



Rugby Free

Primary School

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2024

World Book Day

WOW! What a fantastic day at school yesterday! RFPS celebrated World Book Day to promote the children's love of reading. The children (and staff!) all looked wonderful dressed as their favourite book characters, and we got to admire them in our whole school fashion show on the playground. It was lovely to see the children so enthused about their character and what book they were from.

The children began the day by choosing a story, or extract from a story that they wanted to listen to, based on the title and front cover. The children moved to different classrooms to hear the story they had chosen read by a different adult who was dressed up. The most popular book was definitely -The Dinosaur that Pooped the Bed by Dougie Poynter and Tom Fletcher! Most classes also took part in the Great RFPS Book Quiz, identifying characters from popular children's books. A huge Well Done to Jaguars, Seals and Penguins who were the winners. We must have some really great book lovers in year two and six! The children spent the remainder of the day engaged in book themed activities, and everyone visited our pre-loved book shop organised by the Friends of RFPS to choose and take home a book that they can read for pleasure. A huge thank you to parents who have made a great effort with costumes this year and helped children with their comic strip competition entries, we really appreciate your support in inspiring children to love books. Have you and your child spent their £1 Book Voucher yet to continue the World Book Day celebrations? If not, head down to one of the retailers and choose your free book! The redemption period for the £1 book tokens is until Sunday 31st March. You can spend the voucher at the following retailers: Hunts Book Store, Asda, Morrisons, Sainsburys, Tesco, The Works, Waterstones and WHSmith. To find your nearest participating bookseller, follow this link and insert your postcode. <https://www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers/> Hunts Bookstore have also very kindly given RFPS children an additional book token to the value of £1.50 off any book they fancy, which can be redeemed in store until 30th April.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Sebi

Zebras:

Hubert

Year One

Hedgehogs

Saiyan

Rabbits

Timofey

Year Two

Orcas:

Chizaram

Penguins:

Stan

Seals:

Kian

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Arthur

Kangaroos:

Hannah &

Billy

Turtles:

Moshi

Year Four

Eagles:

Bella

Raccoons:

Scarlett

Year Five

Pandas:

Samuel &

Sienna

Tigers:

Juli

Year Six

Jaguars:

Damian

Panthers:

Kane & Isla

Headteacher

Awards:

Emmie (Y1)

Maizie (Y4)



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More from World Book Day

Year 3 were lucky enough to attend a live, online drawing workshop with author and illustrator Raahat Kaduji. They learned how to draw some different animals and



flowers and listened to Raahat talk about what inspired her to become an author.



Language Leaders

The Language leaders have set up a Language Club on Tuesday lunchtime and it has been a huge success. The Language leaders have been leading the sessions teaching the children some words in the other languages they speak. The leaders have shown great confidence and could be the future teachers of RFPS! So far, we have learnt some words in Polish, Dutch and Turkish. We have also explored the language learning app Duolingo as a way to learn another language. Thank you so much for the language leaders for organising and running this and also for the many children in KS2 who are attending. It is so fabulous to see so many children who are interested in learning some words in another language. It has also been wonderful to see the children who speak another language get the opportunity to celebrate and share that with others. Next week, will be Latvian!



PICCOLLAGE



Traffic Incidents

We wanted to raise some concerns regarding the traffic situation during both drop off and pick up times at our school.

We have observed cars being parked on the double yellow lines and double parking at the end of Central Park Drive. These parking issues not only pose a hazard to the safety of our children but also cause unnecessary congestion in the area. We kindly ask for your cooperation in finding

alternative, safer parking spots or walking to school where possible.

Furthermore, there has been at least one incident involving parents being verbally abusive towards each other in front of the children. We want to remind everyone of our school values of kindness and respect. Such aggressive behaviour is not tolerated in and around the school premises and undermines our efforts to create a positive and safe learning environment.

While we understand that these issues are complex, as a school, we are doing everything within our power to address them. We are in close communication with the local police and council to find long-term solutions. In the meantime, we kindly request that any specific incidents be reported directly to the police. We believe that by working together, we can create a safe and respectful environment for our children.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Jokeathon for Red Nose Day

On Friday we will have the final of our Jokeathon for Red Nose Day. If your child would like to enter this, **then they need to bring in/have a joke ready on Thursday for their semi final within their class!** This is not compulsory and only if your child wants to!



