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Reception visit the Farm

Giraffes and Zebras had a great trip to West Lodge Farm park yesterday, where they were able to get lots of hands on experience with animals. After feeding the ewes and the rams, they bottle fed newborn lambs, learning about why some lambs can't be fed by their mothers. The children also got to take turns observing and stroking different types of rabbits and guinea pigs, young chicks and goats, before watching a piglet race. They found out the pigs are omnivores, but that goats and sheep are herbivores. The children also enjoyed having a turn on a tractor barrel ride, making shelters for animals in the den making area and developing our gross motor skills in the play area. We would like to say a huge thank you to our parent helpers and other members of our school community who came on the trip with us, the children had a fantastic time!



Stars of the Week

Reception
All of Giraffes & Zebras

Year One Hedgehogs
Dominic & Eleni
Rabbits
Bennet

Year Two Orcas:
Kayla
Penguins:
Sophia
Seals:
Ellen

Year Three Crocodiles:
Atlas & Coen
Kangaroos:
Miray
Turtles:
Hollie

Year Four Eagles:
Adrian
Raccoons:
Skylar

Year Five Pandas:
Alfie
Tigers:
Milan

Year Six Jaguars:
Lena & Gabriel
Panthers:
Evie B & Amalfi

Red Nose Day

For Red Nose Day the children and staff came to school wearing head to toe in red. This year the event will focus on supporting those in need during the current living crisis, focusing on issues like lack of food and homelessness. We would like to thank everyone for their donations. We also held the final of the Rugby Free Primary Jokeathon which took place at the end of our celebration assembly. All of our finalists from each year group told some amazing jokes and were judged by the amount of giggles they received from the children. However, there could only be one winner and so **Congratulations goes to Archer** from Kangaroos and **Miss Tyler** who received the most giggles for their jokes. Both involved toilet humour!!!





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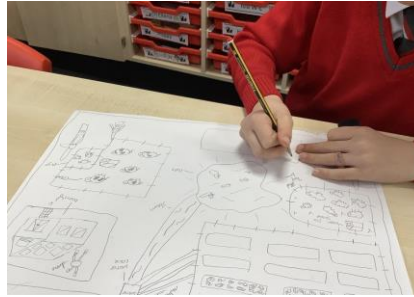
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British Science Week

This week marks the 30th anniversary of British Science Week! For this, all children took part in a range of investigations based on the theme of time. In Reception, the children looked at how light can change objects over time. In Year 1 and 2, the children investigated what pendulums are and how we can change the length of time for a pendulum to stop. In Year 3 and 4, the children looked at the effect of particle sizes and explored the respiratory system. Year 5 and 6 pupils designed a farm based on the future, looking at how farmers would be able to look after the planet in the future. We hope the children enjoyed their investigations!



Wear Odd Socks to School – World Down Syndrome Day

To raise awareness and support for those with Down Syndrome we are asking the children to wear odd socks to school on **Thursday 21st March**. No monetary contributions are required, socks help get people talking!



Thrive

This year we have introduced an exciting new strategy to support all children with the social, emotional and mental health development. We are now officially a 'Thrive' school and use the 'Thrive approach' to support all children with their social and emotional development. This includes building relationships, managing conflict, understanding change and many other things. Thrive allows staff to profile children's social and emotional development and set targets and write action plans to support development in this area. It also allows staff to identify gaps in social and emotional development and plan for specific interventions to fill these gaps. There is lots of information about this approach on the Thrive website: www.thriveapproach.com If you have any questions about the SEMH provision at RFPS, or have concerns about your own child's needs, please speak to any member of our school inclusion team.





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Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 8th April 2024**. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see you there.

8pm at **Brewers Fayre Conservatory**.

Coffee Morning - 23rd April 2024 - 9-10am

We invite all parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to join us for a social morning including a hot drink or two and biscuits. Some toys will be available for younger children. Decaf and free-from options will also be available. We look forward to seeing you.

Quiz Night - Friday 17th May Time TBC

Please keep your eyes peeled for how to purchase tickets. Bring family, friends or neighbours for an evening of fun with a chippy tea. You are welcome to bring your own bottle - please note this is an adult only event,

We hope you have a lovely weekend.



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

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

19th Mar – Y6 Beaumanor Hall Trip – WWII focus

20th Mar – Reception Vision Screening

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

21st Mar – Y2 Warwick Castle trip

21st Mar – Wear odd socks to school for World Down Syndrome Day

25th Mar – 5th Apr – Easter Holidays

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

12th Apr – Y3 Botanical Gardens trip

15th Apr – Y5 Space Centre trip

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

6th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

13th May – Y6 SATS week

17th May – Friends of RFPS Quiz night (evening event, time tbc)

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.



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 Leader



Mrs Vural
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Colledge
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Screen
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Colcutt
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.



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Annual General Meeting

Everyone Welcome

8th April - 8pm

Brewers Fayre Conservatory



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



SCOOTABILITY

Take your first steps towards safer scooter travel with a **FREE** level 1 scootability course

All equipment provided

The GEC Carpark, Hillmorton Road, Rugby
Thursday 28th March
10.00 - 12.50pm

Book your session here



Free Vehicle Awareness by Warwickshire Fire and Rescue available



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