



# Rugby Free

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## Year 4 Residential Trip

This week, Year 4 went to Beaumanor Hall for their residential. They had an amazing time taking part in Robin Hood tracks and trails, stealth and concealment, den making, archery, rock climbing and hide and seek in the cellars! We are so proud of all of our children for their super behaviour and demonstrating lots of our key values: resilience, kindness, collaboration and respect. It has been a pleasure to take you on your very first residential adventure at RFPS!



## Fire and Rescue Team Visit to Reception



As a summary of their learning on People who Help Us, the Rugby Fire Rescue team visited Reception on Thursday. Reception were able to share what they had learned about the Fire Service, and had an opportunity to ask any questions they still wanted to find out. This included "How do you know which house to go to when it is on fire, and how do you know where to go?" and "how heavy is your uniform". The Fire Service patiently answered all our questions and then let us spend as long as we wanted looking at and trying some of the different equipment on their fire engine. We were particularly impressed with the Jaws of Steel, which the fireman described as scissors, but for metal! A huge thank again to all the parents who supported our learning on this topic last half term, it has really brought it to life for the children.



## Stars of the Week

### Reception

#### Giraffes:

Nelson & Aarna

#### Zebras:

Ellis & Hugo

### Year One Hedgehogs

Sienna

#### Rabbits

Bradley & Rayelle

### Year Two Orcas

Inez

### Penguins:

Elliot

#### Seals:

Joshua

### Year Three Crocodiles:

Julia

### Kangaroos:

Rex

### Turtles:

Tomi

### Year Four

All of Year 4

for their brilliant behaviour, attitude and manners on their residential

### Year Five

#### Pandas:

Molly

#### Tigers:

Taylor

### Year Six

#### Jaguars:

Ellen & Rory

#### Panthers:

Hayden & Chinedum

### Headteacher Awards:

Omar (Y2)

Isaac (Y5)





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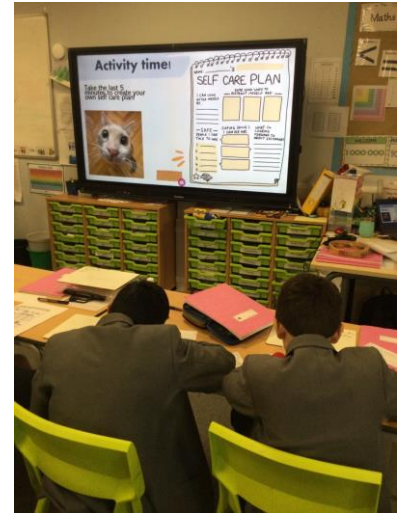
## Year 5 Mental Health Workshop

This week, year 5 had a visit from the Mental Health in Schools Team who led a mental health awareness workshop. We had the opportunity to explore what is meant by mental health, understand and explore a range of emotions and feelings we can experience and strategies to support our mental health. Children have then created a self-care poster to show how they can support their own mental health. We were super impressed with the respect shown towards our visitors and very proud of the maturity and knowledge shown within the session.



## Visit from RFSS to Year 6

This week, year 6 had another brilliant session by RFSS sixth form students! The focus was all about transition to secondary where they spoke about worries, travel and strategies that will help them throughout their transition.



## Year 1 Inspire Workshop

Thank you to all who came to the Year One inspire workshop. It was wonderful to see the children sharing their learning with their adults. The children took part in role playing the events of the Great Fire of London, creating fact families and labelling their body parts after drawing around themselves. We hope you enjoyed this as much as the children did!



## Employee Appreciation Day

Today, on Employee Appreciation Day, staff all enjoyed a thank you cup cake from the Trust.

“We would like to say thank you to you all for everything you do to support children, families and each other to make Learning Today Leading Tomorrow Trust and schools great places for our pupils to attend and learn. Employees are the life blood of an organisation and we do not underestimate the extent of the work you do and sometimes the sacrifices you make to make RFPS so special.....and so popular”

Tom Legge, Chair of Trustees and Founder of RFPS and RFSS



## Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

### World Book Day pre- loved book sale - Thursday 7th March

We invite all children to bring 50p to purchase a book to take home. If you have any good condition books for age 7 years plus that are looking for a new home please bring donations of books to the bike shelter where boxes will be available from the 4th-6th march. (We have a lot of younger age books which is why we are asking for 7 plus. Thank you.)

### Coffee Morning - 23rd April 9-10am - FREE EVENT

Come and join us for hot drinks and biscuits, free from and decaf options will be also available. Everyone is welcome, and there will be some toys/colouring available for younger children too. Please enter via the hall entrance.

