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Fire Safety Workshop

On Thursday, Year 1 took part in a Fire Safety workshop with the Warwickshire Service and Rescue team. During our workshop we learnt about what can cause a fire, what we should do in case of a fire and the importance of checking our fire alarms once a week. We even had the chance to look at what firefighters wear to protect themselves when fighting fires... and some even got to try it on! All the Year 1 teachers were amazed at how brilliantly the children listened to our visitors.



On Thursday, year 5 also had a visit from the Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. They had a workshop around fire safety and had the opportunity to learn more about what the Fire and Rescue Service do for our community. We were very impressed with the knowledge that the children already had around how to keep themselves safe and were able to recall the "stop, drop and roll" that they had learnt in year 1. All the children have been tasked with being a Junior Fire Safety Champion by completing a home audit so be prepared for your child to come home and look around your house for fire hazards. A huge well done to all the year 5 children for showing such respect and kindness to our visitors!



Achievements

Well done to Ivy-Lin from Raccoons and Erin from Eagles who were both players of the match in their recent U10s games. Both girls play on the left side of the pitch and so both worked together to get a win against a tough opponent.



Another sporting star from Rugby Free Primary - Alexander from Turtles scored an amazing try and was man of the match for Rugby Lions Minis and Juniors recently. Amazing Alexander!



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Aryan

Zebbras:

Dominic

Year One

Hedgehogs

Joanne

Rabbits

Xavier &

Zachary

Year Two

Orcas:

Darshan

Penguins:

Finnley

Seals:

Harry

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Joanna

Kangaroos:

Eva

Turtles:

Penelope

Year Four

Eagles:

Amelia R

Raccoons:

Jeevun

Year Five

Pandas:

Harmeet &

Sophie

Tigers:

James &

Theoren

Year Six

Jaguars:

Keira & Holly

Panthers:

Zara

Headteacher

Awards:

Olivia Y5

Charlie Y5



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Year 6 Climate Change

This week year 6 have been learning about climate change and how it is affecting the earth. They made posters, bookmarks and even an art gallery to show the rest of Key Stage 2 what's happening. There were lots of posters explaining that because of how much greenhouse gases and other gases we make through cars and cement works as it's breaking our ozone layer and heating the planet. In the art gallery, year 6 showed what is happening through art. Not only did they draw magnificent pictures but also wrote about what's happening, for example there was some fish sculptures dangling from the ceiling. The children made bookmarks on PurpleMash, explaining that we need to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle more. Year 6 have definitely amazed us all with this knowledge...



Congratulations

We would like to wish Miss Clews-Jones, one of our Reception teachers (now to be Mrs Hammond) our huge congratulations on getting married in the half term holiday! We all wish Mr and Mrs Hammond lots of luck for the future and we are so glad you had a wonderful day!



Physical Activity

We would like to gain an understanding of our children's physical activity outside of school to We would really appreciate it if you could take a few minutes to fill out this questionnaire. This is by no means a test! We would like to raise the profile of sport and general physical activity amongst our children and simply want to know which ones we need to support more. Thank you in anticipation for your time.

Physical activity questionnaire



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

We would like to remind you that pre-loved uniform is always available please drop us a message of what you are looking for and we can have a look for you. We are currently only taking donations of logo items due to storage space. Thank you.

Also, our old Facebook group is now CLOSED!! To keep up to date with upcoming news and events please follow us by searching [friendsrfps](#) on both Facebook and Instagram.

World book day pre-loved book sale - 7th March.

We invite all children to bring 50p to purchase a book to take home.

If you have any good condition at age 7 plus pre-loved books that are looking for a new home please bring them to the bike shelter where boxes will be available from the 4th - 6th.

(We have a lot of younger age books which is why we are asking for age 7 plus, thank you)

Coffee Morning - 23rd April

In the school hall, 9-10am. Join us for hot drinks and biscuits. Enter via the hall entrance.

Quiz night - May/June TBC - Bring family/friends

More information will follow but spaces will be limited. Teams will be any combination of up to 6 people. Adults only, you are welcome to bring your own alcohol if you wish. A chippy tea option will also be available.

Our next meeting - 5th March at school, 3:30pm.

A space will be available for children, we would love to see you there to help us plan or run future events. Please come to the main reception. Have a wonderful weekend.





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

27th & 28th Feb – Y4 Residential Trip - Leicestershire

29th Feb – Y1 Inspire Workshop - 9am–10am (parents welcome!)

5th Mar – Friends of RFPS meeting – 3.30pm in school (all welcome)

7th Mar – World Book Day

14th Mar – Rec West Lodge Farm trip

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

19th Mar – Yr 6 Beaumanor Hall Trip

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

21st Mar – Y2 Warwick Castle trip

25th Mar – 5th Apr – Easter Holidays

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

15th Apr – Y5 Space Centre trip

6th May – Bank Holiday

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**.

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 Colledge
Designated Senior Leader



Miss Finch
Designated Senior Leader



Mrs Vural
Designated Senior Leader

Jennifer Scoble
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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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.

I can't 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.

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.

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.



Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (PTA)

WE NEED YOU

to help us plan, create and run fun events to enrich our children's learning environment

What we have organised

- Discos
- Christmas Fayre
- Break the Rules day
- World book day pre-loved sale
- Leavers hoodies
- Rainbow Raffle - non uniform day
- Bagszschool
- Christmas cards
- Pre-loved uniform sales
- Pantomime visit
- Ice lolly sales
- Coffee mornings
- Halloween/Christmas outfit pre-loved shop
- Quiz night
- Reception parent starter packs



Since September we have raised approximately **£3000**

HOW WILL WE SPEND THE MONEY RAISED?

The children have voted to extend the trim trail and invest in the playground areas.

Do you think you can help us?
Could you bring some new ideas?
Could you spare some time?

If so, please come along and share your support while meeting new people.

