



# RACE LEYS JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

March 2024

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. It is hard to believe that we have already reached two thirds of the academic year! Although it has been a short term, as always our griffins have been kept very busy with a variety of events.

Some of our griffins in year 5 have been working with the Brilliant Club. This involves a weekly visit from PHD tutors from a local university who work with our children to build up their knowledge and skills in a specific area in order to create a final piece of assessed work which will then be celebrated later at a special event.

Mrs White and Mr Hubbard, our History/Geography Leads organised a whole school activity for the Big Bird Watch, the UK's biggest public wildlife survey. Griffins enhanced their Geography fieldwork skills by going outside and completing a survey about the different types of birds they were able to spot in different areas of our school.

Thank you to all our griffins and families who participated in the NSPCC number day celebration. Our griffins (and staff!) always embrace the opportunity to dress up and we were delighted to invite our families into school to work with our griffins to complete a variety of maths activities during the afternoon. Our Maths lead, Mr Bevan, was also delighted with our coin trail that stretched from the hall to the library!

During the final week of the Spring 1 half term, we celebrated World Mental Health Day by asking our griffins to wear something yellow. The health and wellbeing of our griffins, staff and families is so important and we were delighted to participate in this wonderful event.

The Spring 2 half term has also been busy, with lots of opportunities for our griffins to celebrate and express themselves. International Women's day was a focus and coincided with our special lady celebrations as griffins wore purple, green and white and were joined by their families for a lovely afternoon tea.



World book day brought it's usual array of interesting and creative costumes. Our griffins always embrace this wonderful celebration and we would like to thank our families for the support and effort that goes with this, including a rather impressive Titanic costume that stole the show this year.

Miss Austin has been busy organising sports events for our griffins recently. Each class in school had the opportunity to participate in a basketball workshop with hot shots and some of our griffins also took part in bikeability workshops. This is in addition to school fixtures in basketball and football.

The final week of term has been a busy one. Griffins attended school in non-uniform (there were a lot of Coventry City tops!) in exchange for a chocolate donation for our Bingo night, which as always was one of our most enjoyable and well attended events and we ended the term with our half termly no pen day where our staff and griffins are challenged to develop their learning without using a pen or pencil! Year 6 particularly enjoyed this as they took part in a Victorian day to bring their most recent topic to a close.

Finally, we end by looking forward to our Summer term. The improvements in the weather will mean an increased focus on sport. Plans will be revealed shortly for our sports day extravaganza and Mr Bevan is also getting very excited and making big plans for the upcoming ten year anniversary of our Fathers Day Football proud tradition. We will need all of our griffins help to ensure that Year 6 are well organised and have the best opportunity to fulfil their potential during he upcoming SATs weeks in May.

We hope that all of our griffins, staff and families have an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday, we look forward to seeing you as we return to school on Monday 8th April.

Best Wishes

Mrs Lamb







Sorry to say but we have two children's bikes stolen from our school site. Please can I remind families to ensure that children take bikes, and scooters home daily, and do not leave them at school over night. The police have been informed regarding the matter.



We are always available to listen to any concerns that you may have. However our staff are busy getting ready for the school day in the mornings. and cannot meet families ad hoc during this time. We kindly ask that should you wish to speak to a member of staff you contact the school office to arrange an appointment in person or via telephone.

We would also like to gently remind families of our communication and escalation procedure.

First point of call - Class teacher



Phase Leader- Years 3 and 4 Mrs White  
Years 5 and 6 Miss Nicholds



Assistant Head - Miss Foster



Deputy Head - Mr Bevan- Head of Behaviour



Head of School - Mrs Lamb

For family support and concerns please ask to speak to Mrs Spencer our inclusion manager or Miss Smith our family support worker.



## Our Co-Curricular Club Offer



Monday  
Tag Rugby  
Cooking  
Pokeman  
Atheletic



Tuesday  
Art Club (12.45-1.15pm)  
Young Carers



Wednesday  
Benchball  
Vision Academy  
Art



Thursday  
Gymnastics  
Forestry  
Netball  
Spanish



We still have spaces on some clubs, please contact  
[admin2615@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2615@welearn365.com) if you would like to book a space.



