



28th April 2023

We have been so proud of the children in school this week. They have been working hard with their learning and have shown some great perseverance in all year groups.
In Reception this week the children have been looking closely at ladybirds. Year 1 have been visited by the Freshwater Theatre Company and have travelled back in time to learn about the Great Fire of London. They have also begun creating their clay tiles using a relief. In year 2 children have been working hard with fractions in maths.

We are looking forwards to our Coronation Celebrations this week. On Friday we will be welcoming you in to school for our Family Picnic at 2pm. Children can come to school wearing Red, White and Blue on this day.

To help us celebrate this Royal Occasion we would love the children to create a crown at home to wear on Friday. They can be as creative as they'd like.



<u>Dates for your Diary</u>

<u>May</u>

- 1st May—May Day Bank Holiday
- 2nd May—Strike Day (Cygnet Class closed)
- 2nd May—After School Clubs begin this week
- 3rd May—Year 2 Maths Workshop 9—9:30
- 5th May—Family Coronation Picnic
- 8th May—Coronation Bank Holiday
- 10th May—School Photo Day
- 15th May—Year 2 SEND Meetings at Race Leys
- Junior School (invitations have been sent)
- 15th May—SATs will begin for Year 2 Children
- 19th May—Family Bingo Night

29th May—2nd June Half Term

<u>June</u>

- 6th June—Year 1 Space Dome Visit
- 8th June—Pre-Pedal Sessions for Reception begin this week
- 12th June—Year 1&2 Phonics Screening
- 28th June—Reception visiting library
- 29th June—Year 2 Sports Event

<u>July</u>

5th July—Transition Day (Info to follow) 7th July—Sports Day 14th July—GB Gymnast will visit school 24th & 25th July—INSET DAYS

<u>Art</u>

Year 1 have been creating their clay reliefs looking at the styles of Tudor houses.







<u>Attendance</u>

We are working hard to ensure the children have the best possible experiences within school so that the children are able to reach their full potential. Each week the classes can be awarded **SAM** (School

Attendance Matters) or **OTIS** (On Time In School).

The attendance for this week in school is 92.1%. We are aiming for a target

of 96%.



SAM goes

to Heron

Class



OTIS goes to Gosling Class again

Parking / Driving

Please can we remind all parents that we ask that Hurst Road isn't driven down or parked on at the beginning and end of the school day. We also ask that you be considerate to our neighbours at these busy times of the day. If you need to drive to/from school we have an agreement with the Collycroft Club to use their car park at school drop off and collection times.



Our Family Bingo will be on Friday 19th May at 6:30pm.

Tickets will be £5 per family. This will include bingo tickets, squash for the children and a hot drink for the grown ups.

There will be other prize games on the night also.

Letters went home last week but feel free to contact the office if you would like to attend.



School Lunches

Can we please remind all parents that we encourage the children to have healthy lunches in school. We have noticed that children have been having chocolate bars in their lunch boxes. Can we please ask that these aren't being brought into school.

Also to remind you that our wonderful

kitchen team cook a fantastic selection of hot and cold food that is completely FREE every day.

This week's Wonderful Wednesday Lunch



<u>PE Days</u>

Reception—Tuesday and Wednesday Year 1—Wednesday and Friday Year 2—Monday and Thursday Children must wear PE Kit to school on these days. Can we please ask that the children wear their school jumpers or cardigans on PE Days.

<u>Photo Day</u>

School photo day will take place on Wednesday 10th May. These will be class photos.

- On this day can we
- ask that the children
- wear their school

on this day.

uniforms NOT PE kits

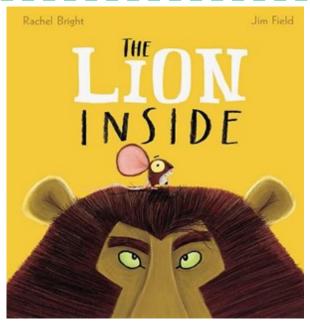


Improving Lunchtimes

Over the past few weeks we have been working hard to improve lunchtimes for the children. It can sometimes be rather noisy and overwhelming for some of our children in the hall. We have now split the sittings a little more so that Moorhen Class are eating with our Reception Classes and Heron class are with our Year 2 classes. This has meant that less children are in the hall at anytime which is making a huge difference.

Book recommendation from Miss Power

The Lion Inside, written by Rachel Bright, is one of my favourite books and often a book I share with the children when they first start at Race Leys Infant School in Reception. This story shows that everyone feels scared sometimes and encourages children to find their own voice. There are lots of beautiful illustrations throughout the story from Jim Field. As the story is told in rhyme it makes it lots of fun and there are lots of places to interact in the story – by trying to do your best roar!



It has been a busy week for Year 1.

Year one began their learning about The Great Fire of London with a virtual visit from the Freshwater Theatre Company. They were taken back to 1666 where they met Mary Porter who shared what it would have been like to have lived during Tudor times. The children joined in with lots of drama activities including street scenes with all the sounds of a busy London street. They visited the Pudding Lane Bakers shop where they made a fire dance to show how the embers leapt from the oven. They pretended to put out the fire with squirters and rowed across the River Thames to safety. Lots of fun was had and we learnt lots about how, where and why the fire started. We also learnt about significant people such as Samuel Pepys and Thomas Fariner, the Baker. We are looking forward to our next school visitors in summer two when the Black Hole Dome will be coming to teach us all





Marvellous Maths in Year 2 this week









This week Year 2 have been working

hard with their maths learning. They have been learning all about fractions in class. We also were thrilled to welcome our Year 2 parents in for the first of our Maths Workshops. We explored each of the mathematical operations and how we can use resources or pictures to support our calculations.

Each child who had a parent attend have received a Take Home Pack. Inside this pack are some maths games to play, example questions and the methods we use as a school for finding answers.







Hello and welcome to the magic that is Race Leys. My name is Sue-Ellen Lamb, and I am the Head of School here at this amazing school. A little bit about me, I'm a mum of two wonderful children fifteen and eleven, a wife and I also have a really cute dog called Disney. My interests are travelling and going to the gym.

I have been with the Griffin Schools Trust for eleven years now and joined the Race Leys family four years ago. I am committed to providing children with a rich and engaging educational experience. I believe we are an exceptional school with caring, dedicated staff who will put your children at the heart of every decision made.

The culture and climate of our school is unique, and I believe it is the key to our successes: you deserve nothing but the best and are welcomed into a truly unique environment where this very much aids your curiosity, awe and wonder.

I am so excited to welcome you to our family, your new extended one. Warmest wishes

