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THE RAINBOW REPORTER

**A Carson Street School
Newsletter, written by
the students, for the
students**

We have reached the end of another amazing year of fun and hard work at Carson Street. With seven weeks of summer holidays ahead of us, it gives us time to rest and recharge but to also have lots of fun in the sun with family and friends.

Our Rose Gum friends have worked very hard on this edition of the Rainbow Reporter and have plenty of suggestions for activities you might like to try out over the holidays. As well as their **amazing** interviews with a clown and a train driver, you will also find inside some letters that we have received from Royalty. Earlier in the year, Wisteria and Yellow Gum wrote to King Charles III and the Prince and Princess of Wales and we are so excited to have received replies from them. Whilst they were not able to answer all of the questions, it is an amazing example of what can happen when you use your voice... Even the King will listen to you! What a way to end the year!

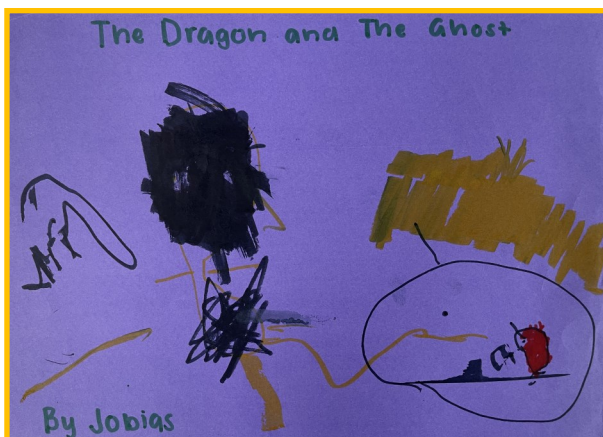
The Rainbow Reporter looks forward to helping you share your voice in 2025! Happy Holidays everyone.

The Dragon and the Ghost

Some people write stories... Jobias has written a whole book! He followed the instructions to create two Duplo models all by himself and then started to tell a story, acting it out with his Duplo characters of a Dragon and a Ghost. He also drew a picture to illustrate his story too!

So far he has written three chapters, but I bet he has plenty more to write down in the future.

Maybe you could create something with blocks or playdough or draw a picture and then write a story about it. It's a great way to start as an author!



The Dragon and The Ghost: Chapter One

It is a ghost. Wooooh! Wooooh! The ghost sings a song. The ghost is talking to a dragon. The dragon says "Raaah! Raaah! Raaah! Raaah!". The ghost says, "Where are you?" because the dragon ran away. The dragon came back to his friend.

The people had dinner. They were eating blueberries. The ghost scared them. The dragon said "Raaaah!!". The people hid in the chair.

The Dragon and the Ghost

The Dragon and The Ghost: Chapter Two

The dragon sings a song. He's gone for a walk in the jungle. The ghost says "Where are you?" The ghost is walking in the jungle. The ghost finds the dragon. The dragon goes shopping and buys a mouse. The shop shuts. The mouse says "Squeak! Squeak!" to the ghost. The ghost is talking to the mouse. "That's my friend!". The mouse says "Your friend the dragon is gone." The fish were biting the dragon but the ghost saved him.



The Dragon and The Ghost: Chapter Three

The dragon and the people eat the blueberries. The ghost says "Boo!" and the dragon goes "Raaah! Raaah! Raaah!". "Ghost, where are you?" said the dragon. Then the dragon ran away. It is gone, gone to the toilet. The ghost said "ha ha ha ha ha!" The dragon screamed "Aaahhhhh!"



The End

Jobias, you are a great builder and author. Amazing work!

Star Shaped Food

When coming up with an idea for his article, Horatio used his PODD to say 'Food and drink- watermelon-chocolate-descriptions-shapes-star.' He wanted to make star shaped food. Yum!!



Horatio pushed star shaped cutters into the watermelon to make a yummy snack.

"I want to show you something. It's my party. It's my birthday. I'm in a car. We go to the restaurant. I eat grapes and watermelon. I'm full. This is fun, yummy and clever."



