

RNLI VISIT

On Tuesday 14th June we welcomed David Richmond-Coggan a volunteer for RNLI, (Royal, National, Lifeboat Institution) to our school.

David spoke to all children and began by showing Chertsey Bridge and the filled gravel pits to reinforce that we need to be safe around water near our school and when at the beach. He reinforced 'water is fun' - enjoy and have fun safely.

Children were involved in spotting and discussing dangers and contributed ideas with enthusiasm. Years 1 and 2 enjoyed dressing up as life guards and life boat crew and discussed the importance of swimming between the red and yellow flags. We discussed that the life boat crew are normal people who have a job who are quite extraordinary. We discussed what being a volunteer means.

Key Stage 2 discussed keeping safe with Years 5 and 6 discussing what to do in a rip tide and how to say NO if your peers encourage you to do something dangerous like tombstoning.

All children enjoyed the song reinforcing placing one hand in the air if in difficulty in the water.

More information can be found on the RNLI website. <http://rnli.org> or the RNLI's website for young people <http://rnli.org/shorething/Pages/default.aspx> which includes interactive games, videos and water safety information



Red and yellow flags

Lifeguarded area. Safest area to swim, bodyboard and use inflatables.



Black and white chequered flags

For surfboards, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks and other non-powered craft. Launch and recovery area for kitesurfers and windsurfers. Never swim or bodyboard here.



Red flag

Danger! Never go in the water under any circumstances when the red flag is flying