



Rugby Free

Primary School

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Message from the Headteacher

Welcome back to the last half term of the academic year. It is going to be a busy one for us in school as we finish off this year - writing reports, interviewing for new staff, working out timetables etc for next year. However, we are all working hard in ensuring the children receive an exciting and broad curriculum still. We still have restrictions in place in school to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible and so this does limit what can happen. Sports day will happen in year group bubbles but without parents unfortunately. We will try and organise an end of term celebration for all of the children as we think they deserve it! We hope that all restrictions will be lifted in schools in September so that we can get back to some sort of normality. We are really looking forward to having parents in again as we have really missed showcasing things that your children have learnt and supporting parents with different aspects of your child's education.

Rebecca Butters

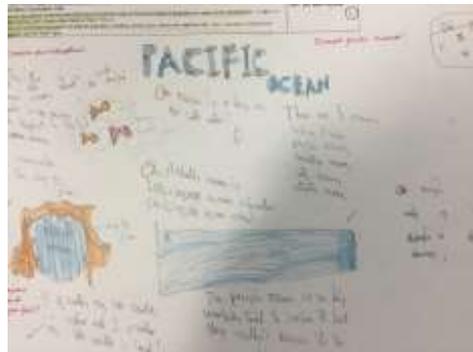
World Ocean Day

On Tuesday we enjoyed World Ocean Day at RFPS. The children took across the school which world's five oceans on a map, exploring aquatic biome bottles and completing geographical enquiries.

Did you know that nearly three quarters of the planet's surface is covered by water?

Did you know that at least half of the world's oxygen is produced by the ocean?

Did you know that oceans are at risk from plastic pollution, overfishing and climate change?



celebrating World Ocean part in different activities included locating the



Uniform

As the end of the term approaches, if you would like to order any uniform please download a uniform order form from our website and send this across to office@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk. Payments will need to be made by bank transfer only but please wait until the office has confirmed the items are in stock before making payment.

We have made the decision to move to a plain white polo t-shirt for PE and a plain red V neck jumper or cardigan going forward. This is because the quality of the jumpers could be better and it is expensive for parents. We have listened to parents feedback and acted on it. We still think our school uniform is smart and something to be proud of. If lots of parents still want the named items we may look at this again in the future. There is new government legislation being passed that states that schools should try to ensure their uniform is at a reasonable cost. We still hold some limited stock of the polo shirts and jumpers but we will not be ordering anymore once they have sold. We have a larger rucksack for years 3 upwards that year 2 can now order ready and a longer tie available.

The only school uniform items that must be bought through school are: tie, blazer, rucksack and PE bag.

Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Lucas

Lions:

Cohen C

Zebras:

Alexander

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Romillie

Owls:

Jeevun

Rabbits:

Keira

Year Two

Orcas:

Travis

Penguins:

Eve

Seals:

James

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Ayaan

Kangaroos:

Zachary B

Turtles:

Hayden

Year Four

Bears:

Autumn

Eagles:

Lacey

Raccoons:

Bonnie



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Ocean creations in Year One

Year 1 had a fabulous day celebrating World Oceans Day by making our own coastline in a cardboard box! We first looked at the coastline and identified all of the features such as cliffs, beach, vegetation, ocean and sea and then we worked with our partner to create our own coastline. The children worked so well in their partners and all of the teachers in year 1 were so proud of their creations! Have a look at the class coastline we have made!



Year Three

Before half term, year 3 showed great enthusiasm when completing an orienteering treasure hunt to review their learning. The children used intercardinal compass points to locate different clues around the playground. All of the clues were linked to the children's learning during our 'Scrumdiddlyumptious' topic. Luckily, the children were able to crack the code and work out the secret word 'chocolates' which led them to their chocolate prize!

Year 3 have had a fabulous start to the new half term and have fully immersed themselves in our 'Predators' topic. They have explored new vocabulary, physical features of predators and carnivorous plants.

In English, the children have been working hard responding to illustrations in a text, exploring vocabulary and imitating an author. In Maths, the children have been learning about angles and even created their own angle eaters.



