

RACE LEYS JUNIOR NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

Welcome to our Summer 1 newsletter, the penultimate newsletter of this academic year! Time really has flown as we look back on what has been a very busy half term and look forward to our final half term before the summer holiday.

Please can we start by saying a huge congratulations to our year 6 griffins, who showed a tremendous amount of resilience and determination throughout their SATs week. There has been lots of media coverage about the difficulty and purpose of the tests but this should not detract from the hard work and commitment of both the staff and griffins to ensure that they have the best possible chance of success. Please can we also thank the rest of our school and community for supporting us throughout this week despite the changes to our usual routines. We now await for the results to be published in July and will share these with our families alongside their annual school report.

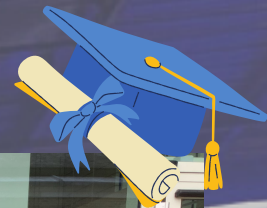
In recognition of their hard work, year 6 travelled to London to attend a residential hosted by Willowbrook Primary School, who are part of the Griffin Schools Trust family. Our griffins had an amazing time as they visited the sea-life centre, cruised down the River Thames, boarded the London Eye and watched a performance of Wicked, all whilst experiencing the uniqueness of life and travel within London.

We celebrated the coronation of King Charles in style (the additional bank holiday helped!) as classes held their own afternoon tea party to celebrate this historic occasion. There was a sea of red, white and blue throughout the school as griffins also dressed in the colours of the Union Jack to further commemorate this event.



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A group of griffins from year 5 have been working extremely hard over the past term through their engagement in the Brilliant Club. This involved developing their higher-level thinking by working with Universities to produce their own thesis. We were delighted with the quality of work submitted and all children received a pass grade, with some even reaching the distinction standard. This amazing achievement was recognised as they travelled to the University of Nottingham to celebrate all of their hard work and achievements.



Some exciting school trips took place during Summer 1. Our sports leaders were treated to a morning at Ninja Warrior. Lots of determination was shown to complete the course, especially from Miss Nicholds, who rumour has it spent a considerable amount of time hanging from the wall! In addition to this, the English ambassadors recently spent the day at the Roald Dahl Museum, learning about this amazing author and some of the historic books that he has written.



The improvements in the weather has allowed us to focus on sports. Our proud tradition of challenge 26 continued as griffins took part in a number of activities centred around the number 26. Colourful clothing was a must and we were grateful for the sunny weather during another successful event. Other sporting events included year 5 and 6 griffins completing the bikeability scheme, griffins competing in swimming during the lower school and upper school local gala, along with fixtures against other schools in both football and dodgeball. Thank you to Mrs Austin and other members of staff for giving up their time to provide these opportunities for our griffins.

Finally as always, we look ahead as to what we have to look forward to in the upcoming Summer 2 half term. Year 3 staff and griffins will come into school during the half term holiday as part of their chance to dance project and have the amazing opportunity to work with and visit the Royal Ballet in Birmingham. Our sports day extravaganza will once again take place at the nearby Pingles Stadium in Nuneaton on Friday 9th June and rumour has it that the staff football team are training hard in order to avenge last years humiliating defeat during the Father's Day football match. We will also be looking further ahead to prepare our griffins for the new academic year in September. Our preparations for transition to new classes (and in year 6s case, a new school) are well under way and we will ensure that our griffins feel confident and prepared to enter their new classes.

Best Wishes

Mrs Lamb



Have a safe and happy half term and we look forward to seeing you for the new term on 5th June.