



# Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 2

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

September

### Amazing news!

RFPS wants to send a huge congratulations to our sister school and other school in our Trust, **Rugby Free Secondary School** for receiving the grading **Good** in their recent Ofsted Inspection! They have worked tirelessly over the past two years to make significant improvements to the school and it is fabulous to see Ofsted recognise this. The report will be published in the next couple of weeks.

RFSS have open days/evenings organised if you want to visit but if you have a child in year 5 and 6, they are putting on a special afternoon event just for RFPS pupils on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 4.30pm – 5.30pm. We would all love to see our pupils stay within the Trust for their secondary education so please think about attending. Further details and booking information will be coming out soon regarding this.

We are so proud and impressed with their progress over the past two years. Well done RFSS – you are superstars!

### Correspondence and communication in school

We now have a full school with 420 fantastic pupils! It is lovely to see it so full and vibrant. As headteacher, I love talking to parents and having conversations with them. Parental feedback is incredibly important to us whether positive or areas you feel we can improve on. However, as we have now grown to a larger than average school, we need to put in official communication methods for parents regarding who to contact if they have a query or complaint. I often receive in excess of a 500 emails a day and keeping on top of them is challenging. Sometimes I get emails regarding lost property or holiday requests etc which should be directed to the school office. Also, we have different layers of leadership at school who are there to support parents and families. Please always contact the class teacher in the first instance and use the chart below to know who to escalate a complaint or discussion to.

#### If you have something you would like to discuss with school:

	Reception	Year 1 and Year 2	Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 and Year 6
<b>In the first instance</b>	<b>Class teachers</b>	<b>Class teachers</b>	<b>Class teachers</b>	<b>Class teachers</b>
<b>In the second instance (if not satisfied by the class teachers' response)</b>	<b>Phase Leader for Reception</b> Miss Woodward jennifer.woodward@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk	<b>Phase Leader for year 1 and 2</b> Mrs Parry rebecca.parry@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk	<b>Phase Leader for year 3 and 4</b> Mrs Sareen bavita.sareen@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk	<b>Phase Leader for year 5 and 6</b> Mrs Colledge caroline.colledge@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk
<b>In the third instance</b>	<b>Deputy Headteachers</b> Mrs Sharp and Mrs Samra karen.sharp@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk natasha.samra@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk			
<b>In the fourth instance</b>	<b>Headteacher</b> Miss Butters rebecca.butters@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk			

If you have something you need to contact the school office about e.g. uniform, clubs, contact details etc please do using [office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk). If you would like to speak to our Family and Child Support Worker, please contact Mrs Vural on [clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk](mailto:clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk).

The above communication procedures are to make systems clearer to parents. If it very important that you contact me directly, by all means do but if it is a email regarding something which a class teacher or phase leader could deal with, it will be forwarded to them.

I hope you understand the need for the above measures, Miss Butters.

#### Stars of the Week

##### Reception

**Giraffes:**

Nicholas

**Lions:**

Kian

**Zebras:**

Ollie

##### Year One

**Hedgehogs:**

Moshi

**Owls:**

Wilf

**Rabbits:**

Tomi

##### Year Two

**Orcas:**

Jacob

**Penguins:**

Sophie

**Seals:**

Ivy-Lin

##### Year Three

**Crocodiles:**

Inna

**Kangaroos:**

Arielle

**Turtles:**

Ellena



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## Road trip USA in Y4

On Monday, Year 4 started their topic 'Road Trip USA'. They started their day by boarding a flight to JFK airport and they even got a complimentary Oreo! Everyone was very excited and amazed at how fast the 10-hour flight went! After landing in New



York, they went on a hunt to find the different state abbreviations, which they used, along with maps, to plot the states. In the afternoon, they made flag hats and learnt how to line dance. It was a great day enjoyed by all!



## Year Four

**Bears:**

Jesse

**Eagles:**

Charan

**Raccoons:**

Connor

## Year Five

**Pandas:**

Lacey

**Tigers:**

Lily A

## Year Six

**Jaguars:**

Hayden

**Panthers:**

Amadou

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



Next Friday, the 24<sup>th</sup> September we will be taking part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. This will take place from **9.00am – 10.30am** in the school hall. Please go round to the hall gate (club entrance rather than through the office). This is a fantastic opportunity for us to welcome our local community, family, friends and siblings of children to our school. We will be asking for a small donation towards Macmillan, in return for tea and coffee and a cake.