**Quiz night - May/June TBC** - Bring family, friends and neighbours for an evening of fun and a chippy tea option. More details will follow, teams will be any combination of up to 6 people and it will be adults only.

**Our next meeting is next week - Tuesday 5th March at school - 3:30pm.** A space will be available for children, we would love to see you there to discuss and plan upcoming events. Please remember to follow us on Facebook and Instagram by searching Friendsrfps to keep up to date with upcoming news and events. Have a lovely weekend.





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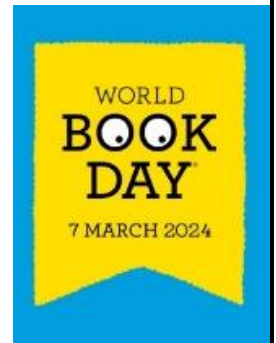
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## World Book Day 2024

As part of our mission to promote and engage children in reading, RFPS will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. As part of our celebration, we would like to invite the children to come into school dressed up as their favourite book character. We continue to encourage home-made and low-cost costumes. Below are some fun, easy home-made costume ideas that you and your child could make together.



The BFG: using paper plates.

Burglar Bill: using a paper mask.

Matilda: blue dress and red headband.

Handa's surprise: carrying a fruit bowl

Mr Bump: blue t shirt and bandages

Goodnight Mr Tom: coat and a flat cap

Harry and his bucket full of dinosaurs: blue t shirt and carrying a bucket of dinosaurs

Snow White: blue headband and carrying an apple

Please note that it is not compulsory for your child to dress up if they do not wish to.

Throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of fun book related activities. We will also be running a **Comic Strip competition** to promote a love of graphic novels. Children can collect a comic strip template from their class teachers, and use it to create their original characters. The Comics will be judged on World Book Day with prizes being awarded in assembly. If your child would prefer to create their comic strip story as an animation, they can log into purple mash and create it using the 2animate app.

We look forward to celebrating World Book Day on the **7th of March!**

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

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Friends of RFPS meeting – 3.30pm in school (all welcome)

**6<sup>th</sup> Mar** – School photographs (Class)

**7<sup>th</sup> Mar** – World Book Day (non-uniform and FRFPS book sale)

**14<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Rec West Lodge Farm trip

**15<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Red Nose Day (non-uniform: **Red-to-toe**)

**19<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Y4 Inspire Workshop - 9am–10am (parents & carers welcome!)

**19<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Yr 6 Beaumanor Hall Trip

**20 Mar** – Reception Vision Screening

**21<sup>st</sup> Mar** – Reception Inspire Workshop – 9am–10am (parents & carers welcome!)

**21<sup>st</sup> Mar** – Y2 Warwick Castle trip

**25<sup>th</sup> Mar – 5<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Holidays**

**11<sup>th</sup> Apr**- Mentally Healthy Schools Team Coffee Morning - 9:00am for parents

**15<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Y5 Space Centre trip

**23<sup>rd</sup> Apr** – Friends of RFPS Coffee morning – 9am-10am

**6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Thursday 7th March 2024

**-Mains-**  
Robodog Hotdog  
Homemade Boogie Bear Burger (VG)  
Mega Monster Wrap Bar - Cheese, Chicken or Tuna  
Peter Picker Potato Bar (V)

**-Sides-**  
Billionaire Boy Potato Wedges  
Gangsta Granny Green Beans  
Stacy Superstar Sweetcorn  
Sergeant Scoff Salad Bar  
Ketchup  
Fresh Bread (V)

**-Desserts-**  
Code Name Banana Split (V)  
Spaceboy Cookie (VG)  
Fresh Fruit

**dolce**



## Warwickshire Family and Relationship Support

### Parenting Together

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – 12:00

**2-hour FREE workshop for parents/carers at: Rugby Library and Information Centre, Little Elborow St, Rugby, CV21 3BZ**

This workshop recognises that parenting can be a hard role, especially in today's challenging world of a cost-of-living crisis, post pandemic with ever increasing stressors. Arguments and disagreements in parenting relationships are normal, however if it is frequent, intense, and poorly resolved it may impact on the outcomes of children.

**Who is it for?** Parents (including expectant parents) living together and those living apart. It is suitable for co-parents in separate homes, single parents supported by other adult carers, extended families, and blended 'step'

To book or find out more:



Any questions email: [parenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenttrainers@warwickshire.gov.uk)