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European Day of Languages

We have had a fantastic day celebrating European Languages Day in all our year groups. The countries that the children focused on were:

Reception – France, Year 1 – Spain, Year 2 – Netherlands, Year 3 – Sweden, Year 4 – Italy, Year 5 – Switzerland and Year 6 – Turkey.

Here's a selection of what some of the classes have learnt about:

Reception were lucky to have Mrs Bureau (one of our fantastic parents) in to read some stories in French. They also learnt how to say 'hello, my name is...' and that in France, they like to eat chocolate bread (pain au chocolat) and snails (Escargots) YUMMY.

Year 4 jetted off to Italy for European Languages Day! They started their day learning greetings, numbers and days of the week in Italian. Then they used atlases to locate Italy and its capital city and discussed its location in Europe. They learnt about different aspects of Italian life, culture and tourism and tested all of their knowledge by creating a group poster to share their learning.

Y4 also heard and then learnt the key phrases from a fairy tale being told in Italian, which they then put into practice by creating a puppet show.

In the afternoon, they put their art skills into practice by creating pasta art and their cooking and measuring skills to create pizza from scratch! It's been a great day!

Year 5 travelled to Switzerland! They spent the morning locating Switzerland and geographical features within it. After break, they analysed chocolate products and had to work out which one was produced in Switzerland. It was yummy! They listened to a traditional tale in Swiss German as we discovered Switzerland doesn't speak its

own language.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning and your generous cake donations. It was truly wonderful to see so many of our parents back in the school hall. We had a great turnout and we will update you with a total raised once it's all been counted.

Thank you.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Oliver B

Lions:

Bella

Zebbras:

Aadya

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Ava

Owls:

Hattie J

Rabbits:

Lottie

Year Two

Orcas:

Chloe

Penguins:

Arlo

Seals:

Ivy-Lin

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Minnie

Kangaroos:

Isaac

Turtles:

Archie

Year Four

Bears:

Ophelia

Eagles:

James L

Raccoons:

Scarlett

Year Five

Pandas:

Joe

Tigers:

Alex H

Year Six



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Hats on 4 Mental Health

On the **8th October** we will be asking children to come to school in **non-school uniform** and **wear a hat** (the wackier the better) in aid of the Hats on 4 Mental Health campaign. The campaign, run by Coventry and Warwickshire Mind, raises money in order to support local children and schools in promoting and supporting positive mental health and wellbeing. As Mind is a local charity, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, to be brought in on the day.



Jaguars:
Sammy
Panthers:
Anushay

Headteacher's Award
Amadou (year 6)
for incredible kindness towards a younger member of our school.



Achievement

Congratulations to Scarlett in Y2 for passing her gradings exam at Martial Arts on Friday. Scarlett became a white/orange belt and has worked really hard. We are aware of other children who also completed their gradings at the weekend, congratulations to them as well.

Please let us know if your child has achieved something special outside of school and you would like it mentioned in the newsletter!

We love celebrating our pupils' achievements in and outside of school.

Pupil Leadership Teams – Election Results

Thank you to all the children that worked hard on their presentations to the rest of their class. We saw many fantastic posters and presentations which made electing our leaders incredibly hard! Congratulations to our new leadership teams listed below:

Year Group	Class	Language Leader	Digital Leader	Eco-Team	Sports Leader	Pupil Parliament
Year One	Owls	Phoebe	Olivia	Izzy		Finley
	Rabbits	Leah	Freddie	Harper-Rose		Jaiden M
	Hedgehogs	Roop	Zachary	Moshi		Max
Year Two	Penguins	Gabriel	Aurelia	Nurun		Harvey
	Seals	Ivy-Lin	Florence	Esme		Jaxson
	Orcas	Ashton	Mazie	Mya		Remai
Year Three	Kangaroos	Isabelle	Alfie	Saanvi	Sienna	Arielle
	Turtles	Zoe	Eve	Khadeejah	Archie	Ellena
	Crocodiles	Evie	Toby	Jaime	James	Poppy
Year Four	Bears	Ava B	Ava M	Zachary	Lena	Holly
	Eagles	James	Toni	Cameron	Dylan M	Lucy
	Raccoons	Rebecca A	Connor	Ayaan	Kian	Amalfi
Year Five	Pandas	Blake	Harry W	Isla	Kian	Katie B & Naina
	Tigers	Nicole	Adam	Evie	Punarv	Bonnie & Evelyn
Year Six	Jaguars	Milly & Lacey-Mae	Olivia	Dhanya	Victoria	Esha & Chloe
	Panthers	Amelia & Erin M	Chinalu	Erin T	Hope	Alex & Zachary



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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 frrfps@gmail.com or contact the school office who can pass on your details.

