



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 26

Friday 23rd April

2021

Message from Head Teacher

Welcome back to all of our pupils and families after the Easter break. We are now in the Summer Term and raring to go! We have lots of exciting things planned for this term and hopefully, if restrictions continue to ease, we might be able to do a few more things. The children have returned this week with lots of energy, enthusiasm and ideas for their new topics. It's so nice to see all of the children so engaged with their learning.

Whilst we are focusing on this term and making sure it is jam packed full of learning and events in school, we are also looking forward to next academic year when we will be a completely full school with Reception through to Year 6! Next week, we are interviewing for three new teachers and so some of your children will be involved in giving tours of our lovely school or having sample lessons by the candidates. We love hearing the children's views on who they think would be a good teacher for us as they are very good judges of character! It was heart-warming to see and a pleasure to read a huge amount of excellent applications from teachers wanting to work at RFPS. We will keep you updated on staffing changes when we can.



Road Safety

We are still having issues surrounding inconsiderate and illegal parking from some parents. You will have received an email from our CEO, Mrs Mullen, regarding this. I am getting a lot of complaints from local businesses and it is taking my time away from improving the education of the children which should be my main focus. Please think carefully before parking on double yellow lines, across junctions and in businesses car parks. We need to work together as a community, not make life harder for each other.

Over the next week we will be sending out a parent questionnaire as we want to hear your views. We want to know what you think our strengths are and what you think we could improve on. We always want to become even better so please do fill this in and give your suggestions!

Thank you once again for your incredible support in following Covid19 rules – I think we are all doing so well in protecting each other and this has definitely had an impact on low case rates within our community.

Miss Butters

Scrumdiddlyumptious in Year 3



Year 3 have kick-started their topic 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' with an afternoon of food preparation skills (chopping, slicing and dicing) and food tasting. We thought about where some of our exotic fruits come from and why they might only grow in certain seasons, climates and countries. It was great fun! Our text this half term is also linked to our topic, the children became reading detectives and used the



illustrations to make inferences and predictions. We also took on the role of the illustrator to learn about character development and how symbols and signs can be used to develop our illustrations. A great week of learning Year 3, keep up the great work!

Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Mirko

Lions:

Jaiden M

Zebras:

Tessa C

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Stephen

Owls:

Remai

Rabbits:

Amelia R

Year Two

Orcas:

Sanaya

Penguins:

Roman

Seals:

Haris

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Sophie

Kangaroos:

Johnathan D

Turtles:

Riley S

Year Four

Bears:

Hereem

Eagles:

Aarav

Raccoons:

Olivia S

Year Five

Elephants:

Joshua

Pandas:

Darshan

Tigers:

Ege



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Gardening In Year 5

Year 5 had an amazing WOW day on Monday for our new topic. They took part in a competition to see which class could design and grow the best allotment! We were so impressed with their team work and



all that they have already learnt about plants and what they need to grow. They also worked in groups to design and make a mini garden, even sowing their own seeds. The children will tend to their allotment and garden over the coming weeks and we will let you know the winners of each competition.



Special thanks

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU!** to **Nicholls Building Merchants** for donating 12 bags of top soil for our Y5 allotment topic this term. The children are already enjoying using these fabulous resources.

Learning body parts in Year One

We have had a very busy first week back in Year 1 and the children have settled in brilliantly after their Easter break! We have been doing a lot of PSHE learning, thinking about how to keep ourselves healthy, labelling parts of the body and how our families care for us.

We also had a special PE session where we learned to do forward rolls. Lots of us showed resilience and persevered until we could do it, well done everyone!



Certificates of Achievement:

Reception:

Stanley & Freya
Leah & Colin
Harper & Oscar

Year One:

Patrick & Noah
Ashton & Skylar
Alyssa & George

Year Two:

Noah & Inna
Archie & Harry
Sarrinah & Eliza

Year Three:

Chinedum & Kian
Joshua & Ava B
Hayden & Harvey

Year Four:

Saavun & Nicole
Dexter & Evelyn
Leland & Isla

Year Five

Minal & Erin F
Evie & Esha
Kai & Kane F

Welcome to our new staff

This week we have welcomed two new members of staff. Miss Nelson has joined the Reception team as an experienced Teaching Assistant. Miss Hill is part of the Game On team and having supported breakfast and after school clubs in the past, she is already a familiar face to the children. Please join us in welcoming them to our school.

Summer Uniform

The children are very welcome to wear summer uniform this term or they can continue wearing their current one. Summer uniform consists of either a **red checked summer dress** or **grey tailored shorts and a white short sleeved summer shirt and tie** (*on really hot days the children can take their tie off*).

Full and correct uniform needs to be worn every day, including black school shoes.

Compass
Family Resources For
National Walking Month
May 2021

Get your family moving!

Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service have put together this resource to get the whole family walking through a range of fun activities.

