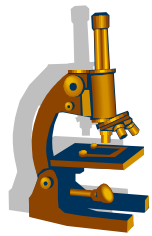


Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

08th November 2013

During last half term I spent a lot of time getting to know the school, visiting classes, looking at children's books and most importantly talking to children, teachers, parents, governors and other people with views about the school. This has led to the identification of development priorities for the school for this year and for the two years after that. These priorities form part of our school improvement and development plan which builds on our existing strengths to make sure the children receive the best education possible.



This year we have made it one of our top priorities to invest in ICT and Science equipment. We will be buying more desktops and laptops as well as investing in interactive technology in the hall. We will be investing in science resources to ensure that children have the opportunity to carry out practical science investigations. We have also decided to reorganise some of our reading books as part of a longer term project to develop our library and entrance area.



Safety, Well-being and Happiness of the Children

Quite rightly the minimum you should expect of our school is that the children are safe and happy during the school day. From talking to children, parents and staff and from my own observations I feel strongly that I can say this is the case. However, children do sometimes fall out, they sometimes argue and they sometimes get upset. This is part of growing up and we work closely with children who have been upset or have argued or made mistakes to help them to work through their problems. Should any parent feel that there is a problem we are unaware of or have not resolved please do let us know. I promise that I will listen, investigate the situation and communicate with you the outcome of that investigation. I would urge you to do this rather than use social media or other channels to voice your concerns. The use of social media can often make a small problem worse and as the school does not know about the problem it leaves the problem unresolved. The happiness of children at Rackheath is a top priority and something I and the rest of the staff care about deeply.



On Friday 15th November the school will be fundraising for Children in Need. The School Council decided that they would like it to be a wear your pyjamas to school day. All children will be asked to bring a donation of £1 to participate.

Numeracy Café dates



All start at 9.00am. Come for a cup of coffee or tea beforehand in the hall

Year 1 - Tuesday 26th November

Year 2 - Monday 25th November

Year 3 - Wednesday 20th November

Year 4 - Thursday 29th November

Year 5 - Tuesday 19th November

Year 6 - Friday 22nd November (this is a change from the date first sent out)

Aylmerton - Year 5 and 6 have their residential from Monday 11th November. Mrs Grogutt is going on the residential from Monday to Wednesday, so during this time Mrs Magee and Miss Brannan will be teaching Year 2. There are 6 children not going on the residential. Mrs Wooltorton will be working with these children for the majority of the week. As such they will register with Mrs Wooltorton in the Goldfish Bowl every morning.



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Bags2School – The collection will take place next Wednesday morning. If you would like to bring your bag in before then please leave in reception, otherwise they can be dropped off in the car park on Wednesday morning.

Christmas Fayre – We will be holding our annual fayre on Friday 6th December at 3pm. As usual there will be lots of stalls with games, gifts to purchase, refreshments and much more plus the chance to visit Father Christmas.

Look out for further details on our non-uniform day on Friday 29th November!

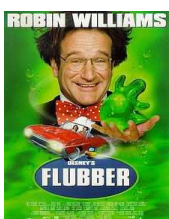
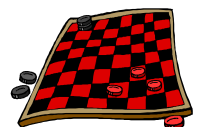


ECO Committee News



We will be holding a second hand toy sale on Friday 29th November at 3pm in the school hall to help raise money for our charity "Nepal in Need". Please

bring in to school your unwanted toys, games, cuddly toys, books, puzzles, etc and give to your class ECO Representative or hand in to the office.



Film Club – Our next showing will be next Tuesday and is the Disney comedy "Flubber". Sign up sheet as usual in Reception. The film will finish at 4.45pm

Christmas Dates

Wednesday 4 th December	PM - A Theatre Company to perform a Panto in school
Friday 6 th December	3pm - Friends Christmas Fayre
Monday 9 th December	AM - Reception Dress Rehearsal in School Hall
Tuesday 10 th December	AM - Year 1/2 Dress Rehearsal in School Hall PM - Reception Performance in School Hall
Wednesday 11 th December	AM - Year 1/2 Performance in School Hall PM - Reception Performance in School Hall
Thursday 12 th December	PM - Year 1/2 Performance in School Hall
Friday 13 th December	PM - Key Stage 2 seating rehearsal in Church
Monday 16 th December	Key Stage 2 dress rehearsal in Church 6pm - Key Stage 2 performance in Church
Wednesday 18 th December	6pm - Key Stage 2 performance in Church

More information will be sent out about these dates nearer the time



Instrumental Teaching for Year 4, 5 and 6 – Last term I wrote to you about the potential opportunity for children to learn a musical instrument. So far we have not had enough interest to make this feasible. Learning a musical instrument is a wonderful opportunity to develop both musical skills for life and support your child's self-confidence, listening skills, creativity and development in literacy.

Lessons will be each week in groups of 4. Each lesson will last 30mins and will cost £40 per term. As part of this package instruments will be free to loan for the first year.

If you would be interested in your child having music lessons please fill in the attached form indicating which instrument your child might be interested in and return by the 22nd November, or alternatively let Mrs Roe or Mrs Pilbrow know. Once we have expressions of interest we will know whether we are in a position to start lessons or not.

Expression of Interest in Music Lessons for Year 4, 5 and 6

Name of child:..... Class:

I would be interested in my child having music lessons.

Please Circle preference:

Woodwind

Brass

Either



Signed:

House Points – We have been totalling up team points for the last two weeks. The current scores are.

First	614 points	Barton
Second	592 points	Oulton
Third	576 points	Hickling
Fourth	568 points	Ranworth



Star, Angel and Diamond Certificate Winners – Well done to the following children who got their certificates in assembly today.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Rebecca Hill	Chloe St Hill	Bethany Dampier
Year 1	Rebecca Burrows	Josh Rivett	Oliver Grimmer
Year 2	Harry Brown	Freya Henderson	Grace Spurling
Year 3	Aston Culling	Freddie Ottolangui	Samuel Abramson
Year 4	Hayden Parfitt-Bland	Lewis Story	Charlie Pilbrow
Year 5	Thomas Moore	Sam Watts	Lydia Rivett
Year 6	Kai Wickham	Ben Lace	Poppy Morley

Have a good weekend.

With Best Wishes

Chris Ashman