



# Rugby Free

Primary School



Newsletter 25

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

2024

## Message from the Headteacher

I would just like to wish all of the pupils, their families and staff a very happy Spring Holiday and a Happy Easter for those who are celebrating this festival.

We have had a wonderful term, full of exciting and engaging learning, excellent trips and visits and the opportunity to make more memories. We have had children experience things such as Warwick Castle visit, WWII Evacuee experience day, Y4 residential visit, Farm trip, Animal workshop, visit from a vicar, Inspire Workshops etc!

We have also embraced our new Thirve Approach this term, ensuring that all staff are using a relational and reparative approach with the children, to ensure that pupils' Social, Emotional and Mental Health are fully supported.

We said goodbye to Miss Cooper (Y1 teacher) today who has been successful in gaining a leadership position in another school. We thanked her for everything she has done for the school and wish her all the very best in her new role. We are really pleased to be welcoming Mrs Costello to the RFPS community, who will be replacing Miss Cooper, in Year 1 Hedgehogs after Easter.

When we return after the Easter break, the children are very welcome to wear summer or winter uniform. Summer uniform is a white and red checked dress or grey shorts and a white, short sleeved shirt. H

Thank you for your continued support and kindness.

Have a lovely break!

Miss Butters

Headteacher



## Stars of the Week

### Reception

**Giraffes:**

Arthur

**Zebras:**

Christina

### Year One Hedgehogs

Ferenc &

Nathan

**Rabbits**

Nimrit &

Julia E

### Year Two

All of Year Two

### Year Three

**Crocodiles:**

Reuben

**Kangaroos:**

Lucas & Arlie

**Turtles:**

Max

### Year Four

**Eagles:**

Romillie

**Raccoons:**

Noah

### Year Five

**Pandas:**

Kyle & Roman

**Tigers:**

Arielle

### Year Six

**Jaguars:**

Sienna &

Venkat

**Panthers:**

Mea & Arthur

## Year 2 Visit to Warwick Castle

Yesterday, the Year 2 children went to Warwick castle to celebrate their current topic in History, which is all about Monarchs! In the morning, the children had a private tour which taught them all about what life was like all those years ago, as well as having a real-life bowman show us how to shoot targets! After lunch, we watched a bird of prey show and then we had some time to explore the grand rooms and the tower. We even saw Queen Anne's actual bed! The children were so well behaved, well done to everyone involved.







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## Year 6 Visit to Beaumanor Hall

This week Year 6 were lucky enough to visit Beaumanor Hall to experience a WW2 evacuee day. As soon as we arrived, we were welcomed by the billeting officers and taken for processing. We were then immersed in a WW2 classroom, visited the shop with our ration books to collect ingredients for delicious (not) war time meals, worked in teams at the radio station to record then crack enemy codes and finally there was a bomb attack (it's ok, we all made it out safely) where we had to go down into the air raid shelter. All of the children had a wonderful time, behaved brilliantly and learnt a huge amount about life as a WW2 evacuee.



## Easter Fun

The Easter Bunny visited Rugby Free Primary School and organised an Easter Egg Hunt for all the children. The Easter Bunny also awarded the prizes for our Decorate an Egg Competition. We had some fantastic entries from all of the Year Groups and so a big well done to all those who entered and a huge congratulations to our winners.

- Reception – Lucy L
- Yr 1 – Arjan
- Yr 2 – Anay
- Yr 3 – Alexander
- Yr 4 – Bella
- Yr 5 – Julie
- Yr 6 – Lydia



We had donated around 150 large Easter eggs from Asda which went to lots of children (all of Reception received one and then we had an Easter egg treasure hunt with the others). Thank you Asda for your very generous donation!

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## Cricket

Recently, we conducted a pupil voice to see if there was any extra sporting enrichment we could provide for our children. Lots of them mentioned that they would like to get involved with cricket, so we organised somebody from Edgbaston stadium to come and

deliver taster sessions to every child in Y1-Y4. The children really enjoyed themselves, whilst learning lots of new skills. Well done everyone!



## Year 4 Inspire Workshop

Year 4 have had a fantastic morning sharing their learning with their families. They did a number of activities linked to their learning including: Art, Science, Design Technology, Maths, English, Spanish and Geography.

It was great to see the children sharing their multiplication knowledge in the lead up to their Multiplication Timestables Check in the summer term. Please continue to support your children with learning their tables using TT Rockstars and Hit the Button maths games at home. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended today, it was great to have you all here and join our children on their learning journey!



## Year 6 Football Match Report

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 the school football team played their first match together. Though they didn't win, every single person played very well. Our school was up against Boughton Leigh Junior School. At 4.00pm the match started. They had the opening kick off but Rugby Free Primary School managed to intercept the ball with hard work and scored. Once again they had kick off but once again everyone worked together to make it 2-0. Though we had stretched an early lead, they managed to get one goal in and by the end of the first half it was 2-1. In the second half we had the opening kick off but though everyone worked hard Boughton Leigh scored once again making it 2-2. In the dying stages of the match Boughton Leigh scored for a third time. The result was 3-2 to Boughton Leigh Junior. Though we lost, every single player was respectful. They all followed our school values and worked their hardest. It was their first time together and so they should be very proud of themselves. Well done to everybody who played!!

