



Message from Head Teacher

A quick note from me to say a huge and very heartfelt thank you to everyone connected to RFPS. I am continually so impressed and grateful for all the parents and staff for constantly following the rules to enable school to remain fully open to all pupils. The children have only been in school for 4 weeks but they have learnt so much! The teachers and support staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children are supported academically but emotionally and socially too. The feedback

from the parents consultations this week were also really positive. I know it's not the same having virtual parents evenings but we thought it was important to touch base with you all. We hate not having parents in school and we can't wait to have you all back in for various workshops, meetings, plays etc!

I hope you have a very happy Easter break.

Miss Butters

International Women's Day

RFPS celebrated International Women's Day (a little later for us this year) on Wednesday and the theme was #choosetochallenge. Each year group did the pose for this year, with our hands up to show we were in!

Each year group chose an influential sporting female to study. Reception studied cyclist Emma Pooley and Year 1 studied tennis player Billie Jean King. Year 1 learned about and sequenced the main events of her life and about why she is significant in campaigning for women to be equal to men. Year 2 studied gymnast Katelyn Ohashi and Year 3 studied swimmer Ellie Simmonds. Year 3 began looking into gender stereotypes within sport and then considered how that would make current sporting figures feel. They looked at Ellie Simmonds and explored her achievements. They were really impressed and happy that she could participate in the Paralympics, not only representing her country but winning Olympic medals. Year 4 studied professional ballroom dancer Oti Mabuse and Year 5 studied Ellen MacArthur. There were so many amazing activities going on around the school from building the Blackpool Tower and designing new dancing outfits in Year 4 to creating some superb posters in Year 5. By Miss Preston



Goodbye and hello!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we said goodbye to Miss Dimmock (Teaching Assistant) and Miss Smith (Game On Coach) today. They have been incredible members of staff and we will really miss them!

We welcome Miss Hill (Game On Coach) to the permanent team here at RFPS although she has worked here many times before. We hope she will really enjoy her role here.

Summer Uniform

The children are very welcome to wear summer uniform after Easter or they can continue wearing their correct one. This consists of either a **red checked summer dress** or **grey tailored shorts and a white short sleeved summer shirt and tie** (on really hot days the children will take their tie off).

Full and correct uniform needs to be worn after the Easter holidays, including black school shoes.

Gymnastics in Year Two

In Year 2, we were all inspired by Katelyn Ohashi for International Women's Day. We discussed why we thought she has been an inspiration and then created our own Rhythmic Gymnastics routines. We were very impressed with the creativity of the children. We also created observational drawings of gymnasts in different poses.



Stars of the Week

Reception

Giraffes:

Zachary

Lions:

Lottie

Zebras:

Ivy

Year One

Hedgehogs:

Erin W

Owls:

Mya

Rabbits:

Bella

Year Two

Orcas:

Imogen

Penguins:

Archie

Seals:

Toby

Year Three

Crocodiles:

Imogen

Kangaroos:

Ava B

Turtles:

Oliwier

Year Four

Bears:

Freya

Eagles:

Aaron

Raccoons:

Lily A

Year Five

Elephants:

Jack S

Pandas:

Lola

Tigers:

Kai

Young Scientists in Year Four

This week Year 4 became young scientists! We investigated whether earthworms could sense danger by setting up a fair test. We made predictions before recording our results and writing a conclusion. Some of us got to touch the worms... SLIMEY! In Art, we studied the work of Yuesi Nagashima. We developed our brush techniques to create patterns, texture and lines before creating our own artwork inspired by Yuesi.



Certificates of Achievement:

Reception:

Stanley & Emilie
Isaac & Ava B
Tessa S & Isabelle

Year One:

Amelia M & Valeria
Oliver & James
Esme & Oscar N

Year Two:

Theo & Julie T
Eve & Ben
William & Ruben

Year Three:

Chloe & Evie B
Lena & Zara
Colby-Jay & Arjan

Year Four:

Adi & Harleen
Zak & Oscar
Punary & Jakub

Year Five:

Kirstie & Elsie-Mai
Darci-Rose &
Annabelle
Alex & Milly

**Headteacher's
award:**
Lucas (Y5)



Reception

Reception have had a fantastic final week of the Spring term, what a bunch of superstars they all are! We have had lots of fun this week in our learning and have used our creativity muscles to develop some new ideas for the ending of Jack and the Beanstalk. In one ending, the Giant was flung into space by Jack and his Mum, and in another, Jack and the Giant became good friends! In Maths, we have been recapping our learning from the Spring Term and Reception have blown our socks off with their mathematical skills and knowledge.

