworks that blew us away. They were all so excellent that ALL the children had to be 'star of the day'!



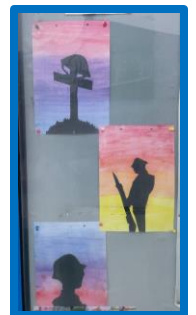
Class 3

What a brilliant day Class 3 have had. They started with Maths, PE and reading. This was then followed by the RunPudsey and Forest School.



Class 4

Class 4 has been learning about WW1 and WW2 in History. Following on from our lesson about Armistice Day and why it changed to be known as Remembrance Day, we made a memory garden in Forest School, created silhouettes in Art, and attending the online Royal British Legion Assembly, which included a 2-minute silence where we showed our respect for people who have died in wars.



In Science, we have been learning about circuits. We had the opportunity to make circuits with a partner whilst another member of the group turned their back. When they turned around, they had to work out why the circuit was not working.



Run Pudsey

What a wonderful morning the children had doing the Pudsey run. The children ran around a quarter of a mile course. On reception child said to Mrs Shaw 'I have run round 4 times so I have run a mile'. In total we ran over 200 miles! Some children managed 15 laps!!



Run Pudsey

What a brilliant time they have all had.



Griffydam House Points

Well done to the White Unicorns who won the Griffydam House Point Award. The children spent some time today in the Griffy Den eating biscuits and playing games. Well done White Unicorns!

