



Rights Respecting School

Ricky is our travelling Rights Mascot who helps our Early Years and Key Stage one children learn about their Rights. Over half term, Luca one of our pupils collaborated with his mum and grandma to kindly make him a school uniform so he could look just like us at St Edmunds and keep him warm during the colder days! This links to Article 27 of the United Nations Convention on the rights of the child (UNCRC) about having the right to food, clothing and a safe home. Luca confidently spoke to the whole school on Friday to tell us all just what he and his family had done to make the uniform.

We are proud to be a Gold Rights Respecting School and are looking forward to welcoming an assessor to St Edmunds for our Gold reaccreditation later this term. You can find out more about Rights via our website.

You may wish to share the pocket book of rights with your child to explore rights further at home. This can be accessed via our school website under the About us > Rights Respecting School section.



Year 6 Get crafting!

On Friday the children in Year 6 worked with Michelle Freeman from Crafty Foxes to create Tree Folk using repurposed items including fir cones, coconut shells, conker shells and wool and ribbon to make hats, hair and scarves. Each of their Tree Folk, ranging from warriors to fairies looked so unique at the end. Accompanied by QR codes linking to pieces of poetry that the children have composed, many of these will be found hanging on Christmas trees around the town at the end of the month.



Safeguarding – Online Safety - Information for parents

The Community Safety Team, within Public Health and Communities at Suffolk County Council, have produced a resource aimed at parents to support them in understanding and to raise awareness of Online Safety in relation to Preventing Radicalisation. This can be viewed via the following link.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/asset-library/Online-Safety-factsheet-Oct-2023.pdf>



As a Rights Respecting School, we spend time talking about the rights that each of our children have. We also hope to see that our children feel empowered to exercise their rights too. One of our Yr6 pupils demonstrated just this, taking time to write to our local MP Jo Churchill last half term. She was questioning why it is not a compulsory aspect of schooling in the UK to learn survival skills. We were proud to see Anna exercising her right to have her voice listened to (UNCRC Article 12).

Anna was delighted to receive an initial response from Jo, acknowledging the importance of her question and noting that she would consult other colleagues in the DfE. Given the responsibility that the government have as duty bearers, ensuring that all children in the UK access the rights that they are entitled to, we hope that the voices of many children such as Anna, who take time to ask questions and to hold them to account for the work that they do, have a positive impact on changes that they experience in the future.



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Diary Dates

Mon 6th Nov	Family Thrive Course begins (1-3pm)
Wed 8th Nov	Flu Immunisations
Thur 9th Nov	Open morning for prospective parents 9:30-11am
Wk beg 13th Nov	Learning conversations begin (Wk beg 13th, 20th and 27th Nov)
Tue 14th Nov	Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)
Wed 22nd Nov	EY and Yr1 cinema trip
Wed 29th Nov (pm)	Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school
Fri 1st Dec	School Discos

Advanced notice...

Mon 11th Dec	EY/KS1 Dress Rehearsal for Christmas performances
Tue 12th Dec	KS2 Carol Service
Wed 13th/Thur 14th Dec	EY/KS1 Christmas performances
Fri 15th Dec	Whole school Mass (parents and parishioners welcome)

Donations

As we continue to vary the play opportunities that the children have access to at lunchtime, we are seeking donations of the following items:

Dressing up clothes

Puppets

Toy cars

Dolls

Brio train track

The children are going to help make some sock puppets so we're also in need of any random odd socks and buttons that you would be happy for us to get creative with.

Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

If you are currently experiencing financial hardship, the Local Welfare Assistance Scheme (LWAS) could be of help for your family. Financial hardship could mean you are struggling to afford the basics, such as food, heating, clothing and fuel, or to pay your household bills. The scheme is not intended as emergency support and only one award can be made to an eligible household in a 6-month period. Successful applicants will receive a BACS payment directly into their bank account or a Post Office cash out voucher that can be redeemed in store. The application process for this is done online and only takes 15 minutes. To find out more, take a look at the relevant page on Suffolk County Council's website (details below) <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/community-and-safety/communities/healthier/suffolk-local-welfare-assistance-scheme>



Year 3 hit the catwalk!

The music was pumping as the children in Year 3 hit the catwalk and processioned into our celebration assembly on Friday. They were modelling t-shirts that they had each created before half term in their first unit of art work which focused on textiles. They had enjoyed dyeing their t-shirts and awaiting the surprise of what they looked like when they had been unravelled. The finished products looked brilliant and each looked so different.



Please keep your milk bottle lids and send them into school so that we can make use of them in school. Thank you.

Mid day supervisors

We are looking to expand our team of Mid-day supervisors to support the children at lunchtime both when playing games outside and when eating their lunch. If you would be available between 11:30-1:45 on two or more week days and would be interested in joining the team or would like to seek more details please speak to a member of the office team.