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House Groups!

This week saw the introduction of our new House Group system at RFPS! We have thought about having House Groups for a while now and decided to go for it as the start of a new year! We have 6 Houses, named after a famous, inspirational person, linked to one of our values. The children are mixed up and in each House Group there are 10 children from each year group. Each House also has a charity linked to it, who they raise money for, encouraging children to think about others. We are also linking our Dojo points to Houses so they will now be known as House points! Children will earn points for themselves, their class and their House.

We had our first House Group session on Wednesday and everyone had so much fun! It was so wonderful to see the older children supporting the younger children, siblings (if they wanted to!) working together and different staff members working with different children. They learnt about their famous person and are in the process of creating wonderful displays for our school.

The House Groups are:

- David **Attenborough** – linked to Curiosity
- Frida **Kahlo** – linked to Resilience
- Ernest **Shackleton** – linked to Collaboration
- Mae **Jemison** – linked to Endeavour
- Florence **Nightingale** – linked to Kindness
- Martin **Luther King** – linked to Respect

We are in the process of choosing House Captains and year 6 have the opportunity to apply for these roles to help lead their House group.

We hope this will be a great addition to RFPS and the children really enjoy the sense of belonging in another way than their class and year group! We will keep you informed of things that House groups get up to and point totals at the end of each half term.

NSPCC Number Day Event

We will be raising money for the NSPCC, the charity chosen by Kahlo House. A voluntary donation for this event will be collected and will be going to the NSPCC.

The NSPCC is a charity who want to help every child to have a safe and happy childhood.



Our Number Day Event Friday 7 February 2025

Non-uniform

You could come dressed up as your rockstar (KS2- TTRS), wear an item of clothing with a number on it (sports top, onesie, human sized dice, design a t-shirt) or wear non-uniform.

Some ideas:



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:
Rowan
Zebras:
Ivy Rose

Year One Hedgehogs

Yuvraj
Rabbits
Amaya

Year Two Penguins:

Nova
Seals:
Scarlett

Year Three Crocodiles:

Elosie & Inez
Turtles:
Chizaram

Year Four Bears:

Rex
Eagles
Arianna

Year Five Pandas:

Esme
Tigers:
Jeevun

Year Six Sloths:

Sarrinah
Toucans
Molly



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Young Voices

On Wednesday 55 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 went to Young Voices in Birmingham. The children were an absolute credit to the school. They were beautifully behaved and put their full effort into the amazing singing and dancing they did. We all had a brilliant time, and all the staff are so proud of all the children who went.



Curiosity in Year 5

Year 5 are studying the book "Curiosity" in English which links to their science topic of space. The children undertook a research project to find out information about influential people, rocket technology and the history of space. They used a technique called dictogloss, whereby children listen to, repeat and re-write information, to find out the facts needed for their writing. As a result of their hard work and collaboration, Year 5 produced some excellent pieces of work which will be included in their class museum. Well done Year 5!



James Campell Author Visit

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome the amazing author James Campell to our school! He had us laughing nonstop with his engaging stories and witty sense of humour. James inspired us all to embrace our creativity and get excited about becoming writers ourselves. We loved having him here and can't wait to read his books and start writing our own!



Reminder - Huts in main playground

Please can we remind parents that when waiting in the main playground for children, your younger children are your responsibility. Therefore, we kindly ask that you do not allow them to climb on the huts or the shelter. If a child were to fall off of either the huts or shelter they could really hurt themselves. Thank you for your continued support in this.



What is an Inspire Workshop?

On the Diary Dates you will see dates for Inspire Workshops. They are a chance for parents/carers/family members to come and work with their child on lots of relevant learning activities, which have been planned and organised by their class teachers. They are usually based in the hall and are approximately 1 hour long. We really hope you can join us! This is something we have done at RFPS since the very beginning and something which parents love! All year groups will have them this year.





