



Rugby Free

Primary School

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School Improvement Visit

Last week, we had a two-day school improvement visit, which we had requested from a school improvement partner (who is also a serving Ofsted inspector). We asked for this visit because we wanted an outside opinion on the strengths of the school and the areas for development.

We were very pleased with the things he said about the school and he felt our particular strengths were: English (particularly phonics and reading), Maths, Support for SEND and disadvantaged pupils, Behaviour and attitudes of children and their personal development. He thought the children were 'absolutely delightful' and he commented on what a warm, friendly and safe place RFPS was. He commented on the particularly high levels of attendance of our pupils and he said he believes that is because the children love learning and are excited by it. He commented on the strength of teaching across the school and the leadership team.

He felt the main area for development was some aspects of our curriculum design. He thought there were a couple of subjects that needed to be taught a little more regularly and suggested that some subjects should be taught discretely rather than in topics to make sure this happened.

We were very happy with the feedback and have taken on board the main area of improvement.

Leave of Absence requests

If you need to make an application for a Leave of Absence for the Head Teacher to consider, please complete the request form available on the school website or from the school office. Please send your completed form to office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk. You will receive a formal response letter to your request from Miss Butters within 14 days. **Applications should be made at least 28 days in advance** to allow time for an informed decision to be made.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time** unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, **Head Teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.**

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority.

Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:
Theodore
Lions:
Chizaram
Zebbras:
Joshua

Year One Hedgehogs:

Roop
Owls:
Finnley
Rabbits:
Harriet

Year Two

Orcas:
Ashton
Penguins:
Stephen
Seals:
Edward

Year Three Crocodiles:

Roman
Kangaroos:
Sophie
Turtles:
Theo

Year Four

Bears:
Holly
Eagles:
Oliwier
Raccoons:
Aeryn

Year Five

Pandas:
Saavun
Tigers:
Bonnie



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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.



Year Six
Jaguars:
Milly
Panthers:
Katy B

Headteacher's Award
Joe Turner for incredible kindness and support towards another child who was finding things challenging.

Macmillan fundraising total

Thank you again to everyone that engaged in our Macmillan coffee morning and after school sales. It was so wonderful to have parents, carers and friends back in our school once more.

We raised a fantastic £312 !!



Achievements

Arlie in Y1 passed his grading exam with flying colours! He not only achieved his white/purple belt but also was awarded his white/orange belt. Fantastic work Arlie, well done!

Eliza from Y3 plays for Rugby Borough Football team and at the weekend she scored 2 goals and received Player of the Match! Eliza was over the moon with her achievement and we are too, we hope she will score more goals in her next match. Fantastic achievement Eliza!

Adam in Y5 passed his grading on Sunday for Blue Belt at Salisbury Tae Kwon Do. He had to complete his grading that was conducted over a 3hr duration and included him having to break a board in half! Adam has been going to STKD since he was 6 years old but took some time out to try other activities. It has only taken him since June to prepare. There are only three more belts to go before he can try for Black Belt. Amazing work Adam, 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.



Parking



Please can we ask all parents and carers to park considerately and legally during drop off and pick up. Parking has been causing blockages and preventing staff from local businesses from arriving/leaving work. Not only is this inconvenient for parents and local businesses but the implications of double parking and parking on double yellow lines may mean that the emergency services are unable attend the school or businesses should there be an emergency. This is a danger to our children, staff and parents. We ask that any parking on Central Park Drive be legal and considerate to others and not on the corners of junctions or on Bailey Road where the children cross.

Please can we ask that if you live within walking distance that you do walk if able to. This has so many health benefits as well as reducing traffic and pollution around the school site. **Thank you to all those MANY parents who are always considerate to others and put children's safety above convenience.**



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Census Day Celebration Menu – Taste the world lunch

On Thursday 7th October, we will be having a themed 'Taste the world lunch' in celebration of Census Day. Please speak to your child about the changes for this day. Instead of the planned menu, the options will be;

Red option: Italy: Spaghetti with beef meatballs

Green option: Japan: Quorn dippers katsu curry with rice – crispy Quorn nuggets on a bed of rice with optional sweet curry sauce

Both served with Vegetables and Salad from the gardens of England.

Brown option: Jacket potato with a choice of fillings

Blue option: Roast chicken bap

Dessert: West Africa: Homemade pineapple cake or Argentina: Tango Jelly – fruity orange jelly

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 organized by their class teachers. They are usually based in the hall and approximately 1 hour long. We really hope you can join us!

Diary Dates

- 4th October** – World Mental Health Day Assembly
- 6th October** – Y1 West Lodge Farm trip
- 8th October** – Non-uniform day for World Mental Health Day (Hats – it's the theme! And any non-uniform)
- 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

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

BLAZE HOCKEY OFFER

Adult £12 Under-16 £7
Per-ticket, per-game. Normal price £19 and £11 + booking fees

- Sunday 3rd October vs. Sheffield Steelers at 6pm (Elite League)
- Sunday 10th October vs. Cardiff Devils at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup)
- Sunday 24th October vs. Guildford Flames at 5.30pm (Challenge Cup)

Skydome Arena, Croft Rd, Coventry CV1 3AZ

To book, complete the online form at: tinyurl.com/Blaze-Opt-Offer

Or scan the QR code.

Collect and pay for the tickets (in cash) on the night of the game.

Questions? Email: coventryblazehockey@gmail.com

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Enjoy the show.