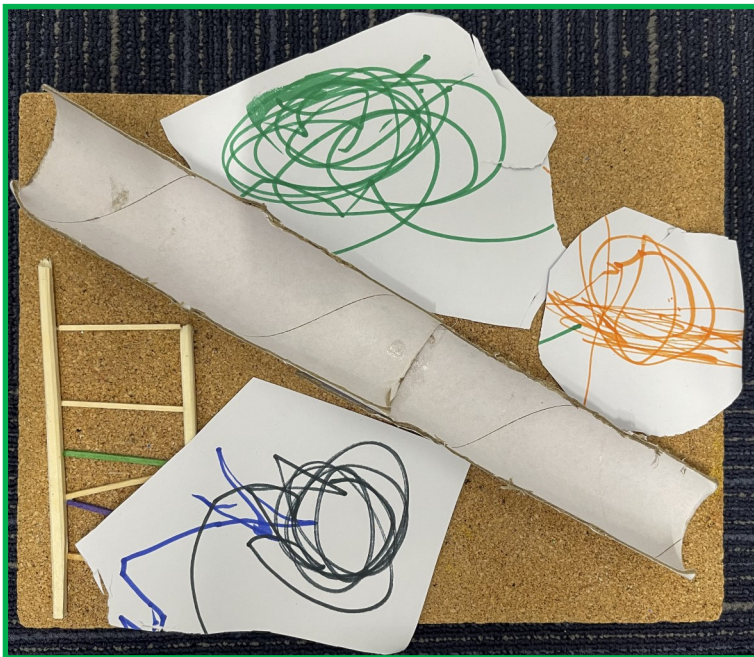
He then melted some dark dairy free chocolate with his helper and poured it into the cutters which he put in the fridge to set. When it was time to look at them Horatio said "I don't want to do it. I don't want to touch it. It is yucky! Oooops. I don't want to feel it. I don't like this colour."

It looks like Horatio loved his watermelon stars but was not happy with his chocolate ones. What star shaped food would you like to make?

Wheeee!

Ovin wanted to create his own slide. He went to the art cupboard with his helper and chose the materials he wanted to use. They worked together to make the slide.

Ovin then wrote about the slide and said “This is a slide for dinosaurs. It is in the clouds. They work the thing. They watch Nickelodeon and a movie called ‘The Magic School Bus’ on the slide. I want it!!”



Ovin then drew some dinosaurs for his slide and stuck them on. He used his communication device to choose the types of dinosaurs he wanted. The orange dinosaur is a Pterodactyl. The green dinosaur is a T-Rex. The blue and black dinosaur is a triceratops.

They look like they are having lots of fun on the slide Ovin.

Stylist to the Stars

Bayan used the PODD on the iPad to say he wanted 'something new-party-haircut'.

Bayan used photos of his Rose Gum friends and created his own party hairstyles for them. He said that styling hair was "yummy!"



This is my hair. It is for "night".

Phillips hair looks like "the sea or a pet in a fish tank."



Ovin's hair is for a "Spring afternoon."

Stylist to the Stars



“Something’s wrong” with Jordan’s hair! It is “missing and broken”.



Jobias’ hair is for “remembering and seeing. I like it!”



Horatio’s hair is for “going in the car to the museum and going for a picnic.”

This hairstyle says “Hello! Let’s go on a boat. His hair is like water. Splash!”



I think we need to set up a booking system for Bayan to style our hair next year! What a great job!

I Want Some Playdough

When Jordan was asked what he wanted his article to be about, he looked at the categories page of a PODD book and pointed to 'Activities'. He then said "I want some playdough!" He decided he wanted to make some playdough food.

Using the food and drink pages and the colour pages of the PODD, Jordan chose and made these delicious treats.

Yellow toast with eggs.

Purple grapes.



Red and orange pancakes.

Yellow and green pineapple.

