

fill your boots



**Assembly script:
fundraising fun with the RNLI**



Lifeboats

Aim

To find out why our school is taking part in Fill your Boots and raising money for the RNLI.

Instructions

The following assembly script introduces the RNLI and explains why your school or group is raising money for the Fill your Boots campaign.

The script can be read out by a teacher or pupil.

The images that we have suggested using are available to download from **RNLI.org/FillYourBoots**. You can use them to create a presentation in the format that best suits your setting.

An information sheet about the RNLI is also available to download here to support your assembly or lessons.

The RNLI also offers free visits from volunteer education presenters, who can deliver an assembly or classroom session for a Fill your Boots fundraising event. Or why not visit an RNLI lifeboat station, lifeguarded beach or museum?

Book a visit at **RNLI.org/education**.



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Assembly script



We're taking part in a really exciting challenge called Fill your Boots. It's for the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea.

In this assembly we're going to find out more about the RNLI and why we're filling our boots at school today.



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Ask for hands up to some of these questions:

Who has a pair of welly boots at home?

What are yours like?

What do you use them for?

Who do you think might wear this pair of welly boots?

Or who wears welly boots at work?

What do you think welly boots worn by the lifeboat crew do?

(They keep the water out. They're warm. They're easy to put on - important when rushing to a rescue. They have grippy soles so people don't slip, and they protect toes.)



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Who knows what the RNLI is?

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea, all around the coasts of the UK and Ireland. They have lifeboats that go out to sea and rescue people who are in trouble. They have lifeguards who work on beaches and help keep people like you and your families safe. They also share advice with young people and adults to help keep them safe in and around water. To find out more, visit **RNLI.org**.

The RNLI rescues around 29 people each day – that's almost a whole class! (You could ask 29 children to stand up at this point). The people they rescue are mums and dads, grandparents, children, people at work and people having fun. They sometimes rescue pets and farm animals, to stop others getting into trouble by trying to help them.

Most of the people who save lives at sea for the RNLI are volunteers. They don't get paid for what they do. They give their time to help people.



The RNLI is a charity. It needs people to raise money to fund our volunteer lifeboat crew, lifeguards and international work – and to pay for equipment like lifeboats, and of course, yellow wellies! One pair of yellow wellies costs the RNLI £90/€109*. They help keep the lifeboat crew safe, warm and dry, which means that the lifesavers can really concentrate on saving lives at sea.



*These are recommended retail prices. We always try to get the best price for all kit and equipment. Where possible, we negotiate a lower cost. Crew kit, lifeguard kit and lifeboats are bought in the UK in pounds sterling. Euro prices have been calculated using an exchange rate of £1: €1.2099, which was correct in December 2024.

So we're going to help the RNLI by raising money for the charity.
A small amount can save lives. One pair of yellow wellies, for a
lifeboat crew member, costs £90/€109*.

Here's what we're going to do, and how you can help ...
(explain your fundraising activities to the group).



The rescue

Thomas was enjoying a day at Lligwy Beach with his Mum and two younger brothers. He decided to go in the sea with his inflatable dinghy. After paddling the dinghy for a little while, Thomas realised he was drifting out to sea. The wind and tides were very strong, so he couldn't get himself back to shore.

Someone on the beach saw Thomas struggling in the water and called 999. The volunteers from Moelfre RNLI raced to the station and launched the lifeboat. Aware that Thomas was on an inflatable, which can drift out to sea very easily, the crew were worried about how far he might have gone.

A few minutes later, the crew spotted Thomas in the distance. He had drifted 500m from the beach and was hanging onto the dinghy, which was rapidly deflating. If the crew hadn't found him when they did, things could have ended very differently.

The volunteers powered through the waves to reach Thomas and then pulled him into the lifeboat. He was very tired from trying to stay afloat, but he was finally safe. The crew took Thomas back to shore, where he was reunited with his family.

Using inflatables safely

Inflatables are perfect for pools, but not for the sea! Always visit a lifeguarded beach and never use inflatables in offshore winds or big waves – look out for the flying orange windsock! If the orange windsock isn't flying and you still choose to take an inflatable into the water, it should be held with a line by someone on the shore. That way, if you start to drift out, they can pull you back in.



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Good luck everyone with your fundraising!

Let's see if you can Fill your Boots and raise money
to help the RNLI save lives at sea.



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