



# THE GRIFFIN ARTS FESTIVAL

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Dear Riverley Families,

The Griffin Arts Festival was set up in 2014, to acknowledge the importance of the arts. We continue to deliver rich, artistic experiences for our children and colleagues on themes that are engaging and challenging.

This year's theme of family was a wonderful opportunity for children to explore the importance of family and its various forms. Through the arts, students expressed their love and appreciation for what family meant to them. The theme of family also allows for discussions about the values and traditions that families share, and how they shape our identities. Overall, GAF provided a platform for children to celebrate the bond that exists between family members, and to showcase their creativity and talent.

Riverley would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every family volunteer for your time given and creativity shared. Your willingness to give your time and energy to support The Griffin Arts Festival is a true testament to your generosity and community spirit. Your creativity and expertise bring so much to GAF and the children.

With best wishes,

The Creative Arts Team





## EYFS

The youngest Griffin's in Nursery kick started the week with a story time with author Jester Arrow, and his book called Perky the Pigeon, about a pigeon who aspired to be part of a band. The children then became stars of their own when they created their very own audio book with Lina, a family volunteer. Take a listen using the QR on this page!



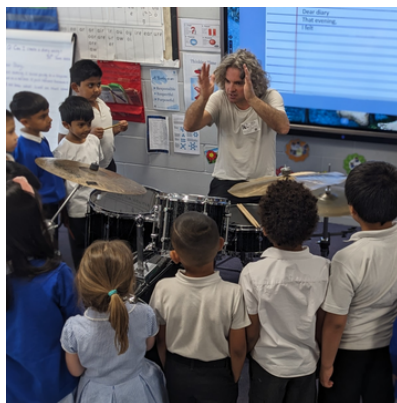
Reception began their week with a trip to the zoo where they saw lions and tigers - oh my! They learnt from the king of the animal kingdom and channelled this into their theatrical performance! Through-out the rest of GAF, Reception were treated to lots of creative activities and family workshops. They created their very own backstage interviews with producer and director, Tara and explored the world of illustration with illustrator, Jenni. After our GAF finale assembly with Bigfoot, the Reception children took part in their very own Anansi storytelling workshop with Lauren.





## KS1

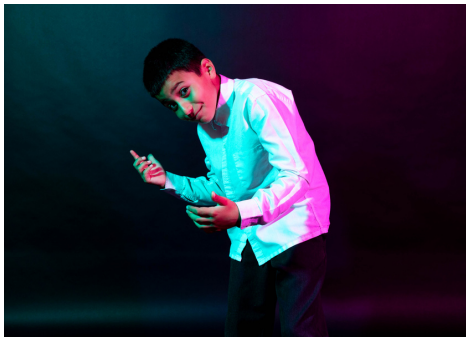
Year 1 began the week with a family flag making workshop with Rhea! Week 2 of GAF brought more creativity with a family workshop of fashion and music workshop with Carey and Tom and a 3D design workshop with Paul. Next it was music to our ears with a fantastic workshop from Luke who joined us to teach the basics of drumming after a drumming performance in the playground to welcome us in! Taking their learning outdoors, the children took a trip to the Olympic Park to explore art in nature.



Year 2 dived into Emerald City at the beginning of GAF as they explored shape and collage with artist, Nicky. They created beautiful glistening pieces which featured in our Wizard of Oz finale. Next up, a trip to the cartoon museum provided the children with a chance to meet a cartoonist and learn skills needed to create fun caricatures. Printing featured on the list of family workshops. The children created beautiful prints of under the sea objects and animals with Sarah. The children also experienced a fantastic workshop 'Africa, My Story' with Bigfoot.







## KS2

Year 3 children had an exciting experience filled with creative family workshops. They began with a photography workshop with Kate, who taught them the basics of composition, lighting, and how to use their cameras effectively. The students were thrilled to have the opportunity to take photos of each other, putting their newly learned skills to the test. Next, they had an art workshop with Heidi, who encouraged them to explore their creativity and express themselves through continuous line drawings. Finally, they had a fashion printing workshop with Charlotte, who taught them how to create designs which could be transferred onto fabric using different printing techniques. Year 3 visited the Nunnery Gallery where they met ceramicist Yasmin Falahat and photographer Jonny Bosworth. They explored the work of the two artists, visited the gallery and took part in their own sketching activities throughout.



After an exciting launch assembly, Year 4 attended a drumming workshop with Mbilla Arts, which allowed them to explore the rhythms and beats of African drums. The children were able to learn how to play the djembe drum and experience the excitement of playing in a group. In addition, they took part in an animation workshop with James Butler, where they were introduced to the basics of animation and had the opportunity to explore animation on digital devices. Furthermore, Year 4 welcomed artist Olivia Gee for a workshop where they explored the theme of identity and had the chance to create their own unique portraits inspired by Olivia's work. They then went on a trip to Little Angel Theatre to see 'The Wolves in the Wall'. The trip was a fantastic opportunity for the students to experience live theatre and immerse themselves in the story. Finally, the students had a photography workshop with Lucy and Jonathan, where they learned about the basics of photography, including composition, lighting, and subject matter. They were able to design their own backdrop, and create their own photographs.



Year 5 had an exciting opportunity to visit the William Morris Gallery, where they were able to view some of the beautiful artwork on display and explore a textiles exhibition. The children were also treated to a Wizard of Oz prop-making workshop at Factory Settings. Here, they got to unleash their creativity and make their own props inspired by the beloved classic tale. The fun didn't stop there as they also had a singing workshop with the cast of Wicked, where they learned some new songs and got to show off their vocal abilities. Finally, the students got to participate in a jewellery-making family workshop with Terry, where they created their own unique bracelets.



In Year 6, the children had a exciting workshops and trips to help develop their creative skills. Their animation workshop with James Butler allowed students to explore the world of animation and learn how to bring their own characters to life. The portrait workshop with Olivia Gee taught students how to capture the essence of a person in their artwork. The trip to the Primary Futures workshop at Guildhall gave students the opportunity to think about their future careers and aspirations. Lastly, the graphic design workshop with Charley Ray allowed the children to learn about the principles of design and create their own unique posters. These workshops and trips not only allowed students to develop their artistic abilities but also helped them to broaden their horizons and explore new possibilities.







## London GAF

Each year, London GAF gives ten year 5 children an opportunity to explore and learn about all the art that London has to offer through a 3 day residential trip.

With the guidance of experienced art educators, children will visit some of London's most famous art galleries and museums, such as the National Gallery, the Tate Modern, and the Fashion and Textile Museum. Through interactive activities and discussions, children will develop their creative and critical thinking skills while having fun exploring the rich cultural heritage of London. This trip promises to be an unforgettable experience that will inspire and enrich the children's lives.



## The Wizard of Oz Theatrical Experience

Riverley Theatrical Performance is an immersive production that engages and involves every child in a captivating theatrical experience. Through their meticulous attention to detail and commitment to creating an enchanting world, the children set the stage to step into a realm of imagination and wonder. From the moment the audience enters the school, they are transported into a vibrant and interactive story created by the children. Furthermore, the experience instills valuable life lessons such as resilience, empathy, and creative problem-solving within its engaging storyline. Overall, the Theatrical Experience creates learning opportunities where each child can fully immerse themselves in a rich tapestry of storytelling through all areas of the curriculum. This year, Riverley took on the Wizard of Oz. We hope you had as much fun watching it, as we had creating it for you.