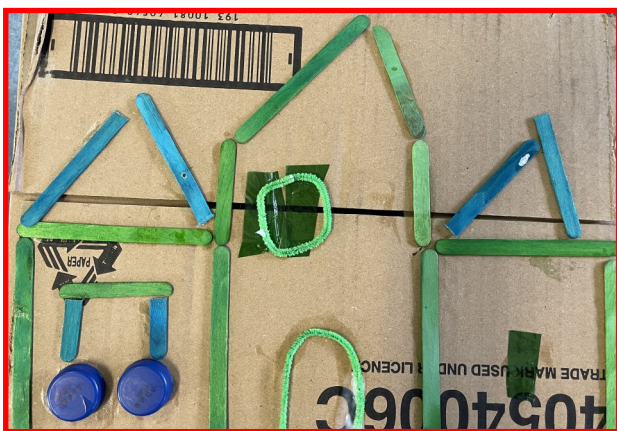
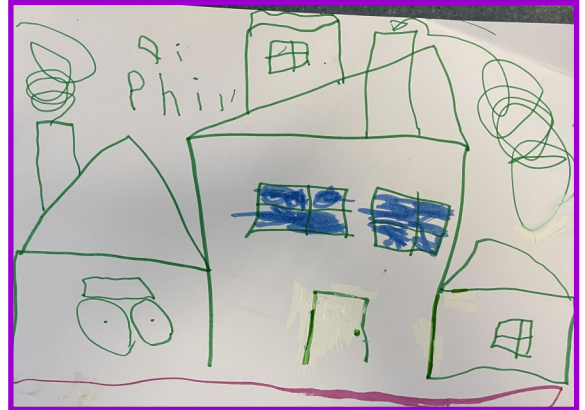
Jordan said "This is for lunch. It is yummy and fast!"

It looks like a great meal to me Jordan! Yum!

My Cool House

Phillip loves his house...it is his favourite place. He worked hard on a project all about his house for The Rainbow Reporter.

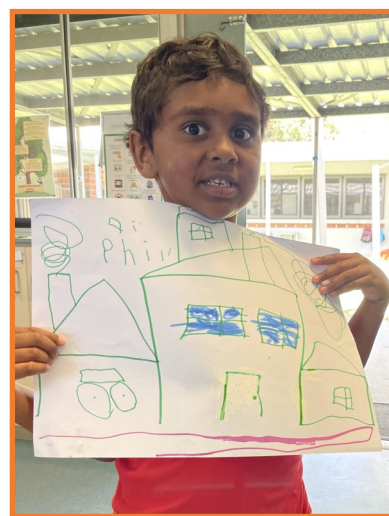
Phillip started by drawing a plan of what his house looks like.



He then made a model of his house using a cardboard box and some resources from the art cupboard. Look how clever he was matching the model to his drawing!

Lastly, he told us all about his house.

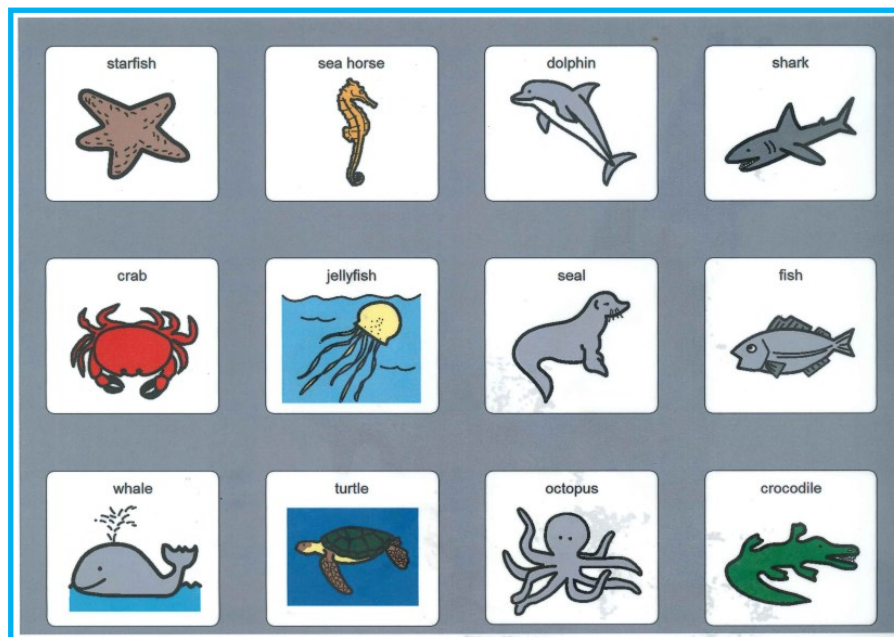
“This is a cool house. It has smoke from the fire. My door is broken. There’s a car in the garage. There’s a small house on top of the big house. Dad loves the house, Mum loves the house, Phillip loves the house. It has a pink road.”



Phillip, I think you have a great career ahead of you as a house designer!