**We need donations of cakes to run this event though! Please can we request any shop bought cake donations be brought to the school office from Monday 20th, all homemade cakes**

**to be brought from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> onwards.**

There are many members of our school community who have had their lives changed, touched or affected by cancer and this is a little way of us supporting a very worthwhile charity. We hope you can make it, thank you.

## Minibeasts in Y2

This week, Year 2 went on a walk in our local area to hunt for minibeasts. We used our observation skills and some scientific equipment, like mirrors and magnifying glasses, to search for them in their habitats. We found lots of minibeasts such as spiders, snails and ants. Year 2 had a fantastic time and we were all so proud of their behaviour.





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## Mighty Metals in Y3

Year 3 kick started their Mighty Metals topic this week with a visit to the local playground.



The children explored how the apparatus worked and how the metals were fixed together. They looked closely for linkages, springs, screws, pivots and levers. The children also thought about what forces were in play to allow you to slide down a slide or make a swing move to and fro.

Back in the classroom, the children received an important letter asking them to design, make and evaluate their very own playground apparatus.

The children created some excellent prototypes and wowed us with their enthusiasm and knowledge.



## Friends of Rugby Free Primary

Up to the start of the COVID Pandemic the Friends of RFPS were very active. We ran discos, Christmas fayres, sponsored events etc. Obviously because of COVID our fundraising was scaled back. Now we are at the start of a new school year we are hoping that we can get back to some form of normality. But to enable us to run events we are in need of members.



Due to personal commitments the committee from last year have stepped down, so to enable us to continue we are in need of a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. All of our events are run by volunteers who work without pay, with all proceeds going back into the school. If you have some ideas to help us improve future events or think you could contribute valuable skills please do get in touch. If you are interested in joining then please contact [frfyps@gmail.com](mailto:frfyps@gmail.com) or contact the school office who can pass on your details.



### NO NUTS

A reminder that Rugby Free Primary is a NUT FREE school. Please can we ask that all packed lunches and snacks do NOT contain nuts. We have children in school with severe airborne nut allergies. Thank you

### Half term holiday club – GAME ON

A reminder that Game On are operating a holiday club for October Half term at RFPS from 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. A booking form is attached with this newsletter. To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly - his details are on the booking form. Thank you.

## Parking and Road safety

Our school is at full capacity with 420 children. It is busier than ever on the roads around school because there are more people dropping their children off and picking them up. Lots of parents who live locally, walk to school which is great. However, lots of parents chose to send their child to a school further from their house meaning they have to drive. We are really happy that you have chosen RFPS but with that is the added complication of lots of cars and not many parking spaces. This is the exact same problem that every school has around the country. Parents should not be parking on double yellow lines and in neighbouring business car parks. It may mean you have to park further away and walk your child the rest of the way. This is a much safer for everyone concerned. Also, please do be careful when turning your car around in roads, especially Bailey rd, as there are hundreds of children and parents on the pavements and we have witnessed several near misses where a car has accidentally mounted the pavement. The police are going to be showing their presence at school drop off times more as they have had many incidents and illegal parking/driving reported to them. School staff are not responsible for finding you a car parking space or ensure that parents park legally. Please, let's work together to keep our community safe. **Kids and cars don't mix!**



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## Diary Dates

**24<sup>th</sup> September** – Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents/members of the community

**24<sup>th</sup> September** – European day of Languages

**29<sup>th</sup> September** – Y1 & Y2 Phonics & Reading Parents Workshop 5.15pm – Reception classroom.

**4<sup>th</sup> October** – World Mental Health Day Assembly

**6<sup>th</sup> October** – Y1 West Lodge Farm trip

**8<sup>th</sup> October** – Non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day (Hats – it's the theme! And any non-uniform)

**11<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 trip to Beaumanor Hall

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Y5 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome

**14<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome

**19<sup>th</sup> October** – Y3 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 2 Harvest Production for Parents (Max 2 adults per child) – 9.15am

**21<sup>st</sup> October** – Year 4 Inspire Workshop – 9.00 – Parents v welcome

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October** – GAME ON Half Term Holiday Club at Rugby Free Primary

## Wellies donation

Do you have any unused wellies at home? Our reception teachers would like to accept any unwanted wellies that would be sized for reception children for their play areas, approximately child size 6 – 11. Please bring these into the school office. Thank you in advance.

## What is an Inspire Workshop?

An Inspire Workshop is an opportunity for parents and family members to come in and work alongside their child in school. They do lots of activities to give you a flavour of what the children are learning about in school!

