



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 6

Friday 13th October

2023

Year 6 Residential Trip – Willesley Castle

Last week's Y6 residential was a HUGE success - we returned with some very tired, very happy children and staff! Whilst there, the children got to experience a wide range of activities (such as grass sledging, rock climbing, kayaking, zip wire, fencing, axe throwing, archery, rifle shooting and much more) and they built skills of team work, independence, organisation and resilience. Every single children impressed us beyond belief and all of the staff at the centre commented on how much they look forward to RFPS visiting as our pupils are such a delight. Well done Year 6!!



Harvest school appeal

In past years, the Rugby Free Primary School community has done a great job in supporting the work of Rugby Food Bank. This harvest time, we will be holding another collection to support the foodbank and the work they do in our local area. Boxes will be placed under the bike shelters from 9th – 20th October. Please place items to donate in the boxes as you drop off or collect your child from school. If your child uses clubs, just pass any items onto the Game On staff.

This year, the foodbank especially needs: TINNED FRUIT, INSTANT COFFEE, TINNED CUSTARD, POT NOODLES
GOOD STRONG CARRIER BAGS and are running low on the following: HOT CHOCOLATE, TINNED MEAT, WASHING UP LIQUID, SANITARY TOWELS - thank you



School uniform and Jewellery

We are seeing an increasing number of children not wearing the correct uniform. A white shirt, tie and blazer are mandatory items and when you signed up for your child to come to RFPS, this is what you agreed on. Please respect our policies and adhere to this. We will be phoning parents to bring in the correct uniform if your child is not wearing it.

A reminder please that children may wear one pair of small gold or silver studs. These will need to be taken out or covered for PE, so it is more convenient if they don't wear them at all. Children may wear a sensible watch, but no other jewellery unless it is of specific religious significance. No nail varnish or make up should be worn at school. Thank you

Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Gian

Zebras:

Thierry

Year One Hedgehogs

Jackson

Rabbits:

Charlie & Jenna

Year Two

All of Year Two

Year Three

Crocodiles:

William

Kangaroos:

Miray

Turtles:

Noah

Year Four

Bears:

Isaac

Eagles:

Chloe

Raccoons:

Imoges

Year Five

Pandas:

Nikola

Tigers:

Eliza & Olivia

Year Six

Jaguars

Holly & Dylan

Panthers

Dylan



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Recycling Week – The Big Recycling Hunt

October 16th - 22nd is Recycling Week. There is a national campaign called 'The Big Recycling Hunt' and we would love our families at Rugby Free Primary school to have a go. Remember, the more we recycle, the better our planet will be! Have a go at the child vs adult quiz to see who knows the most about recycling. You can find the quiz attached with this newsletter.

THE BIG RECYCLING HUNT RECYCLE WEEK 2023

Learn how to recycle better

Adult vs child quiz

1. After recycling, cardboard can be used to grow plants, for animal bedding and more!
2. Use an adult vs child quiz. Complete the quiz with your partner and then check your score with us!
3. Use the Recycling Champion card your answers and mark down any areas of improvement. Share the score!

The Recycling Champion helps you recycle items to your local area. Use it to find out:

- which items you can recycle
- where to take your recycling
- your nearest recycling facilities

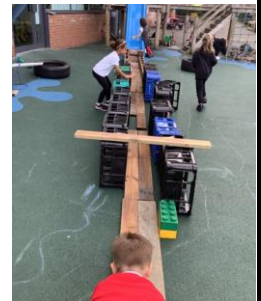
Who is the Recycling Champion?

Item	Where does it go?		Notes
	Site	Area 1	
1. Plastic pots, tubs or trays			
2. Plastic detergent or cleaning bottles			
3. Plastic shampoo and conditioner bottles			
4. Aerosols			
5. Food cans and tins			
Score			



After School Clubs - Engineering Club

So far this term children attending Engineering club have tackled problems such as the best way to build a strong bridge that can span across a river, how wings and tails help paper aeroplanes to maintain a steady course and how to build a tower that can withstand a hurricane. This week they showcased their collaboration skills this week when they were set the challenge to get a ball to travel the length of the playground without someone pushing it first. Children from Reception, Year One and Year Two were able to take advantage of the warm evening to create marble runs on a huge scale, with lots of discussion on how best to keep the ball rolling in the right direction. We were really impressed with how they worked together to test out ideas and refine their structures and can't wait to see how they tackle further challenges this term!



Harvest Play – Year 2



This week, Year two performed a Harvest play! During the performance, the children thanked the Rugby food bank for all of their hard work and spoke about how Autumn is a time where farmers harvest their crops ready for us to eat. The show then moved onto a story that focused on different seasons. We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of the children for their attitude and hard work in the play. Well done!