What ocean animal do you want as a pet?

How fun would it be to have an ocean animal as a pet!! Ali wanted to know which one people would like the most. He used an ALD to ask people what animal they would like.



Staff and students voted for:

Turtle– 3
Seahorse– 3
Octopus– 2
Dolphin– 2
Fish– 1
Shark –1
Starfish– 1

Turtles and Seahorses were the most popular!

I wonder why only one person wants a shark?!

What ocean animal would you love as a pet? Ask your family and friends over the summer holidays. It is a good way to start a chat with someone.

Thanks Ali for your very informative survey.

Book Review

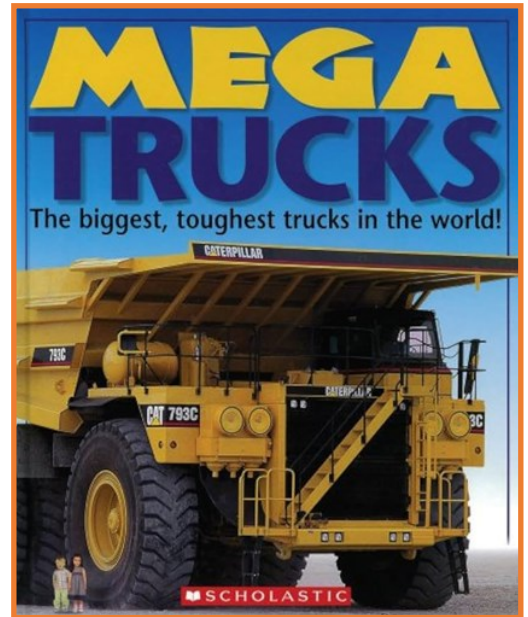
Rose Gum read a cool book from our library called Mega Trucks. As it was a big book, they looked at the contents page and chose a type of Mega Truck each and then read that page with their friends. Here is what they thought.

“I loved it! The trucks could dig a hole. It could throw blocks. It could flip things.” Jobias, aged 6

“This book is incredible. I liked the ‘Can you point to...’ part of the book, and the ‘Let’s Match’ game at the back.” Phillip, aged 6

“Let’s go. I don’t like this. It is bad.” Horatio, aged 7

“I like red and pink mega trucks. They are fun, good and wild!” Ovin, aged 5



“I’d like ambulances, planes, helicopters, cranes and bikes in my garden. I would be frightened and lonely.” Bayan, aged 8

Interview with...A Clown!

Laughing is the best! It can make us feel so good and happy inside and can cheer us up when we are feeling sad. Jobias wanted the class to ask a clown some questions, so we found Dr. Scally Wag! Dr. Scally Wag works for the Clown Doctors at PCH and Fiona Stanley Hospital, alongside her clown friends Dr. Dopey, Dr. Hat, Dr. Ta Dah, Dr. Goose and Dr. Larry Kin.

The Clown Doctors program has helped children, families and staff in WA hospitals for over 25 years, making what could be a scary or stressful situation a little easier. You can find out more about the amazing work The Clown Doctors do on their website <https://humourfoundation.org.au/clown-doctors/>



Interview with...A Clown!

What pet do you want? Ovin, aged 5

Hi Ovin! I would really love a pet duck. In fact, I would love three little ducks. We could go swimming together and they could follow me around everywhere in a row. Plus, I'm really good at making a 'quack' noise so I think they would listen to me. I could sing the Three Little Ducks song all day long!

What can you do to help if someone is bored or sad? Bayan, aged 7

Hi Bayan! If someone is bored or sad, it can be nice to try and make them laugh. I usually like to tell them some jokes, or a good story. Sometimes it can be nice to sit with them and give them time to be bored or sad, so that they're not doing it on their own! Clowns love to be bored, you never know what you'll feel next!

What is a good game to play on an iPad? Phillip, aged 6

Hey Phillip! I think Minecraft is a terrific game to play on the iPad. I'm not very good, but lots of the children in the hospital are teaching me how to play! I think six-year-olds are especially clever when it comes to teaching clowns about iPads!

What is your name? Do you like popcorn? Jobias, aged 6

Hi Jobias! My name is Doctor Scally Wag. Popcorn is my favourite food in the whole world! How did you guess?! For breakfast I like popcorn on toast, for lunch I like popcorn sandwiches and for dinner I like popcorn on pizza! If you like popcorn as much as I do, I have a joke for you:

What did the unicorn call his grandad? Pop-corn!

