



Rugby Free

Primary School

Newsletter 11

Friday 26th

November

Year 2 Warwick Castle Trip

On Thursday, Y2 went on a trip to Warwick Castle because our topic is Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. We explored the castle grounds and even climbed up a tall tower. We saw what Warwick Castle was like in the past and used our knowledge of castles through the ages to spot the different castle types. As



well as this, we were lucky enough to see a falconry show where we watched a bald eagle flying through the air. It was an amazing day and Year 2 represented the school amazingly. We are all so proud of you.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Mussa

Lions:

Veer

Zebra's:

Charlie

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Coen

Owls:

Olivia

Rabbits:

Archer

Year Two

All of Year 2 for being fantastic on their visit

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Jessyka

Kangaroos:

William

Turtles:

Aakashi

Year Four

Bears:

Amelia-Rose

Eagles:

Francesca

Raccoons:

Harvey

Year Five

Pandas:

Isla

Tigers:

Jacob H

Year Six

Jaguars:

Kirstie

Panthers:

Zachary

Year 4 making Christingles

Whilst exploring religious symbolism, Year 4 seized the opportunity to create their own Christingles. We learnt how these are used to remind people of the light of Christ. Did you know this practice originated in Germany. We had great fun putting them together and demonstrated excellent self-control in the process. Can you guess which items symbolise God's gifts of love and kindness to the world?



Eco Team

A huge hello to this year's Eco team. The children have already planned lots of exciting things such as organising special days, creating videos to help everybody learn about the environment, planting trees in the local community as well as organising litter picking clubs!

Our first action however focuses on recycling. 'Recycle 4 charity' have contacted us and asked for our help so of course we accepted the challenge.



They would like us to collect empty printer ink cartridges and in return, the school will receive money for them! On average, each printer cartridge is worth £1.50 for us so if you have any at home, please send them our way! For more information, please visit their website, www.recycle4charity.co.uk. **The recycling box will be in the office from Monday 29th November.**





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Achievements

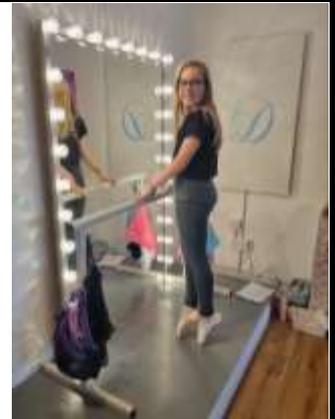
We have another fantastic line up of achievements to mention this week:

Evie in Y3 has taken part in a dance festival for the last two weekends. It's her first ever competition and she danced in four troupe categories winning three first places and a third place. She's worked incredibly hard and even though she was a bit nervous she really enjoyed it and we're super proud of her.

Amelie in Y5 celebrated completing 50 junior park runs last weekend gaining her ultra band for covering 100km in distance in total. This is a fantastic achievement Amelie!

Erin in Y6 had her first fitting for pointe shoes at the weekend. Erin's been dancing since she was 2 and being en pointe is something she has always dreamt of doing. We are all incredibly proud of her, she looks fantastic wearing them!

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.

Friends of Rugby Free Primary School (our PTA)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't forget, to kick start the festive season, Friends of RFPS (PTA) alongside the school and the teachers will be hosting a **Christmas Carol** singing event next **Thursday 2nd December 4.30pm- 5.30pm**. This will take place outside on the main school playground.

The children have been eagerly honing their singing skills to serenade us all with their finest Christmas Carols which is sure to get us all in the Christmas spirit. We would really like to see as many children there as possible as they have thoroughly enjoyed learning the songs. 🎵 🎵 🎵

Approximate timings are as follows:

- **Reception, Y1 and Y2 - 4.30 - 4.45 (4 songs)**
- **Choir - 4.50 - 5.00 (2 songs)**
- **Y3, 4, 5 and 6 - 5.05 - 5.25 (5 songs)**



There will also be stalls selling hot drinks and festive snacks to keep those winter chills at bay. There may even be treats to buy for Santa's reindeer friends. All refreshment stalls will be cash only, with proceeds going back into the school to support our children.

We would kindly ask if you could let us know if your family is planning to attend by completing the online form sent by email last week.

If any parents would like to donate cakes for us to sell (individual portions only), please do get in touch via email frrfps@gmail.com

Secret Santa Gift Shop

Please check your child's bag for the Secret Santa Gift Shop order forms! Ask at school for a new one if you didn't get yours. The deadline for ordering gifts is next **Wednesday 1st December** 🍷🍷🍷

We think the children are going to love choosing presents to pop under the tree at home 🎄🎄🎄

To keep more up to date with the Friends of Rugby Free Primary School please join our Facebook page. We regularly update it with news on our events and activities. Especially the dates to remember 😊

If you wish to make a contribution to the PTA or want to help in any way, please email frrfps@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



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Enrichment Club for next term

The club forms have been emailed out earlier today (Friday) to return from **Monday, 29th November from 6pm onwards**. These will be allocated on a first come, first services basis. We will order the forms in favour of those who already use club this term, for example allocate the places to current club uses. **Please ensure your payments are up to date as this will result in your request being denied.**

Parent Governor

RFPS is governed by two teams of very talented volunteers. One of them is the Trust Board, who set up the school and holds the school to account and the other is the Local Governing Body who support the Trust in ensuring that the school is running well at a local level. The LGB is made up of members from our local community and parents of pupils at the school. The LGB meet six times a year to discuss different aspect of the school with myself and other leaders. They also come in to school to see learning in action. They challenge us to ensure we are providing the best possible education for the children who attend RFPS but they also support us, to ensure we have everything we need in order to provide excellent education. It is approximately 23 hours across the whole year that it takes to be a Governor. 18 hours for 6 meetings + reading documents and approximately 4 hours of school visits (virtually or in person.)

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the LGB. If you are interested in becoming a Governor for RFPS, please fill in the form attached to the email that this newsletter was in. You will need to have proposer and a seconder who are parents of children at the school (basically supporting your application) and you need to send your completed form to the school office email **by 9.00am on Monday 6th December**. If we get more than one nomination, it will go to a ballot.

Thank you very much

Rebecca Butters

Diary Dates

- 1st Dec – Reception Performance 9.30am (Max 2 adults, booking via Microsoft Forms link)
- 2nd Dec - Reception Performance 9.30am (Max 2 adults, booking via Microsoft Foms link)
- 2nd Dec – Carol singing and hot chocolate on the playground for all year groups and parents – 4.30pm – 5.30pm
- 8th Dec – Y1 Performance 9.30am (Max 2 adults, booking via Microsoft Forms link)
- 9th Dec – Y1 Performance 9.30am (Max 2 adults, booking via Microsoft Forms link)
- 10th Dec – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th Dec – Y4 Roman Day – Optional dress up Y4 ONLY
- 17th Dec – Last day of autumn term
- 20th Dec – 31st Dec – Christmas Holiday**
- 20th - 23rd Dec - GAME ON holiday club at the school
- 3rd Jan - Bank holiday
- 4th Jan – Teacher Training Day
- 5th Jan – Children return to school for spring term

Children in need total

Thank you for supporting the school last Friday in our non-uniform day to raise funds for Children In Need. Together we raised

£374.24



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, for example cereal bars/Nutella spread. **We have children in school with severe airborne nut allergies.** Thank you

