



# Rugby Free

Primary School

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## Change Your Mind Project

Last Friday we were very lucky to have some special visitors from RFSS working with Year 6 as part of the "Change Your Mind" project. Change Your Mind is a pupil-led volunteering and enrichment programme for 16-18 year olds, creating and delivering health and wellbeing workshops to Year 6 pupils across Rugby, led by Rugby Free Secondary School.

A group of Year 12 and 13 pupils from RFSS came to lead a workshop where the children explored the topic of relationships. This included:

- The importance of human relationships
- Diversity, stereotypes & bullying
- Healthy friendships
- Healthy home relationships
- Managing conflict
- Seeking help and advice



Our Year 6 children were really engaged in the discussions and all learned a lot. Thank you so much to the staff and pupils from RFSS for such a thought-provoking and useful workshop.

## Reception Inspire Workshop

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Reception's Inspire Workshop last week. It was great to have such an amazing turn out and the children really enjoyed sharing their learning. This week the icy weather has brought up many conversations about where it comes from, how it forms and how we could melt it quicker. The children have enjoyed smashing the ice, 'cooking' with it and sliding around together. The children have also been learning about shadows and how these are formed. They have loved playing in the dark den, making rainbows with prisms and looking at the glowing stars. I wonder what next week will have in store!

## Year 1 News

This week Year One engaged in a workshop inspired by our learning of animal groupings. The children learnt about the characteristics of animals such as birds having feathers and discussed new vocabulary such as 'carnivore', 'herbivore' and 'omnivore'. As well as this, the children were also able to hold animals such as a snake and a rat. The children showed brilliant listening to our visitor and enjoyed meeting new animals!



## Maths in Year 3

This week, Year 3 have begun their measurement unit in Maths. This started with a superb practical lesson where the children were able to use different mathematical equipment to measure lengths and started to use the correct vocabulary of metres and centimetres. They had a great time using rulers, trundle wheels, metre rulers and tape measures.



## Adults collecting from school

Please be aware that it is only over 16s and adults that can collect children from school and that they must be on the contact list as having permission to do this. Please do update this on the MCAS App if you want someone else to collect your child. Thank you

## Stars of the Week

### Reception

#### Giraffes:

Joanne

#### Zebras:

Hafsah

### Year One

#### Hedgehogs

Maja

#### Owls:

Eloise

#### Rabbits:

Eshaal

### Year Two

#### Orcas:

Joanna

#### Penguins:

Tomi

#### Seals:

Miray

### Year Three

#### Crocodiles:

James

#### Kangaroos:

Oscar W

#### Turtles:

Adrian

### Year Four

#### Bears:

Molly

#### Eagles:

Poppy

#### Raccoons:

Julie

### Year Five

#### Pandas:

Lucas-James

#### Tigers:

Noah

### Year Six

#### Jaguars:

Oscar

#### Panthers:

Olivia

## Head Teacher Award

Evelyn (Y6)

Ava M (Y5)

Jesse (Y5)

Esme (Y3)



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## Lost Property



Since the start of this academic year we have already acquired a large amount of lost property. This consists of a variety of items including branded and non-branded school jumpers, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, water bottles, coats and a large number of P.E kit items

We understand that the cost of living is putting a strain on everybody and that replacing these items can be costly, so wherever possible we do try to reunite the items with the children. However, this is often not possible due to the large number of unnamed items.

We are unable to keep the items indefinitely and so would like to politely ask that if you are missing any items you come along and check the lost property boxes (located in the Family Room, just opposite the reception desk) before half term as we are unable to keep hold of items beyond this time.

## Friends of Rugby Free Primary (PTA)

We had a very successful first Friends of RFPS meeting this week. Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting, we are aware that not everyone was able to do so.

Following on from this meeting, we would like to gain your views on what you would like from this voluntary group of parents and staff, in terms of events. We would also like to know if anyone else is interested in joining this group to enhance the children's' experience at RFPS. Please use the link below to provide your feedback/information:

<https://forms.office.com/e/TEx4ZMPFsk>



## Menu change – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Due to the upcoming NEU strike action, Dolce have sent out a revised menu for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Dolce have taken this decision in order to minimise disruption should there be a staff shortage due to the knock on effect of schools closing, it also minimises waste of perishable food.



