



# RACE LEYS JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Spring 1 half termly newsletter, our first newsletter of 2023!

We have started the year as we mean to go on with lots of opportunities and experiences provided to our griffins so read on to find out more:

Mrs Armstrong, our Religious Education lead, has been very busy this half term organising trips for our griffins to attend local places of worship. Year 4 attended the Coventry Mandir as part of their learning around Hinduism. They were made to feel extremely welcome and were given the opportunity to have a look around and ask questions to develop their understanding of this faith. Mrs Armstrong then took a group of griffins to the Islamic Experience in Birmingham, which was set up to help support Islamic studies in schools and aims to help educate people about Islam.

This past Tuesday, we held our termly Spanish afternoon. Miss Badland, our MFL lead, worked extremely hard to create a range of activities around the theme of 'settings' with our griffins being set the challenge of describing an area around the school in Spanish. Our subject themed events continued with our Geography afternoon. Lower School focused on developing their atlas skills by looking at the geographical features of the local area, with upper school looking specifically at the features of a river and comparing them at different stages. Mr Hole, our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math leader), recently arranged a lego workshop for our whole school. During this, griffins were presented with different challenges such as car manufacturing and bridged building in order to highlight the skills needed and challenges faced by engineers.



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A new proud tradition has begun in year 5, with a selection of griffins being chosen to take part in the Brilliant Club. This program is designed to help children develop their knowledge, skills and ambition and launched with a trip to the University of Bristol, where we had a tour of the campus and took part in a special workshop. This work is now continuing in school each Monday when our griffins work with the brilliant club to create their own academic project.

Another highlight from this term was the NSPCC number day. It is always interesting to see how our griffins (and staff) interpret the brief of number themed clothing and a favourite this year was our very own walking darts board! We were so pleased that so many of our griffin families were able to join us for a number trail around school during the afternoon and the day ended with our sold out family bingo evening. We look forward to hosting further family events in the near future.



A proud tradition continued as we once again celebrated Chinese New Year. We were delighted to welcome Education Group back to Race Leys to deliver a special workshop where our griffins participated in Chinese Lion dancing.





We were also thrilled to host Team Recycle, who held an assembly with all of our griffins to explain how different plastics can be recycled and used to create new. Our griffins have now been challenged to recycle as much plastic as possible, which will then be shredded, melted and moulded in Team Recycle's special machine in order to create a special piece of artwork designed by our griffins for display in school.

We would like to say a big thank you to the team at Bedworth Jewsons, who very kindly keep donating and delivering pallets and other items for use in our Forest School. This is greatly appreciated by all of the staff and griffins at Race Leys.

Finally, we wish Mr Haywood, our site supervisor, the very best in his retirement this week. Mr Haywood and his team work tirelessly to keep our school clean and we are always receiving complements from visitors about the high standard of cleanliness on display.

Best Wishes

Mrs Lamb



We look forward to welcoming our families back on 27th February.