



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 5

Friday 8th October

2021

Year One's first school visit to the Farm

On Wednesday, Year 1 went on their first ever trip to the farm. We experienced so many amazing things whilst we were there. We toured around the farm with Farmer Charlotte and she taught us all about the different animals. We even got to feed the goats – they were very greedy. We went on a barrel ride which splashed through water. Then, we got to test out their new wooden adventure play arena, which we all very much approved of. We also got some free time, so some of us went and created dens, some of us explored the maze and some of us explored the outdoor adventure park. Lots of us commented saying it was the 'best day ever' and it really was! Well done to each and every year 1 on your first ever trip, we're all so proud of you.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Finnley

Lions:

Evie

Zebbras:

Sonam

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Abel

Owls:

Miray

Rabbits:

Ivy

Year Two

Orcas:

Mishaal

Penguins:

Aurelia

Seals:

Amelia R

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Toby

Kangaroos:

Juli

Turtles:

Noah

Year Four

Bears:

Lena

Eagles:

Ellen

Raccoons:

Imogen G

Year Five

Pandas:

Katie

Tigers:

Clelia

Year Six

Jaguars:

Ivy

Panthers:

Lucian

Year Four Road Trip USA

Year 4 have been learning about the Iroquois tribe in our topic 'Road Trip USA'. During our history lessons, we have studied this Native American tribe, learning about their diet, what they wore, their culture and religion and where they lived. To further this understanding, we looked in more detail at where they lived and created our very own longhouses! Using natural resources such as

willow and

leaves, we built

longhouses in

small groups. Not only did we include all of the key features

(natural materials, curved roof, two doors) we also worked

really well as a team! The Year 4 teachers were so

impressed by the collaboration, kindness and resilience

shown by each pupil. Their endeavour to make a longhouse

similar to those traditionally used by the Iroquois tribe was

commendable! Well done Year 4!



Morrisons itsgoodtogrow Grow Tokens

Morrisons are currently giving away Grow Tokens when shopping is purchased at their stores. We would love to accept any that you collect as these will be used in our Forest School development project.

You will need to be a MyMorrisons customer to take part so make sure you download the app and select **Rugby Free Primary** to donate your Grow Tokens to. The scheme is running from 6th September to 24th October, one token is given per £10 spent. Thank you.



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Hats on 4 Mental Health

What a fantastic effort the children have gone to for Hats on For Mental Health. There have been some wonderful creations, such as Cassius (Y1) and his under the sea hat and Jeo's colourful flower pot (Y2). A big thank you to the parents and staff for their support and contributions for MIND. A special thank you has to go to Alfie in Y3 for donating £5 of his own pocket money! A huge thank you to Mrs Pratt for organising this day as her new role (alongside Zebra teacher!) as Mental Health Lead for the school.



Headteacher's Award

Elsie-Mai
(for incredible kindness, compassionate and care towards younger pupils in our school.)



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 **Monday 11th October to Tuesday 19th 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 potatoes, tinned meat / pies / hot dogs, tinned fish, tinned / packet snack meals, packet mashed potato, tinned custard, tinned fruit, coffee, pot noodles, instant noodles, jam, spreads, washing up liquid, toothpaste, deodorants, men's toiletries. More details are attached alongside this newsletter.

Please ensure items are well within date when you donate.
Thank you

Achievements



Valeria in Y2 passed her grading on Monday with flying colours and now she is a proud owner of the Blue belt. She absolutely smashed demonstrating all of the Unarmed techniques and then how to use a sword, a staff, a walking stick and how to avoid Ninja Stars. Congratulations Valeria!

Eva in Y1 has just passed her grading also and achieved her purple stripe belt in Tae Kwon Do. Fantastic work Eva well done!

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.



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What is an Inspire Workshop?

Below you will see dates for Inspire Workshops for KS2 children (KS1 will be in the Spring term). They are a chance for parents/carers/family members to come and work with their child on lots of relevant learning activities, which have been planned and organised by their class teachers. They are usually based in the hall and approximately 1 hour long. We really hope you can join us!

School trips and residential

The last two academic years have been severely affected by Covid19 in so many different ways but the thing that the children seem to have missed the most is trips, visits and residential. Lots of parents are asking about these and we are very busy behind the scenes booking them but trying to get the best possible prices and locations for our pupils.

It has always been our plan to offer at least two residential visits in Year 4 and Year 6. Year 4 to have 2 nights/3days away and Year 6 to have 4 nights/5 days away. This is fairly usual practice in the majority of primary schools to offer two trips (some schools offer more than this). We want to balance children's experiences with cost to parents. This is why we offer them two years apart so there is some time between them. Obviously, if you have children two years apart or twins this can mean that the cost is all at one time which we know is difficult.

We have provisionally booked our current Year 6 on a residential trip in June 2022 and next years' Year 6 (current Year 5) in September 2022 (a letter will come out shortly). We are currently trying to book Year 4 a residential trip for April/May 2022 which is looking very promising (again information coming out shortly). We know our Year 5 missed out on their residential trip in Year 4 so we are currently booking something exciting and different for them in November this year (watch this space!).

For all other year groups – the children will all be going on a day trip in the Autumn term!

Bear with us! We are really trying and battling against huge rising costs in the industry (due to price rises from their losses) to get you all the best possible prices and the children the best possible experiences.

Diary Dates

- 11th October – Y2-Y5 African dance workshops
- 11th October – Y6 trip to Beaumanor Hall
- 12th October – Y5 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome
- 14th October – Y6 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome
- 19th October – Y3 Inspire Workshop – 9.00am – Parents v welcome
- 19th October – Prospective Parent Tour 9.30am – 10.30am (booking essential)
- 20th October – Y2 Harvest Production for Parents (Max 2 adults per child) – 9.15am
- 20th October – EYFS Learning to read meeting for parents 5.15pm in the school hall
- 21st October – Y4 Inspire Workshop – 9.00 – Parents v welcome
- 22nd October – Sbooktacular – spooky dress or fancy dress allowed! Reading and book focus day.
- 25th – 29th October – GAME ON Half Term Holiday Club at Rugby Free Primary
- 11th November – Remembrance Day

Labelling Uniform

Can we please remind you to label your children's school uniform. We are having daily calls from parents regarding missing items. We cannot reunite children with their property if it is not named.

Lost Property

Parents are welcome to come to the school office to look for items which have been misplaced. Lost Property is located in the Family Room next to the school office. Thank you

Dear children,

You are invited to enjoy
a day of spooky-story fun!

On Friday 22nd October,
we will be celebrating



(usually held on 27th October)



You are invited to come to school in your favourite, spooky fancy dress costume – you might even want to come dressed as a character from your favourite scary story!

THIS IS OPTIONAL AND THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE.

Each year group will focus on a different **SPOOKTACULAR** story for their learning that day.

We can't **WAIT** for the fun to begin!