Please log on to SchoolGrid to order the new menu for this day, orders that had already been placed have been cancelled. Thank you.

## Diary Dates (please check these every week as they are subject to change!)

7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Safer Internet Day

8<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y4 Residential – parent meeting 5.30pm

15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening (booking via MCAS now available)

16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening (booking via MCAS now available)

20<sup>th</sup> Feb – 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term and GAME ON Holiday club at RFPS

28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Y5 Space Centre Trip

2<sup>nd</sup> Mar – World Book Day (dress up optional)

7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y1 Inspire Workshop

8<sup>th</sup> Mar – International Women's Day

8<sup>th</sup> Mar – School photos (Class)

13<sup>th</sup> Mar – 17<sup>th</sup> Mar – British Science Week

15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Y3 Inspire Workshop

21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Y6 Transition to Secondary workshop (lead by RFSS)

22<sup>nd</sup> Mar – Reception Vision screening

## Half term holiday club – GAME ON

Game On are operating a holiday club for Half term at RFPS from 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> February. To book your

dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly via the booking form which was attached to a previous newsletter on which you can find his contact details.



## Allsorts Magazine

Here is the link to the Jan/March digital version of Allsorts magazine

[https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS\\_JANMAR23](https://bit.ly/ALLSORTS_JANMAR23)

– you can tap straight to advertisers' websites when viewing the mag on your phone (please mention allsorts). There are lots of attractions to visit and services to help your family plus a competition to enter. You can view this issue at [www.allsortsmag.com](http://www.allsortsmag.com) too or on the allsorts Facebook page soon. Happy 2023 - Michelle Love (Editor).







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**HALF TERM RUGBY CAMPS**

**MICROS RUGBY CAMPS**  
20 / 21 FEBRUARY 2023 10am - 2pm  
For Boys and Girls. Fun active games and more!

£20 PER DAY  
£30 FOR 2 DAYS

**U6 - U12S RUGBY CAMPS**  
20 / 21 / 22 FEBRUARY 2023 9.30am - 3pm  
For Boys and Girls. Skills Challenges / Games / Contact and Non contact

£20 PER DAY  
£50 FOR 3 DAYS

**U13 - U16S PRO CAMPS**  
23 / 24 FEBRUARY 2023 9.30am - 2.30pm  
Professional Player Experience  
S&C session / Analysis session / Position specific

£20 PER DAY  
£30 FOR 2 DAYS

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ENQUIRIES: [info@community-group.co.uk](mailto:info@community-group.co.uk)  
VENUE: Old Laurentian RFC, Lime Tree Avenue, Rugby, CV22 7OT

**SPECIAL OFFER!**  
For every 10 participants from an age group, Community Group and Old Laurentian RFC will gift £50 in kit vouchers or tour contribution to that specific age group. This includes any non-members of Old Laurentian M&Js attending.

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## Bicentenary of Rugby Football Art Competition

Closing date for entries 31 January 2023

2023 marks 200 years since William Webb Ellis took the ball in his arms and ran with it on The Close at Rugby School, thus creating the global game of rugby football. To mark this anniversary, and to engage young people between the ages of 7 and 18, Rugby School, along with Rugby Borough Council and the Wooden Spoon charity, are running an art competition based on the theme of "rugby football".

Entrants can choose what medium they use to produce their piece.

The top 50 winning entries from each age group will have an image of their artwork displayed on a giant rugby ball in the town centre of Rugby, Warwickshire. The winner of each age group will also be invited to Rugby School on Saturday 24 June 2023 to watch a re-enactment of the game and have tea in our hospitality tent.

Entries should be submitted as a high-res image of the original piece. Winners and selected entries will then be asked to submit their original work to be showcased on a "Pathway of Art" around Rugby School and in the windows of commercial properties around Rugby town centre.

Judging will take place on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 by our panel of judges. Winners will be announced via our social media channels and by email to the winners by Friday 31st March 2023.

#2023artcomp

To enter, use the link:

[Bicentenary of Rugby Football Art Competition - Rugby Art Gallery & Museum - Rugby Borough Council \(ragm.co.uk\)](https://ragm.co.uk)



The image shows the ball located outside Costa Coffee near Asda. This was designed by primary school children in Rugby to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.