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

Social Media - WE HAVE NEW PAGES-

Please find us on our new facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552139876630>

and now instagram @Friendsrfps with our colourful logo.

Diary Dates

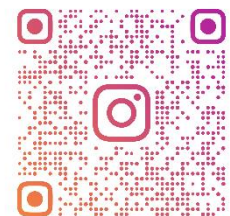
Pre-loved uniform sales - Parents Evenings - 17th and 19th October

We can only take cash - items are 50p/£1.

(If you wish to make any donations of uniform we politely ask for logoeed items only at the moment)

Spooky Disco, Years 3,4,5,6 - 25th October

Letters have now gone home to all KS2 children. Please return the form on these in a named envelope with the £2.50 by Friday 20th of October if your child/ren would like to attend the Spooky Disco.



FRIENDSRFPS



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Rainbow Donation and Non-uniform day - 10th November

Information will be sent home shortly, but to take part each year group are invited to donate a small gift in a colour assigned to their year groups and to where possible wear that colour on the day. All gift donations will be used to make hampers for our Christmas Fayre. For gift donations please do not include anything with nuts or perishable.

E.g. - RED - ready salted pringles, Maltesers, cherry candle, rocky biscuits, red wine

Christmas Fayre - 25th November 11-2pm

Please come along with family and friends for some festive fun. We have some wonderful food by Purple Fox Alchemy and On The Deck Pizza, some local crafters and businesses will be joining us as well as fun and games, a free selfie booth - even Santa is joining us - keep your eyes peeled for how to pre book grotto tickets!!

As this is our first Christmas Fayre since before Covid we would love to see as many of you as possible!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.



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

16th Oct - Y3 & Y6 Tag Rugby

17th & 19th Oct – Parents evenings

19th Oct – Y1 St John's House museum trip

19th Oct – Inclusion Drop-in session (meet the team)

20th Oct – **Blue Day (Non Uniform), donations to Our Jay Foundation £1- more details to follow**

24th Oct – Y4 Coombe Abbey trip

25th Oct – Spooky Disco for KS2 - hosted by Friends of RFPS

27th Oct – **Teacher Training day**

30th Oct – 3rd Nov – **Half term**

8th Nov – Y5 London trip

9th Nov – Individual School Photographs

10th Nov – Rainbow Donations non-uniform day (more details to follow)

23rd Nov – Nasal Flu vaccinations (more details to follow)

Half term holiday club – GAME ON

A reminder

that Game

On are

operating a

holiday club for October Half term

at RFPS from Monday 30th October

to Friday 3rd November. To book

your dates, please liaise with Mr

Sheehan directly - his contact details

are on the booking form which was

sent out with the newsletter on

Friday 8th Sept. Thank you.



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



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 RFPS, you must tell Miss Butters or, in her absence, one of her safeguarding team.



Miss Butters
Designated Senior Lead



Mrs Collidge
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural
Designated Senior Leader

Mr M Chahly

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.



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KS2 SPOOKY DISCO
From FoRFPS

HOT & COLD DRINKS £1
TATTOOS £1
CANES £1

BLOW STICKS
FREE SQUASH

CASH ONLY EVENT

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 6PM- 7.30PM

£2.50 per child RFPS KS2 ONLY
Form will be sent home for ticket

FUNDRAISING DAYS

Rugby Free Secondary School

Swap an Item of Uniform for Something Blue!
19th October 2023

Rugby Free Primary School

Non Uniform - 'Blue Day'
20th October 2023

Rugby Free Primary School and Rugby Free Secondary School are joining forces to raise money to help cover the cost of the installation of these at both schools and donate to a very worthwhile cause.

On Friday 20th October, we are holding a 'Blue Day' (Non Uniform), as this was Jamie's favourite colour. We are asking students to donate **£1**.

Please give your £1 to your class teacher.

Buckets from the charity will be at both schools to collect any cash donations.

We are in collaboration with the [Our Jay Foundation](#) to have defibrillators outside of the school gates that are accessible to the whole community.

The 'Our Jay Foundation' was set up by a Rugby mum, whose son tragically lost his life as his friends were unable to gain access to a defibrillator when he suffered a cardiac arrest, the nearest defibrillator was locked inside a local school.

The Our Jay Foundations mission is to raise awareness of the importance of having 24/7 publicly accessible automated external defibrillators.

The cabinets have already been installed at both Rugby Free Primary School and Rugby Free Secondary School.



KINDNESS



COLLABORATION



CURIOSITY



RESPECT



RESILIENCE



ENDEAVOUR