The Reception teachers are incredibly proud of the children's hard work and resilience this term. We hope you all have the most amazing Easter break and we are looking forward to our next topic 'Who Lives in a Rockpool?'

Rugby Foodbank

Thank you for all of your incredibly kind and generous donations to the Rugby Foodbank which were collected and taken to the Foodbank this week. Together we collected 96.8kgs of food! Another fantastic amount was collected - Thank you to our amazing RFPS community, but in particular, Mr Walker, who gives his time up to support this very worthwhile charity.



Special thanks

We'd like to say a huge **THANK YOU!** to:

- **Succession Wealth** for their very generous donation of laptops and
- **Datagraphic** for their very kind donation of paper

The children are already enjoying using these fabulous resources.



Year 4 fund raising initiative



Amelia, Freya and Lily B in Year 4 had an idea to raise some money for Macmillan Cancer Support. They decided to run a stall selling origami animals. They spent time making and colouring the paper animals ready to sell and also sold some plain ones for their customers to colour themselves. They raised an amazing **£60**, we are so proud of your efforts, well done! **#kindness #collaboration #endeavour**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



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Family Support

Message from Mrs Vural, Family and Children Support Worker:

I know that finding ways to spend time together as a family is not always easy, especially at the moment when home and work life seem to be merging into one and when we are living with so many restrictions on our lives. Hopefully, the Easter school and bank holidays will give us all the opportunity to spend time together and give some much needed breathing space to children and adults alike. Spending time together could be something as simple as sharing a book, watching a film, going for a walk, baking or even preparing the evening meal together (which can also be helpful too!). There are lots of free activities you can do with your children even with the current restrictions, so why not look at the link below and try some out over the Easter holidays.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/family-games-easter-long-weekend>

Also, please remember that under the current guidelines, libraries, leisure centres and most outdoor venues such as zoos, theme parks and campsites are planning to re-open on 12th April.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.



Monthly Photography Competition



Congratulations for this month's winners who took a photo of something that reminded them of 'Springtime'.....

Blossom – Keira (Y1)

Daffodils – Esha (Y5)

You both will get your certificates on the first week back!
Well done!



This month's competition ends on **Thursday 29th April 2021**. Please email your entry to Mrs Odwell – eleanor.odwell@rugbyfreeprimary.co.uk by 5pm with your child's name in the email. We can't wait to see all of the different, creative and inspiring photographs.

April's theme is: **Something you are thankful for!**

Diary Dates

2nd April – Start of the Easter Holidays

19th April – Children return to school for the start of the Summer Term

23rd April – Deadline for the FRFPS Wellie Walk money/form

23rd April – Rearranged **World Book Day** on World Book Night & Shakespeare's birthday – **Dress up as your favourite book character.**

7th June – No longer a Teacher Training Day (if you have a pre-booked holiday, please let us know, we will authorise this day).

11th June – School photos – Individual and siblings (due to the demand/enquires from parents.) We have also booked the photographer to come in November as well as many of you wanted photos as Christmas presents)



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Friends of Rugby Free Primary

Friends of Rugby Free Primary are looking for volunteers to help us. Our current Chair is stepping down at the end of the Summer Term and we are looking for a new lead or group of leads to help spread the workload. If you think you would like to be part of Friends of Rugby Free Primary please do get in touch via frrfps@mail.com or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsrugbyfreeprimary>.

Please find details of our Easter Welly Walk. The sponsorship form was attached with the newsletter dated 12th March.

Happy Easter!

FRIENDS OF RUGBY FREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

EASTER WELLY WALK

Get out and about and walk 1 mile with your family during the Easter break to raise money for

Friends of Rugby Free Primary School

We would like you to raise £5.00 or more.

When the form and money are returned to school by the closing date of 23rd April each child who takes part will receive an Easter Egg.

All money raised goes directly back into school to pay for things like the playground marking etc.

Easter egg competition winners

Thank you to all the children for their incredible entries to our Decorate an Easter Egg competition. We had over 200 entries! They were absolutely **eggcellent** and everyone was **eggcited** to see each other's designs! It was SO, SO hard to pick the winners and Miss Butters did so without knowing who was who's designs!

Reception - **Harriet G**

Year 1 - **Seth**

Year 2 - **Ben**

Year 3 - **Colby-Jay**

Year 4 - **Joe T**

Year 5 - **Summer**