Reading at home

As a school, RFPS are passionate about instilling a love of reading into every pupil. Our children currently bring home a colour-coded book suitable for their level of reading and a free choice book from their class library. Studies have shown that children who read for pleasure regularly not only have improved comprehension skills but they are able to develop a broader vocabulary to use when speaking, reading and writing. Reading for pleasure has also been linked to improving wellbeing and mental health.

Reception children will start to have a reading book and a reading journal after half term.

Rainbow Reading Challenge

Because we see reading as such an important life skill, we celebrate all home reading with our "Rainbow Reading" reward system which will begin on Monday 4th October.

Children are awarded a certificate when they reach a set goal during our celebration assemblies. These certificates are issued when they reach 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 days of reading at home. This year we are also added a Purple & Rainbow coloured certificate! Every time a child earns a certificate, their name will be placed into a prize draw which will take place at the end of the year.

In order for your child to be rewarded with their certificates, all we ask is for an adult to sign your child's reading diary to show when they have read at home. We acknowledge that some children are avid readers and will read several times a day so we only require one signature per day as we don't want to make this an onerous task. In addition to the reading books issued from school, we would also encourage children to read different books, magazines, instructions, leaflets or even audio books and these will be counted also.

Reading diaries will be checked on a weekly basis and signatures from the beginning of September will be counted. As always, we would like to thank you for your continued support!



Eye Health Week (20th-26th September)

In support of Eye Health Week, our school nursing service has put together a parent/carer information pack promoting key messages about the importance of regular eye tests and maintaining good eye health in children and young people.

www.compass-uk.org/eye-health-week-parent-information/



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Diary Dates

- 28th September** – Prospective Parent Tour 9.30 – 10.30am (booking essential)
- 29th September** – Y1 & Y2 Phonics & Reading Parents Workshop 5.15pm – Reception classroom.
- 30th September** – Prospective Parent Tour 9.30 – 10.30am (booking essential)
- 4th October** – Prospective Parent Tour 9.30 – 10.30am (booking essential)
- 4th October** – World Mental Health Day Assembly
- 6th October** – Y1 West Lodge Farm trip
- 6th October** – Prospective Parent Tour 9.30 – 10.30am (booking essential)
- 8th October** – Non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day (Hats – it's the theme! And any non-uniform)
- 11th October** – Year 6 trip to Beaumanor Hall
- 12th October** – Y5 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome
- 14th October** – Year 6 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome
- 15th October** – Prospective Parent Tour 10.30 – 11.30am (booking essential)
- 19th October** – Y3 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome
- 19th October** – Prospective Parent Tour 9.30 – 10.30am (booking essential)
- 20th October** – Year 2 Harvest Production for Parents (Max 2 adults per child) – 9.15am
- 21st October** – Year 4 Inspire Workshop – 9.00 – Parents v welcome
- 25th – 29th October** – GAME ON Half Term Holiday Club at Rugby Free Primary



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HARRIS C of E ACADEMY SSP Presents:

Bikeability – October Half Term Courses 2021

LEVEL 1 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6:

This training teaches basic cycle control skills in a safe environment away from traffic and will be run at Harris C of E Academy's Sport Centre in Rugby. Children must be able to cycle independently (no stabilisers) before coming on the course. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in warm, weather proof clothing with gloves recommended.

Course 1: Tuesday 26 October 2021 from 9:30am to 11:45am
Cost: £14 per person payable in advance.

LEVEL 2 TRAINING FOR PUPILS IN SCHOOL YEARS 5, 6 & 7:

This training prepares students for cycling on the public highway for short journeys such as from home to school and will be run from Harris C of E Academy's Sports Centre in Rugby. It is strongly recommended that children complete the Level 1 course before attempting Level 2. Training takes place outside and children should be dressed appropriately in warm, weather proof clothing with gloves recommended.

Course Dates (over 2 days. Both days must be attended):

Course 1: Wednesday 27 October 2021 & Thursday 28 October 2021 from 9:15am to 12:30pm
Cost: £22 per person payable in advance.

Early booking is essential as places are strictly limited and will be filled on a first come first served basis.

**** Closing deadline for bookings is Friday 15th October 2021. None will be accepted after this date. ****

Courses will only run if minimum numbers are reached. Children will need to have their own bicycle and helmet.

Please note that refunds are not available unless the course is cancelled by Harris Sports Centre.

For more information, or to book a place, please call Debbie on 01788 812549 extension 304 or email ssp@harriscofeacademy.co.uk

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