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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)



Reception & KSI Friendship Disco - Thursday 13th February. Reception 4:45-5:45, Years 1&2 6-7pm

We invite all children from reception and years 1 & 2 for their disco. Parents/carers are required to stay, and we will have a tuck shop, tattoos, glow sticks and hot drinks for adults too so please bring cash or card on the night. (tattoos will be cash only). Items will be 50p, Glow sticks will be 5 for £1 and hot drinks will be £1 too. Tickets are £2.50 per child. **Please pay £2.50 by bank transfer, ensuring you use your child's name & surname initial, followed by R, y1, y2 (for their year) as reference. E.g- Daphne T y2. Payable to - Friends of Rugby Free Primary School. Lloyds - acc 40818363. s/c 309950.** The deadline for tickets is Friday 7th February to allow volunteers to finalise numbers for catering and safety purposes.

Look out for dates/information for-

Year 6 leavers hoodies
Quiz
World Book Day Sale

Please remember to follow us on Facebook or Instagram searching **Friendsrfps** to keep up to date with our upcoming events. If you would like to be a part of the Friends of RFPS we would love to hear from you. It does not matter how much or little time you can offer any help would be greatly appreciated, please get in touch.

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

4th & 6th Feb – Parents evenings – booking via MCAS
7th Feb – NSPCC Number Day – non-uniform (see above)
11th Feb – Y1 Exotic Animals visit in school
12th Feb – Y6 Inspire Workshop & SATS Information session – 8.40am-10.15am
13th Feb – Y5 Inspire Workshop
13th Feb – FRFPS Rec & KSI Friendship Disco (see above)
17th Feb – 21st Feb – Half term
26th & 27th Feb – Y4 Residential
11th Mar – Reception Inspire Workshop – 9am-10am
13th Mar – Y3 Inspire Workshop – 9am-10am
19th Mar – Reception Vision screening (details to follow)

Game On Holiday Camp

Game On are operating a Holiday Camp over February half term at RFPS. The dates are: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his contact details are on the booking form which was sent out via MCAS on 16/01/2025.



PTA MYTHS
(THE FRIENDS OF)

PTA is only for stay at home parents!
False- All members are different, often juggling work, bills, home, kids, sports, homework just like you.

If I join the 'Friends of I have to help at all events!
Not at all, we only ask for you to try and help as much as you can. We know everyone is busy.

I have to attend every meeting!
You don't have to come to every meeting, you can still offer valuable ideas or help in the background.

I'll get roped in to volunteering for something if I go to a meeting!
There are opportunities to get involved but no pressure. Just help where you can.

The PTA has all the help it needs!
Incorrect - the PTA is always looking for more people to help in any way they can. You decide how much time you can spare and how you want to help.



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Safeguarding

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 Finch Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Pollitt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Mrs Colledge Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Mrs Screen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
 Miss Butters Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	 Miss Calcutt Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

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.

If you are concerned that a child appears unhappy or is being abused act now using the contact numbers provided below or alternatively come in to school and ask to speak to a DSL.

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**.

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.

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

Inclusion Team

The Inclusion Team



 Miss Finch Inclusion Lead	 Miss Calcutt SENDCo
 Miss Lydiatt Assistant SENDCo	 Mrs Pollitt Children and Family Support Worker

The inclusion team work across the school to support all of our children and families with a variety of things.

If you need any support from school, or want to know more about what we do, please just send an email FAO our inclusion team and we will reach out to contact you.



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ROALD DAHL AND THE IMAGINATION SEEKERS

Sunday 16 February 2:30PM

All around the world Roald Dahl's words are disappearing, not only from books but children's minds too! Now only a secret organisation known as the Ancient Guild of Tale Tenders can save the stories - and they need your help...

Especially made for ages 6 and up, the show develops both creative and literacy skills through performance, games and creative play, while exploring Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, including **The BFG** and **The Twits** along the way.



Find out more and book now at
www.macreadytheatre.co.uk



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