Scroll through to discover the benefits of walking to your walking activities for all ages, and make your walks even more magical with some family-friendly nature activities. There's also information about support you can access if your child needs help getting active or making some healthy lifestyle changes, as well as where you can access support with emotional and mental wellbeing.

#Walk This May

Benefits of walking

Walking is a simple, free and one of the easiest ways to get active. Lose weight and become fitter, improve your health, walking for pleasure for those who love it. It's also a great way to spend time with family, friends and pets and it's a great way to get some fresh air and exercise. It's also a great way to get some fresh air and exercise. It's also a great way to get some fresh air and exercise.

- Improves blood circulation
- Reduces stress and anxiety
- Helps you sleep
- Increases energy levels
- Helps you to maintain a healthy weight
- Helps you to maintain a healthy mood
- Increases your cardiovascular fitness
- Boosts concentration
- Reduces the risk of depression

National walking month – May

The month of May is National Walking Month and the Compass School Health team have put together resources to get students and the whole family walking through a range of fun activities. Compass has created a National Walking Month – Family Resources document, which includes information on the benefits of walking, contains lots of family friendly nature and walking related activities, as well as physical and mental health support service information. It provides families with a range of fun outdoor activities to do in the evenings and at weekends.

They hope the children, young people, families and staff connected to our school enjoy the resources and it inspires activity, gets people outdoors and helps to improve mental wellbeing.

Below is a weblink:

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World Book Day

We had a fantastic day celebrating our rescheduled World Book Day which also coincided with World Book Night and Shakespeare's birthday. The Reception children did a catwalk show of their amazing costumes (including the teachers who dressed up as 'Aliens Love Underpants')! Year 1 used their art skills to draw a picture of themselves in their costume. Year 2 employed their fabulous writing skills to describe book characters. Year 3 used the programming tool 'Scratch' to animate dialogue from a book. Year 4 celebrated with a World Book Day Scavenger Hunt, brought their favourite books to school and searched for fabulous sentences, morals and lessons, descriptions of food and clothing, similes and interesting facts amongst other things. They also created sensational class bunting of their favourite book covers and characters. Year 5 enjoyed a book Scavenger Hunt and literary quiz. We love books!



Physical education at Rugby Free Primary



It has been a very busy first week back in school for PE. Our Key Stage 2 children have started completing the 'Daily Mile' which is designed to build up the children's fitness as well contributing towards the World Health Organisation's recommended daily physical activity target. It was great to see all children in Key Stage 2 taking part in this with big smiles on their faces. As well as this, we have had a coach from Harris Schools Sports Partnership come into school to do some kickboxing with Year 2 who had an amazing time! Over the next few weeks, Year 1 to Year 5 will each have their own kickboxing sessions which is very exciting. Also, on Wednesday, some children in school

took part in a gymnastics workshop where they learnt lots of new and exciting things. Here are some pictures so you can see how much we enjoyed it.

Furthermore, an exciting project will be commencing next week at school! Our school has been chosen to take part in a nationwide challenge to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. The WOW – walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school. We are super excited to get started and earn badges for our active journeys to school. Please read the letter sent on Thursday, regarding this project for more information.





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Competition winner

In our Newsletter at the end of February, we posted details of an Easter Hamper competition from Dalrod. Children were asked to draw a picture of what 'lockdown' means to you. We are proud that the winner of this competition came from **Rugby Free Primary School**.



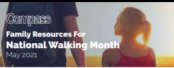
Congratulations to **Mishaal in Year One** for this beautiful picture! Mishaal won an Easter Hamper and a £20 Book Token. The prize also comes with two hours of free drain cleaning for the school!

Monthly Photography Competition

This month's competition ends on **Thursday 29th April 2021**. Please email your entry to Mrs Odwell –

eleanor.odwell@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk by 5pm with your child's name in the email. We can't wait to see all of the different, creative and inspiring photographs.

April's theme is: **Something you are thankful for!**



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Family Support



Message from Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

With limited activities available and limited ways to communicate, I think we would all agree that during lockdown, the amount of time both ourselves and our children spent on technology increased. Now, as the weather is brightening and we begin to be able to return to enjoying other activities, it is a good time to try and reduce your child's screen time. However, this can sometimes be challenging so here are some useful tips that may help.

If you have any issues or concerns you would like further support, please get in touch either via the main school office or email me directly at clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk

Diary Dates

3rd May – BANK HOLIDAY

31st May – BANK HOLIDAY

1st June – 4th June – Half term

7th June – No longer a Teacher Training Day.

11th June – School photos – Individual and siblings (due to the demand/enquires from parents.) We have also booked the photographer to come in November, as many of you wanted photos as Christmas presents)

Junk Modelling

Our Reception Teachers have made a plea for any junk modelling materials to be brought into school for the children to create their masterpieces. Recycling materials such as clean and empty cereal boxes, small boxes, bottles and cardboard tubes would be appreciated. Please can these be brought to the school office where they will be quarantined.