Match report written by John M from Panthers.

We would also like to thank Mr "Coach" Sheehan for being so encouraging of us and Miss Cox for coming to represent and support us!



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## Neurodiversity Celebration Week 18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> March

During our whole school assembly, we discussed the strengths and talents of people who may think and learn differently. Parents will be receiving a copy of the PowerPoint shared during assembly, to support with conversations at home with your child. Please also find attached with this newsletter a copy of the latest Coventry and Warwickshire Neurodiversity and Autism Newsletter for professionals, parents and carers. This signposts to lots of important information and support services which can be accessed to support children and their families.

## Achievements

There have been lots of great footballing achievements this month.

Well done to Max who has twice achieved player of the match for his football team recently. He showed great teamwork, perseverance, and determination to keep going, and also some fantastic goal keeping!

Also, a huge congratulations to Zachary from Turtles, who, we are very proud to say, that he has been offered a contract with Peterborough United FC Academy as an U9 player for season 2024/2025.



George from Orcas was recently awarded Man of the Match at his football game. Well done George 😊

Holly, Rory and Eddie, who are all in Year 6, competed in KEWBZUK at Stevenage in various cubes. Well done to all of you!

Tessa Dijkstra from Turtles has recently been successful in her first ever audition and secured a place in the Annie musical. The performance will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Benn Hall. Fantastic Tessa!



## Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who dressed red-to-toe for Red Nose Day and donated. We raised an amazing total of **£309.95**



## Allsorts

Here is the link to the March/May digital version of Allsorts magazine.



[https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\\_MARMAY24](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_MARMAY24)

you can tap straight to advertisers' websites too when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attraction to visit, services and articles to help your family. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon. Take care – Michelle Love (Editor)

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## Mental Health in Schools Team Coffee Morning

The Mental Health in Schools Team are hosting a coffee morning at RFPS on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 9am-10am** in the school hall. They would like to invite parents and carers to come along and join them for an informal coffee morning where they will be introducing the Mental Health in Schools Team and exploring what to expect from their upcoming parent workshops. Tea/Coffee and biscuits provided. For more information, ask to speak to your school's mental health lead.

To give us an idea of numbers, please let us know if you think you may be able to attend via the link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/3HBBpMBDVJ>

## Safe and Active Schools

Key Stage 2 have been thinking about cycle helmet safety and have watched and discussed the Warwickshire Schools Road Safety video linked to helmet safety. This is a really useful video especially with more and more of our children out on their scooter and bicycles with the weather improving. Please take the time to watch this video and recap it with your children.



Video link: <https://youtu.be/9vqZJEV4FmE>

## Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

We have some wonderful events coming up please pop the dates below in your diary or share them with family.

**You are all invited to our AGM on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm @Brewers Fayre in the conservatory. Please come along and show your support and elect/re-elect the officers, we look forward to seeing you there.**

### Coffee Morning - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024, 9-10am

Please come and join us for a brew and a chat. Decaf and free from options will be available as will some toys for younger children. This is a FREE event so bring along you family and friends.

### Quiz Night - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May Time TBC (evening)

We invite you to come along for an evening of fun, in teams of any combinations up to 6 people. Spaces will be limited. A chippy supper will also be included, and you are welcome to bring your own bottle. There will be a raffle and hot drinks available. We will advertise how to get your tickets after the Easter break.

**Early Date for your Diary - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** will be our Christmas Fayre.

Thank you for all your continued support and thank you to all of our volunteers for giving up their own time. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter break, and we look forward to seeing you on the 8<sup>th</sup> April at our AGM. If you would like to be a part of the Friends of RFPS we would love to hear from you.



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

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

**8<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Friends of RFPS AGM – 8pm at Brewer's Fayre

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

**12<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Y3 Botanical Gardens trip

**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)**

**13<sup>th</sup> May** – Y6 SATS week

**17<sup>th</sup> May** – Friends of RFPS Quiz night (evening event, time tbc)

**27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June – Teacher Training day**

## Game On Easter Holiday Camp

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

**Week 1 : 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Week 2: 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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**.

### 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**  
Safeguarding our children is everyone's responsibility

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

 Miss Butters Designated Senior Leader	 Miss Vural Designated Senior Leader
 Mrs Colledge Designated Senior Leader	 Mrs Screen Designated Senior Leader
 Miss Finch Designated Senior Leader	 Miss Colcliff 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.

# Easter Holiday Fun

**RUGBY**  
Art Gallery & Museum

Hop, skip and jump into a fun-filled Easter extravaganza! Create colourful sun catches, eye-catching bookmarks, and tissue paper masterpieces in our workshops. Craft adorable pom pom animals and get creative in our early years play sessions. There's something egg-celent for everyone!

23 March - 6 April 2024

Find out more at [www.ragm.co.uk](http://www.ragm.co.uk)



## Mental Health in Schools Team



### Parent/Carer Coffee Morning

When: Thursday 11th April 2024

9am -10am

Where: Rugby Free Primary School.

If your child attends Rugby Free Primary School, then come along and join our informal parent coffee morning where we will be introducing the Mental Health in Schools Team and exploring what to expect from our upcoming parent workshops. Tea/ Coffee and biscuits provided. For more information, ask to speak to your school's mental health lead.