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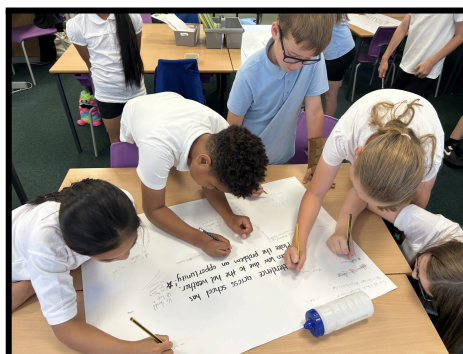
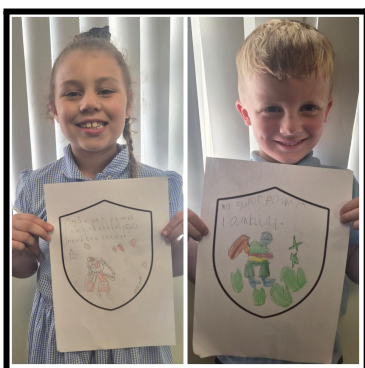
Y6 Leavers - Goodbye and Good Luck

An emotional week saying goodbye, thank you for being an incredible cohort, I know you are going to achieve the most wonderful things. We have had the most amazing SATs results. When asked what type of prom/celebration event they wanted they made the decision to have a school sleep over and what a night it was. We enjoyed time playing football, climbing trees, building a camp fire, eating far too much food and playing hide and seek. A huge thank you to the team for building memories to last a lifetime. A sleepover and lots of fun activities to finish the year before moving to their chosen secondary schools. Good luck everyone!



Transition

As we said our fond farewells to our Y6 Leavers, children said hello to their new year groups. We have had such a fantastic transition period over the last couple of weeks. All children have settled in really well and are enjoying spending time in their new classes. Each class has delved straight into our Mission Possible Project for a second year, children have loved the creative ideas and opportunities created by their new class teachers. We look forward to what next term holds and wish Y6s well in their next phase of learning.



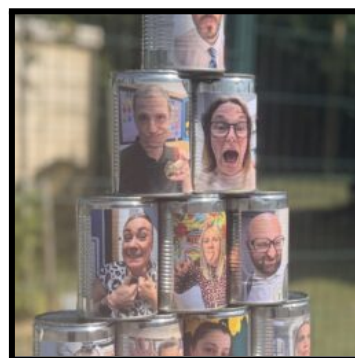
Children's University

Last week, we celebrated our Gold Achievers at the Children's University awards. So many incredible achievements over the year, collecting hours along the way. Our children have attended clubs both at school and at home and enjoyed being involved in the wider community. Well done everyone, cap and gown celebration at Gulliver's Valley.



Summer Fayre 2026

Summer Fayre 2026 went down a storm. With the added addition of our scarecrow festival it was a great afternoon with our families and local community. A huge thank you to @mrkinmansmusic yet again for our incredible concert. @MrsButtree organisation – next level!



Whole School Awards

This week we celebrated our award winners across school and are so proud of all of our children for their hard work, resilience and dedication to learning, we celebrated:

Respect, Friendship, Excellence, Reading, Mathematics, Sport, Restorative Practice, Overcoming adversity, Most improved Pupil, Pupils pupil, Boy and Girl of the Year were all celebrated.



Rockingham's Got Talent

A wonderful morning with our children and parents celebrating our children's talents. Mrs Rawson has worked tirelessly with the acts perfecting the routine and ensuring the children were giving it their all. Well done Aeva and Ava who were incredible compares. So proud of you all, Well done Ephraim on an amazing 1st place achievement with a beautiful voice.



KS1 visit Cleethorpes

What a fabulous time we had at Cleethorpes!

As we arrived, we headed to the station and enjoyed a leisurely journey on the train. After that, we set up on the beach where the children hunted for shells, played games and built some wonderful sandcastles. Then, we all got yummy ice creams. Before we left, we went further down the beach and had a blast!



Platinum School Games Awards

We are so proud to announce that we have retained our Platinum school games award. A huge thank you to @RJIMrParkin for supporting our children and giving so many children the opportunity to play sports, excel and thrive. We can't wait to continue to grow and develop next year!



Goodbye Mrs Tunks - We will Miss you!

A letter from Mrs Rennison,

On my first day at Rockingham, stepping into Y6B at the age of 34, I stood in a room full of strangers looking at me intently. Mrs. Fearnley announced that I was going to be taking over Rockingham as an interim Head/School support-wearing a bow in my hair and a power jacket, I was instantly greeted with a room full of "you what?" looks. I am sure I had many names and comments directed at me along the way, which were later shared with me by Mrs. Slack.



Thankfully, I soon got to meet the real Headteacher of the school: the rock who was holding everything together and keeping the ship afloat. She is the strongest, most committed woman I have ever met. It is no wonder every child in school asks me if she is the Headteacher; I couldn't agree with them more. From my first day, she made me feel welcome. She offered support, advice, and knowledge, shaping me into the leader I am today. Once I settled in and got my feet under the table, Mr. Williams and I decided to move into her office. Without her knowledge, he dismantled all the furniture, got rid of her resources, and moved all of her things. Let's just say, to put it politely, she was furious!

Along the way, we formed a special bond during our first residential trip to Northumberland in 2017. While making the film "Rock the Boat"-where Julie flew out of a box and we poured water out of the window while holding umbrellas-we were just generally mischievous. You wouldn't believe she was in charge of behavior; she definitely didn't set a good example! After this special event, we were all friends again, enjoying working together in harmony. I still don't think she ever fully forgave Mr. Williams, but she chose to tolerate his ways, as we all do.

Julie is an inspirational colleague and leader, and she is relentless when it comes to keeping our children safe. Her dedication to safeguarding is outstanding. Her love for the children goes beyond anything I have ever seen, as she works tirelessly for our families and the local community. She has the most difficult job in the school, and I don't quite know how she has managed the number of years of service that she has. On reflection, it is down to her resilience, dedication, and commitment to the catchment area we serve. I know how difficult today must be for this very special lady, whom we all love, admire, and care for deeply.

Over the past nine years, Julie has been my biggest support, my biggest advocate, and my loudest cheerleader-not to mention a very dear friend. Sometimes you meet colleagues who remain just colleagues, and at other times you meet special people with whom you share your life, who become part of your family. Over the last few years, we have experienced so much together, riding an emotional rollercoaster both personally and professionally. I don't think I could have gotten through some days without her.

We have taken the rough with the smooth, and I have loved having the opportunity to hear about her family, her love for hockey, and her obsession with the outdoors. When Julie loves, she loves unconditionally, and that's why I appreciate everything she has done for me. She has been my guiding light, always-from attending my wedding and enjoying the highlights of my life, to supporting me at my lowest when I lost my Mum. I don't think Julie knows just how much of an impact she has had, not only on my life, but on the lives of so many others. She is always there, no matter what. From running towards a crisis, grabbing your first aid kit or using your incredible sense of humour to regulate our children. You are my work Mum, one of my closest friends, and I am happy to take second place as your second-favorite Headteacher. That is more than enough for me.

I hope you know you will always be a part of our family, our legacy, and our history of what makes Rockingham so special. Remember, Safeguarding Governor is next on the horizon once you have taken some well-deserved time for yourself and your family. Please don't be a stranger. I know you will have me on the phone weekly for my supervision and sanity-I just hope you don't block my number! Here is to love, happiness and health. Enjoy every second of your retirement; no one deserves this more than you. Love always, Louise (AKA Mrs. Rennison, the fake Headteacher of Rockingham!)