Roller Coasters in Year 5

In year 5 this week we have had a fantastic start to our SCREAM MACHINE topic. We have taken rides on virtual roller coasters and then reviewed which was the best. Our new text, Clockwork by Phillip Pullman, has grabbed our attention and we are all excited to read more of the story. In science we all got very wet investigating centripetal force and how loop the loops work. We learned that if you spin a bucket of water vertically fast enough, the water stays in the bucket. However if you slow down... you get WET! Maths has involved us learning more about shape and we have

been developing our mathematical vocabulary within geometry. We also applied our learning from art this year, combining painting and drawing skills to create rollercoaster silhouettes.

Seasonal Weather

With the variable weather at the moment, please can we remind you that children should have 24 hour sun cream applied before they come to school and bring with them a labelled sun hat or cap to wear during break and lunchtimes. Staff are not allowed to apply sun cream and we strongly discourage it being brought in to school because of children with allergies.

A rain jacket must also be brought with the children for the changeable weather.

Please also make sure they have a full water bottle (full of water NOT juice) with them each day to keep themselves hydrated, especially as the water fountains are out of action due to Covid19 restrictions. Thank you.



Year Five

Elephants:

Ethan

Pandas:

Nithila

Tigers:

Kane

Certificates of Achievement:

Reception:

Roop & Reuben

Leah & Phoebe

Billy & Ellie

Year One:

Eloise & Valeria

Amber & Skylar

Jessie & Florence

Year Two:

Theo & Sienna

Frederico & Tianna

Calleigh & Ruben

Year Three:

Sofia & Scarlett

Charlie & Rory

Megan & Dylan H

Year Four:

Amelia & Erin

Jack & Oscar

Amelie & Punarv

Year Five

Precious & Jack S

Ivy & Chloe

Ege & Thomas



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.**



Monthly Photography Competition

Our June competition ends on **30th June 2021**. Please email your entry to Mrs Odwell – eleanor.odwell@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk by 5pm with your child's name and class in the email. We can't wait to see all of the different, creative and inspiring photographs.

June's theme is: **Summertime**

Family Support

Message from Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

The children returning to school was something that could not come quick enough for most of us following months of home-schooling. However, one thing we had not missed was the morning routine and the stress that this often brings. Lots of us have not surprisingly found it tricky to get back on track, but arriving late often means the children start the day feeling unsettled as they are not arriving with friends and also often miss vital information to help prepare them for the day ahead. A stressful start to the day is not a good feeling for us as parents either so below are some really useful tips to try and make your mornings run more smoothly.



- **Get a good night's sleep** - A tired child is very difficult to motivate and will work at a slow pace. Getting a good night's sleep is a really important part of starting the day off positively.
- **Prepare the night before** - Prepare pack lunches, lay out uniform, pack school bag.
- **Use gentle alarms for both yourselves and your children** - Loud alarms can be jarring and start the morning with an unneeded jolt (especially for kids with sensory challenges). Try setting your child's alarm to play a favourite song or try waking your child up with lots of snuggles or a favourite breakfast snack. A more pleasant wake-up doesn't mean it has to be longer—just gentler.
- **Follow a routine** – Sticking to a routine really helps children understand the expectations and saves you time having to remind them of what needs doing. For many children a visual timetable can be really useful.
- **Stay Organised** – having a designated place for everything you need in the morning such as coats, shoes, and packed lunch boxes can save time spent searching for them in the morning.
- **Allow time for delays** - No matter how organised we are things don't always go to plan. Set your alarm a few minutes earlier to allow a few extra minutes to deal with anything unexpected
- **Reward your child** – Acknowledging when things have gone well is really important. Include getting to school on time on your reward chart, if you have one and remind the children at bedtime how proud and happy you were with them that morning.

If you would like any further support or advice please contact me by calling the main school office or emailing me on clair.vural@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk



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Diary Dates

7th July – Meeting new teacher day

16th July – School finishes for pupils for the Summer Holiday

19th – 21st July – Teacher Training Days – moving around classrooms, ready for Year 6!

26th July – 13th August – Game On Holiday Club at RFPS (4 – 11 years)

2nd, 3rd & 6th Sept – Teacher Training Days

7th Sept – Children return to school

Reception plea for nuts, bolts and keys

Our reception teachers are looking for donations of any loose random parts for their fine motor resources. If you have any at home that you would like to donate like the pictures below, please bring these to the school office, thank you.