# Race Leys Junior School Uniform



**Race Leys**  
Junior School

We expect all our pupils to wear school uniform and believe it gives our school a smart appearance whilst allowing for a certain amount of individuality. We expect parents to support the school in this matter. Pupils who arrive for school without the appropriate uniform will be provided with school uniform for the day.

The basic colour of our uniform is navy and white as a secondary colour (for shirts and blouses).

Cold weather uniform	Warm weather uniform (optional)
Navy sweatshirt with RLJS logo or plain navy sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper Year 6 – School Blazer	Navy sweatshirt with RLJS logo or plain navy sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper Year 6 – School Blazer
Black trousers	Navy blue checked dress
White shirt and school tie	White shirt and school tie
Black skirt or pinafore, of a sensible length	Plain black tailored shorts: <i>Please note: sports shorts may not be worn as part of every day school uniform</i>
Plain navy, white or grey socks	Plain navy white or grey socks
Warm winter coat – any colour	Rainmac – any colour / summer hat – no inappropriate logos
Plain black, flat, sensible shoes <i>Please note: trainers and / or canvas shoes are not acceptable – pupils will be required to change their footwear if they wear trainers to school.</i>	Plain black, flat, sensible shoes – as per cold weather uniform Sensible strong sandals – no flip flops or footwear that could cause a child to trip.

## Unacceptable items of dress/ appearance

Logos other than RLJS logo	Branded clothes
Denim clothing	Footwear other than listed above
Branded Track suits	Acrylic /false nails
Trainers and canvas shoes	Make up including lashes
Jewellery & body piercings other than 1 small stud per ear and / or a modest wrist watch	Hair should be neat, tidy and of natural colour Simple school colour accessories can be worn
Crop tops /strappy vests on non-uniform days	Hot pants

## PE and Sports

Indoor Sessions	Outdoor Sessions
Plain navy or black t shirt/school logo top	Plain navy or black t shirt/ school logo top
Shorts or joggers navy or black	Shorts or joggers navy or black
Sensible pumps or trainers	Sensible pumps or trainers
	Outdoor hoody or jumper for cold weather
No branded named/logo sportswear	

If pupils are not appropriately dressed for school/non-uniform day we will contact families for them to provide appropriate clothing alternatively we will provide clothing for them. If a child is not wearing appropriate footwear they will be asked to change into their PE pumps or be provided with a pair of black pumps to wear for the day.

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Dear Parents/Carers

The Pupil Premium and Service Premium give schools extra funding to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils from reception to year 11. In order to receive this additional funding, we are required to provide information to the Department for Education confirming which children meet the government criteria.

### **Pupil Premium**

If your child is eligible for free school meals or has been in the last 6 years this will generate pupil premium funding for your child's school. To be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of the appropriate benefits and have submitted an application for free school meals to the Local Authority Benefits Team.

### **Do I qualify?**

You must be claiming one of the following benefits to qualify for Free School Meals:

- Child Tax Credit with an annual income assessed by HMRC of less than £16,190

*(If either you or your partner is entitled to Working Tax Credit you do not qualify for free school meals regardless of income).*

- Income-Based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-Related Employment Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

If you qualify for the appropriate benefits but have chosen not to apply for free school meals please consider applying. You do not have to take up the free school meal to attract the funding for your child's school.

### **Service Premium**

The Service Premium gives schools extra funding to support children and young people with parents in the armed forces. Pupils attract the premium if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed forces
- One of their parents served in the regular armed forces in the last 3 years
- One of their parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS).

If your child meets one of the above Service Premium criteria please let us know as this will enable us to claim this additional funding.

Please help us to maximise the amount of Pupil Premium the school receives by applying on the following website.  
[warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://warwickshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Yours sincerely,

Sue-Ellen Lamb - Head of School