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Newsletter



Founders Day 11th March 2016



In 2016 Griffin Schools Trust is 5 years old so it's the perfect time to establish a proud tradition known as 'Founders Day'. The day will be a celebration of GST roots, the journey taken by the trust to be where they are today and a celebration of the trusts identity, and ours as a GST school. The day will provide opportunities for:



- The telling of the GST story
- The exercise of leadership
- Service
- Individual and group reflection



It is a time to remember what it means to be a Griffin and for us to share this not only with the school community but also with the wider community.



At Saxon Way we will celebrate by having Key stage assemblies, which we would love parents to attend. These will be at the following times:



9.00am – Key stage 2 assembly – children and parents



9.45am - Key stage 1 and FS assembly – children and parents to be present.



During the day there is an opportunity for you to join us for formal tea and cakes. The times for these are as follows:



10.30am Formal tea and cakes

For FS and KS1 (FS1, FS2, Yr1, Yr2) parents and community partners.



2.30pm Formal tea and cakes

For KS2 (Yr3, Yr4, Yr5, Yr6) parents and community partners.



Throughout the day children will be taking part in community support work. A full outline of the day will come out on Monday but please take note of the times and events above that relate to you to make sure you are available to help us celebrate.



No Staff development day on this day as outlined on previous newsletters.



Minions, monsters and mutants!

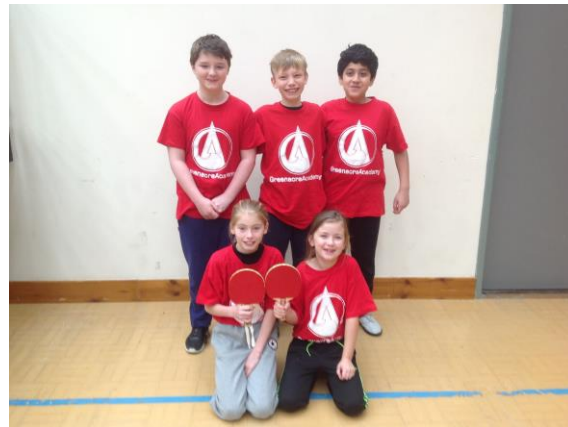
Well done Saxon Way-your book character costumes were amazing. During yesterday's World Book Day, children participated in different reading activities. The day ended with a 'red carpet' assembly where children shared the importance of reading. Our children know that not only do we read to learn and be able to function in day to day activities, we also importantly read for pleasure! The assembly ended with a red carpet 'cat walk' to show off each costume. Special mention must be made of those children who constructed their costumes on their own- you get a huge cheer for creativity!

In the morning, the school was presented with new books- this is highly appreciated as well as your monetary and book donations.



From Sadik and all the team at Co-op Gillingham High Street

Table Tennis Competition



A group of children took part in the Table Tennis Mini youth games competition yesterday and the coach that accompanied them said the children were fantastic!! :-). They were a pleasure to take to the competition. Everyone was commenting on how well behaved and how pleasant the children were.

Due to having 1 girl missing from the team, they had to give up some points for those games as they didn't enter them. However, Aleem won two matches overall (best of 3 games), and the rest all won a match each. They won some games in the other fixtures, as well. They all tried extremely hard and had some fantastic rallies. A lot of the other schools have table tennis tables to practice with every week and therefore, considering we do not currently have those facilities Saxon Way children did really well against them considering they are not able to practise in the same way. The children got stronger as the day went on and gave a good account of themselves. Well done!



Important facts you may not be aware of, regarding your child attending Saxon Way:



Did you know that lost minutes = lost learning



If your child is 5 minutes late each day, over the course of the school year they will lose 3 whole days of learning



If your child is 10 minutes late each day they will lose 6.5 days of learning



If your child is 15 minutes late each day they will lose 10 days of learning (that's two school weeks of work)



If your child is 20 minutes late each day they will lose 13 days of learning



If your child is 30 minutes late each day they will lose 19 days of learning



Please ensure that your child arrives to school on time each day, and is ready to learn.

If you need a Breakfast Club, please ask Miss Mercer or Mrs Sears.

Attendance

The government recommendation is for all children to attend school for 96.5% of the time.

Even with 95% attendance at the end of the school year it means that your child has lost 10 days of learning

90% attendance means 20 days have been lost

85% attendance means 30 days have been lost

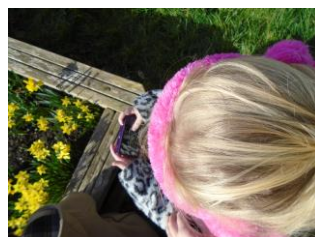
80% attendance means 40 days have been lost

75% attendance means 50 days have been lost

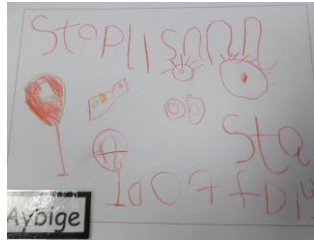
70% attendance means 60 days have been lost

If your child is unwell and needs to remain at home, please make contact with the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence as well as every day your child is not in school.

FS1 Trip to the Strand - Congratulations to all of the foundation stage children who travelled to the Strand for our trip this term. They put into practice the road safety skills they have been learning about. They had lots of fun riding on the train and behaved beautifully. We are so proud of you! FS staff would like to say a huge thank you to all of the parents and volunteers who made this trip possible. We would also like to thank Jenny, our local lollipop lady, who recently gave road safety talks to all of the FS children. "FS1 are learning about flowers and plants this term. The children have been on a nature walk and had the opportunity to take their own photographs of what they found." Picture of: Ellie-Louise photographing daffodils.



PSOME POSTERS DESIGNED BY THE CHILDREN IN FS2G



Saxon Way Primary School

A Sure Start Children's Centre

Tumble time – Every Tuesday 1.30pm till 2.45pm at the Parochial Hall. Have you seen our new equipment?

- Easter Craft – Saturday 19th March – Come and make some Easter based craft including chocolate nests and egg baskets. The Easter bunny is due to make an appearance so what out for him. FREE and open to everyone !!
- For up to date session information find us on Facebook.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination

Pastoral Support Manager (for families with children aged 5-11) Tracey Sears 07415 273306
Behaviour Support Manager Hayley Mercer

2016

Term 4

Monday 22nd February - Friday 1st April

Year 6 Trip to Kingswood
21st – 23rd March

Good Friday - Bank Holiday
Friday 25th March

Easter Monday - Bank Holiday
Monday 28th March

School Close Monday 4th April to Friday 15th April 2016

Term 5

Monday 18th April - to Friday 27th May

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Term 6

Monday 6th June - to Friday 22nd July
All dates are subject to change

3 further staff training days to be arranged