Interview with...A Clown!

What do you do if you feel angry? Ali, aged 8

Hey Ali! Everyone feels angry sometimes, even clowns! Sometimes my face will turn as red as my nose! First, I pretend I'm taking a big sniff of a beautiful flower, then I pretend to blow the petals off the flower. This helps me take deep breaths and makes me feel a little bit less angry. But try not to blow your friends away! Doing some angry dancing helps too!

Do you like to get something new at a party? Horatio, aged 7

Hey Horatio! I like to get new friends at parties! Especially if we can share some cool new dance moves. I also like to get new lollies in my mouth.

Where do you go on the train? Jordan, aged 6

Hi Jordan. I love getting the train! I like to get the train in to the city, to Fremantle, even to the beach! But I have to be careful and wear lots of sunscreen, especially when my nose is already red!



Thank you Dr. Scally Wag! Your answers definitely put a big smile on my face!

Interview with...A Train Driver

This term we had our first Rainbow Reporter online Teams Meeting so that the Rose Gum students could interview a train driver! What an amazing experience! We spoke to John who showed us around the train yard, we saw trains moving and some signals and he even showed us the train simulator, which was like a big computer game that teaches people how to drive a train. He also talked about how to be safe around trains. After that the journalists got to ask John their questions.



It was so interesting and everyone was so engaged!

I want to go on a train!! – Jobias, aged 6

The Ellenbrook line is opening very soon and you should get the train to Whiteman Park for the day. You can see kangaroos and other animals, old trains and a cool car museum!

Do you play games? Jobias, aged 6

I do play games. I love car racing games like Gran Turismo.

Does your train go forwards? Phillip, aged 6

Absolutely. They can go forwards, backwards and they can stop. They also go very fast! The older trains go 110km an hour but the newer trains can go up to 140km an hour. Most of the trains go 130km an hour.

Interview with...A Train Driver

What is your favourite sport? Ovin, aged 5

I love to play basketball. I'm tall so it is a good sport for me to play.

Can you get a train to the pharmacy? Bayan, aged 7

You can actually get very close to the pharmacy from a lot of train stations, such as Maylands and Cottesloe.

What do you do when you feel angry? Ali, aged 8

I like to think happy thoughts! I think about happy things like my dog or my favourite food. I like working here too as most train drivers are very happy.

Do you like to get something new at a party? Horatio, aged 7

Yes! I like trying new chocolate cake! Every time we open a new present it's like a new surprise isn't it...but I do really love chocolate cake.

Where do you go on the train? Jordan, aged 6

We can go to the beach, to Fremantle, to Maylands where there are lots of old buildings. We can even go all the way to Mandurah to see the dolphins and up to Yanchep where there is a really nice beach. Soon there will be a train going into Byford so you can spend a day in the hills. Did you know you can get the train to the airport now. You go through a big tunnel that takes you under the river!

A big thank you to John for taking the time to meet with us and show us around. It was very cool!

Some Very Special Mail

The Rainbow Reporter has interviewed some very important people over the last few years; authors, athletes, a NASA astronaut, two Premiers and even the Prime Minister. It has been wonderful that these extremely busy people hear your voices and that they want to listen to you and answer your very important questions.

In Term Two, when Wisteria and Yellow Gum classes were our journalists, we decided to aim even higher and to write to some Kings, Queens, Princes and Princesses!! We were not sure whether we would get a response but as the following pages will show, even Royalty want to listen to what you have to say.

Don't stop using your voices everyone, no matter what they sound like. Your voice is so important and it can tell people exactly who you are!





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Private and Confidential

2nd October, 2024

To: Everyone at Carson Street School,
c/o Sarah Rowe, Student Voice Co-ordinator

The King has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful letter.

It was so kind of you to take the trouble to write as you did. Although His Majesty is unable to reply personally, he was touched to see your thoughtful questions, and greatly appreciates the care with which you composed your message. I can tell you that The King and The Queen have two Jack Russell terriers called Beth and Bluebell, that Their Majesties adopted from Battersea Cats and Dogs Home.

Thank you, once again, for thinking of The King, who has asked me to send his warmest good wishes to you all.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Royal Correspondence

The King was responding to a question from Haydn, who asked 'Do you have a pet?'





