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Y2 Trip to the Rugby Football Museum

In History and English, Year 2 have been learning about William Webb Ellis and the game of Rugby. This week, we visited the Rugby Football Museum and tried our hand at sketching local monuments commemorating



William Webb Ellis. We all spent a fantastic morning exploring



the museum and learning more about how the game of Rugby has evolved through the years - we even learned about how the size and shape of the ball has changed, how it was made and what it was made from. We discovered that the first Rugby balls were actually made from a pig's bladder!

Reception Farm Trip

"I've had the best day ever!" was one of the comments from a Reception child on their recent visit to West Lodge Farm. Despite the chilly start, the children had a fun filled day. Farmer James made sure the children developed their knowledge of all the different animals and their young. The children thoroughly enjoyed the barrel ride and playing in the adventure



barn. I think the highlight of their day was feeding the cute lambs. The staff at West Lodge commented on how well-mannered and behaved all the children were. Well done Reception!

Y1 Firefighters

On Tuesday, Year 1 had some very special visitors come to see us. We had 3 firefighters talk to us about how to stay safe should we get into a bit of trouble! We practiced lots of different things such as 'stop, drop and roll' as well as crawling low if we were stuck in a fire. We also learnt about 'Test it Tuesday', which is something they taught us to help us remember to test our smoke alarm every week. Thank you so much!



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:
Jemimah
Lions:
Annabelle
Zebras:
Aadya

Year One Hedgehogs:

Prisha
Owls:
Finlay
Rabbits:
Mirko

Year Two

Orcas:
Jeevun
Penguins:
Amelia
Seals:
Florence

Year Three Crocodiles:

James
Kangaroos:
Isaac
Turtles:
Noah

Year Four

Bears:
Zachary
Eagles:
James
Raccoons:
Chinedu

Year Five

Pandas:
Amelia
Tigers:
Punary

Year Six

Jaguars:
Julie
Panthers:
Evie



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Sports at RFSS

Y5 Dodgeball

On Monday, 9 year 5 children attended a dodgeball final in Solihull. They all played very well and showed the key values of honesty, teamwork and respect. They represented the school brilliantly against other schools across the county.

Y6 Football

This week saw the Year 6 football team fall to their first defeat away at Paddox Primary School. After making an excellent start to the game, the pure pace, strength and determination left Amadou in space, who made no mistake with an expert finish. RFPS defended resolutely but could not keep Paddox out before half time where they levelled the game and then went in front. 2-1 at half time.

The second half did not quite go to plan. A silky, passing, and well-organised Paddox team score a further 5 goals to win the game 7-1. The result was very harsh on RFPS as we had chances of our own to add to our tally. The attitudes of the boys' was exceptional and they did not once give up, showing our value of resilience.

Our next match is against Northlands where we hope to get back to winning ways.



Staff changes after Easter

Miss Preston, our Y4 Raccoons teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this term on Friday, 8th April as she has secured a new job as a class teacher. Miss Preston has worked at RFPS for nearly 5 years and has been a brilliant teacher during that time. We have successfully recruited a teacher to replace Miss Preston, starting after Easter. The Raccoon's new teacher is called Laura Wilson. Mrs Wilson is an excellent and experienced teacher and we think she will be a great asset to our teaching team here at RFPS.

We are also very sad to see Mrs Sharp leave us this term (as you will remember us writing to you at the start of this term) as she has successfully been appointed as a Headteacher of a local primary school. We think she will be a fabulous Headteacher and wish her the very best of luck.

Thank you to Miss Preston and Mrs Sharp for all of their hard work for the pupils of RFPS. They will both be very missed.

Sickness and informing the school

Please can we remind you that if your child is ill, please contact the school office by **9am on each day** they will be absent. The school office is manned from 8.15am each morning, if you are unable to get through please leave a voicemail. If your child is ill with vomiting and/or diarrhoea, the school's policy asks that your child does not return to school until 48 hours has passed since they last exhibited symptoms.

Children who come to school every day stand the best possible chance of achieving well at school. Lessons are like building blocks. Every block that a child misses will affect their knowledge and understanding and it is not easy to make up for this lost time. One of the best ways you can help your child achieve well is sending them to school every day.

For this reason, we ask you to support us in providing your child with a high quality education by ensuring they are in school and on time every single day, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please book routine appointments such as dental check-ups outside school time.

Please can we also ask that if your child has different pick up arrangements to the usual; perhaps they are going home with a friend or you would like them to not go through to club. Can you please let the school office know before lunchtime. We are getting several calls just before 3pm each day and we are not always able to get these messages to teachers in time.



