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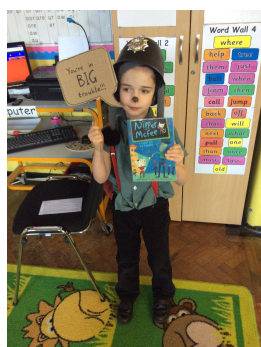
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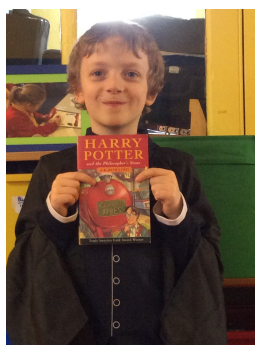
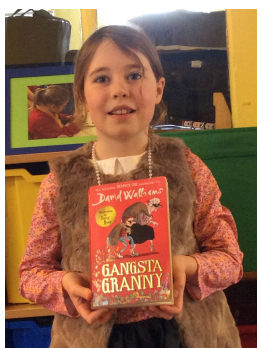
Thank you for supporting our World Book Day celebrations. It was lovely to see how creative the children (and staff) were with their costumes, and how much they enjoyed sharing their favourite books and talking to others about their books. Our aim for this event was to promote a love of reading within our school and, judging by the children's responses to the day, we have been successful!



Thank you to everyone who supported the Cake and Book Sale - the Friends of Rothbury First School raised the fantastic amount of £206.56.



Our Book Cover competition was very well supported. Four winners were chosen from a very high standard of entries. Well done to Libby, Mia, Lily and Jessica! We look forward to hearing how you have spent your prizes.



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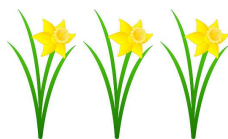
Operation Encompass - our half-termly visits from Laura (Northumbria Police) have now completed. She worked with our Year 3 and Year 4 children over a number of sessions covering topics such as 'Emotions and Empathy', 'Rules and Expectations', amongst others. This was a funded project from Northumberland County Council and we are very pleased that our children have been able to take part in it.

Every child in school took part in the NSPCC 'PANTS' programme earlier this term to support children's awareness of how to stay safe.

A couple of our parents have offered their services to school: Catherine Pape has very kindly designed promotional material which we will share with you soon, and Sarah Lord has been a 'photographer in school', taking some wonderful photos of the children during their learning. Again we plan to share some of these with you soon.

Thank you to the Year 1 parents who were able to attend our class assembly about the Arctic. It was lovely to see how much the children enjoyed sharing their learning with you. We hope that you enjoyed the occasion!

Our Traverse Wall is finally open for use! Please note that this should only be used by children from our school aged between 4 and 9 during school hours under the supervision of an adult. Mrs Mathewson has not given permission for younger children, nor for children from other schools, to use the facility. Please also note that the traverse wall, and the wooden play equipment on the field, should not be used outside school hours.



SPORTS RELIEF If you would like to support Sports Relief in school this year, please send your child to school dressed in Sports Clothing on **Friday 13th March** with a donation for Sports Relief. We shall collect the donations and send them off to the charity. Please make sure that your child has a coat and has spare warm clothes with them in case of poor weather.

ROBINWOOD ASSEMBLY Parents of the children who attended Robinwood are invited to an assembly on **Monday 16th March at 2.30pm** in our Dining Hall.

MORPETH'S ONE BIG PERFORMANCE Our Year 4 children have been invited to play their pocket trumpets as part of the Morpeth Partnership's One Big Performance on **Tuesday 31st March** at the Morpeth Riverside Leisure Centre. This will be a whole day event. Details will be coming out to parents shortly.

SCHOOL OPEN AFTERNOON Our next school open afternoon is planned for the afternoon of **Tuesday 5th May**. All are welcome. We will be advertising this event within the village. Please pass the invitation on to anyone that you think may be interested.

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL We have had such a wonderful response to our Reading Army for the older children in school, that we now would like to extend this to support our younger readers in school as well. If you are able to spare an hour on an afternoon to hear some of our readers in Reception or Year 1, we would love to hear from you! Please speak to any of the staff, or drop into the School Office to find out more.

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

In line with the recent Public Health England guidance, we are increasing the amount of times that children and staff wash their hands in school. All children and staff are to wash their hands on entry to school in the morning. Our children have been taught how to effectively wash their hands, and for how long (2 renditions of 'Happy Birthday'). Please would you continue this at home so that it becomes a habit for the children.

All adult visitors will be asked to either wash their hands or to use the alcohol gel available at the sign in desk.

Social Media Links: For all the latest updates in school follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/rothburyfirst/> or on Twitter @rothburyfirst.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March:		
Tues 10 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Aileen & Elaine from Rothbury URC
Fri 13 Mar	N,R,1,2,3,4	SPORT RELIEF Children are invited to come to school dressed in sports clothing and to bring a donation for Sports Relief.
Mon 16 Mar	R,1,2,3,4 + Y4 parents	ROBINWOOD ASSEMBLY at 2.30pm in the Dining Hall
Tues 17 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Rev Ann from Rothbury All Saints
Wed 18 Mar	all	FRFS Mothers' Day Gift Sale
Tues 24 Mar	R,1,2,3,4	Visitor Assembly: Rev Ed from Rothbury URC
Tues 31 Mar	4	Year 4s will be taking part in the Morpeth Partnership 'One Big Performance' during the day in Morpeth
April:		
Fri 3 Apr	N,R	Early Years Easter Egg Competition
Mon 6 Apr to Fri 17 Apr: SCHOOL CLOSED FOR EASTER BREAK		
Mon 20 Apr SCHOOL OPENS AT 08.50		
May:		
Tues 5 May	visitors	School Open Afternoon
Wed 20 May	all + parents	Sports Afternoon

Term dates for 2019-2020 are available on the Northumberland County Council website: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Holidays.aspx#schooltermdates>

Friday 26 June 2020

ADVERSE WEATHER CLOSURE

We will make every effort to keep the school open in bad weather conditions, however all of our teachers live outside Rothbury therefore we will be at the mercy of the road conditions into the village and the advice given to school about access.

Our school closure policy is on the website under the 'Our School' tab, and shows where school closures will be published. If bad conditions are forecast and we have to close early, please make sure that we have up-to-date contact numbers for you.

In the event of any closure, either for the whole day or parts of the day, we will use ParentMail and text as our prime means of contacting you. Closure will also be published on the school website and on the Northumberland County Council website.



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Upcoming Friends of Rothbury First School PTA events:

MOTHERS' DAY GIFT SALE in school on Wednesday 18th March 2020

FILM NIGHT in school on Wednesday 29th April 2020

Please check Facebook and posters around school for further details.

Email: rothburyfirstschoolpta2017@yahoo.com

Facebook: Friends of RF School (PTA)

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