KENSINGTON PALACE

From: The Office of TRH The Prince and Princess of Wales

Private and Confidential

10th October, 2024

Dear Students,

The Prince and Princess of Wales would have me thank you for your lovely letters.

It was interesting to learn a little about your school and your generous words of support for Their Royal Highnesses were greatly appreciated. To answer your questions, The Prince and Princess enjoy spending time outdoors with their family and have a family dog called Orla.

It was most thoughtful of you to take the trouble to write as you did. Their Royal Highnesses would have me send their warmest thanks and very best wishes to everyone at Carson Street School.

Yours sincerely,

Head of Royal Correspondence

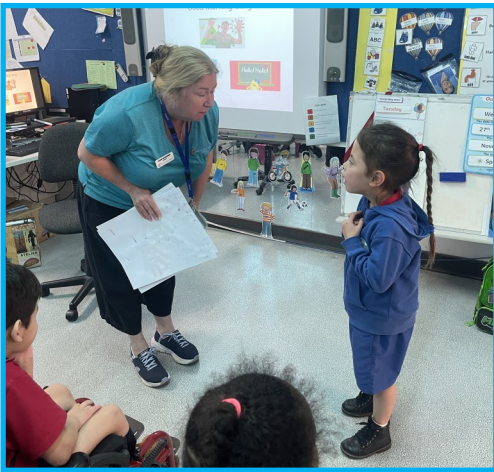
The Prince and Princess were responding to Haydn's question, 'Do you have a pet?' and Kaidence's question 'What activities do you like to do?'



Principal for the Day

The last Principal for the Day for 2024 was Aaliyah. Mrs Hamling loved her idea of 'We will do 25 paintings for friends who are sick.' Aaliyah decided to ask Carson Street students to do a painting and to write about it and then we could deliver them to PCH so that some children who are sick can have something to make them smile.

Aaliyah has shown that she is the Community Kind and Kind to Others.



Aaliyah went around to each class to collect the art work to send to PCH. These masterpieces will put a smile on a lot of faces.



After giving Helen and Miranda the thumbs up for doing a good job, Aaliyah moved on to the P&C meeting where she called the meeting to order by banging a whiteboard cleaner on the table.

Faction Update

The final Faction event of the year was created by **Blue** Faction Captain Chrisha Mae. When asked what she wanted her event to be about she simply said “Food!!!” and when asked what her favourite food was she said “Pizza!!!” So we had a big Pizza race.

Teams had five minutes to get a pizza topping, run to the big cardboard pizza and stick it on before running back to tag the next person. What a fun event. Everyone cheered and supported their friends on, no matter what Faction they were in, which is really showing The Rainbow Way. Well done everyone.

Each pizza topping had a different value so when the scores were calculated and added to the scores from the rest of the year, we found out that Norman and his Yellow Faction were the Faction Champions of 2024! Great work team!

You can see some photos of the fun we had on the next couple of pages.



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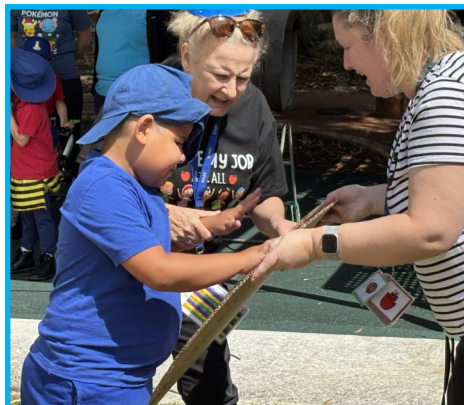
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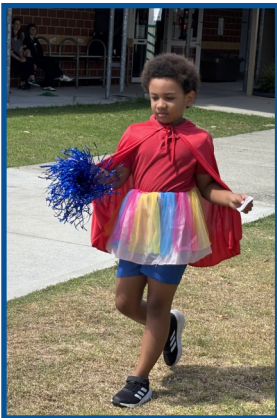


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Thank you so much for a great 2024 everyone. We have been so busy and all the journalists who have worked on The Rainbow Reporter have done an outstanding job this year. Let's go and enjoy our summer holidays and meet again in the new year for some more fun!!! Happy Holidays Everyone!