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Achievements

This week we have another fantastic line up of achievements:



Coen in Y1 has been attending Mini Bikers level one balanceability course every Sunday for the last 5 weeks. Last Sunday he completed the course and got his certificate. He's looking forward to starting the level two course Pedal Bikes very soon. What a fantastic achievement, well done Coen!

Theo in Y3's rugby team played against a Kenilworth rugby club on his birthday at the weekend. He scored 14 tries and his defence was amazing, meaning his team won the match. He went on to get the 'Man of the Match'. Awesome job Theo!

Arjan in Y4 received his Dance Badge from Stagecoach Rugby, completing his trio after receiving a Drama and Singing badge last year. Great achievement Arjan!



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

Friends of Rugby Free Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Easter Walk

Thank you to everyone that has signed up to complete our Easter Walk!!!

Remember that the walk around the Coton Park estate can be done at any time and at leisure during the Easter holidays. Maybe take a picnic along and enjoy some time in one of the parks in the area too 👍👍👍

The entry forms will be given to the children at the beginning of next week. Watch out for them in your child's school bag

One of our lovely PTA members has sent us a photo of their decorated window. What a lovely way to get out for a walk in the sunshine ☀️☀️



Next Meeting

Our next PTA meeting will be at **7:30pm on Monday 4th April at Brewers Fayre**. Please come along if you'd like to take part and help us make these events brilliant for the children 👍👍 All ideas and contributions are very welcome 👍👍

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



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Diary Dates

4th Apr – PTA Meeting at Brewers Fayre 7.30pm

5th Apr – Y4 Performance to parents 9.30am

5th Apr – E-safety Meeting 6.30pm

6th Apr – Y4 Performance to parents 2.00pm

8th Apr – End of the Spring term

11th – 14th Apr – 1st week of Game On holiday club

19th – 22nd Apr – 2nd week of Game On holiday club

25th Apr – Start of the Summer term

27th-29th Apr – Y4 Residential – Norfolk

5th May – Inspire Workshop Reception 9am – 10am (Parents come and learn with their child!)

W/C 9th May – Y6 SATS

24th May - E-safety Meeting 6.30pm

20th-24th Jun – Y6 Residential - Derbyshire

12th July - E-safety Meeting 6.30pm

Game On Easter Holiday Club

Game On will be operating a holiday club for the Easter Holidays at RFPS from 11th – 22nd April (not including Good Friday & Easter Monday) A booking form is attached with newsletter 23 (sent on 11th March).

To book your dates, please liaise with Mr Sheehan directly brandon@gameoncoaching.co.uk

Entry information from Princethorpe College

Year 4 & 5 'Say Hello To Hockey Taster Session' – Saturday 7 May 2022

The morning is aimed at boys and girls of all skill levels, including those who have not necessarily played hockey before. Taught by Princethorpe's experienced sports coaches, including national level hockey players, this event will be a fun and informal experience of this energetic and fast paced sport. Those interested can [click here](#) to access the booking form or contact Miss Helen Morgan on helenmorgan@princethorpe.co.uk or telephone 01926 634262. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Year 5 Taster Days – April, May and June 2022

We have various Taster Day dates available across April, May and June. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Taster days run from 9.30am to 3.00pm and typically involve four lessons, a question and answer session with some of our current pupils and the chance to talk to the Headmaster, Mr Hester. Snacks and lunch are provided and there is no charge for the day. Those wishing to book their child onto one of the dates, should [click here](#).

Summer Open Evening – Wednesday 8 June 2022

We are holding our Summer Open Evening on Wednesday 8 June between 6.30pm and 8.30pm. This is an informal opportunity to look around the College and for children to participate in a variety of fun subject-related activities whilst parents chat to staff. Ed Hester, our Headmaster, will also address visitors during the evening. If any of your parents would like to book a place at this event, please [click here](#)

Princethorpe is a bit like a melting pot. Pupils join us from far and wide and settle in really well. Our staff and pupils are fantastically kind and welcoming and that's so important to me.

Susan Harris - Head of Transition at Princethorpe College.

Year 5 Taster Experiences Thursday 28 April 2022 Wednesday 4 May 2022 Tuesday 14 June 2022 Thursday 16 June 2022 Wednesday 22 June 2022	Say Hello to Hockey Saturday 7 May 2022, 9.30am to 12.00pm Available to children in Years 4 and 5.	Summer Open Evening Wednesday 8 June 2022, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
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Entrance Examinations for September 2023 Admission
 Saturday 5 November 2022, 9.30am to 3.30pm. Early registration advised.

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