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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

Thank you to those that managed to get to our meeting on Tuesday. It was lovely to see you. We discussed ways to enhance the playground areas and to focus our fundraising efforts to support developing these areas. Please look out for our 'fundometer' soon on our display board as you enter the main entrance gate.



Our AGM will be held on 8th April, 8pm at Brewers Fayre in the conservatory. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to welcoming you.

World Book Day sale - Thank you for all your donations of books and to RFSS for passing on some that they had too. We hope everyone had a wonderful World book Day, it was great to see so many fantastic outfits. All money raised will go towards enhancing all playground areas.

Coffee Morning - 23rd April 2024, 9-10am - FREE event.

We invite parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to join us for a hot drink, biscuit and chat. Some toys will be available for younger children and free from and decaf options will be available too. We look forward to seeing you.

Quiz Night - 17th May 2024 Evening time TBC

Tickets will be available soon, bring friends, family or neighbours for an evening of fun and a raffle. **(Adults only)** Teams can be any combination of up to 6 people. When purchasing your tickets you will be asked for your chippy food option for the evening. You are welcome to bring alcohol and hot drinks will be provided for a small fee. We look forward to seeing you there.

As always thank you to you all for your continued support and for the support of our volunteers for giving their time to provide each event. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram searching **Friendsrfps** to keep up to date with our news and events.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Diary Dates (please check these every week as they are subject to change!)

11th -15th Mar – Science week

14th Mar – Rec West Lodge Farm trip

15th Mar – Red Nose Day (non-uniform: **Red-to-toe**) and Jokeathon

19th Mar – Y4 Inspire Workshop - 9am–10am (parents & carers welcome!)

19th Mar – Y6 Beaumanor Hall Trip

20th Mar – Reception Vision Screening

21st Mar – Reception Inspire Workshop – 9am–10am (parents & carers welcome!)

21st Mar – Y2 Warwick Castle trip

25th Mar – 5th Apr – Easter Holidays

11th Apr- Mentally Healthy Schools Team Coffee Morning - 9:00am for parents

15th Apr – Y5 Space Centre trip

23rd Apr – Friends of RFPS Coffee morning – 9am-10am

6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)



Game On Easter Holiday Camp

A reminder that Game On are operating holiday club over Easter at RFPS. This will run from:

Week 1 : 25th-28th March 2024

Week 2: 2nd-5th April 2024

To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form.





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Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below.

Contact the **Warwickshire's Children and Families Front Door** on **01926 414144**. Lines are open Monday to Thursday 8am-5.30pm, Friday 8.30am- 5.00pm.

If you need to get in touch out of usual office hours, please contact the Emergency Duty Team immediately on **01926 886922**.

If you think that a child is at immediate risk, contact the police immediately by dialling **999**.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

If worried about any child being a victim of neglect, abuse or cruelty whilst at RFPS, you must tell Miss Butters or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.



Miss Butters
Designated Senior Lead



Mrs Colledge
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural
Designated Senior Leader

Jennifer Beattie

Trustee for Child Protection & Safeguarding

If you consider a child is in immediate danger phone the Police on 999 or phone children's services on 01926 414144 or out of hours on 01926 886922.

What will happen if I report child abuse?

Childcare agencies believe that children are best cared for by their parents. Children are rarely removed from their parents and most families are given help and support. Social Workers can only remove children from home with a court order and only after they have demonstrated that the child is at serious risk. If you would like to speak to someone in school about your concerns the above members of staff are Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be happy to listen to your concerns and take the appropriate steps to safeguard a child.



Information Sessions for Warwickshire Parents and Carers

Courses available online – via Zoom

Understanding and Supporting Children who Self-Harm
Tuesday 19th March 2024, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Understanding and Supporting Children with Anxiety (12+)
Thursday 21st March 2024, 9.00am to 11.00am

Understanding and Supporting Children 3-11 Years with Anxiety
Wednesday 10th April 2024, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

Understanding Sensory Needs in School Age Children
Tuesday 7th May 2024, 10.00am to 12.00pm

Understanding and Managing Emotions (3 - 11 Years)
Tuesday 14th May 2024, 12.00pm to 2.00pm

Self-Esteem
Monday 1st July 2024, 11.00am to 1.00pm

Places on our sessions are subject to availability.
To book your place please email risecommunityoffer@covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Please note: the sessions are available for Warwickshire residents only.