

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

11th October 2013

It was great to see so many of you at the opening of the new classrooms. The children really enjoyed meeting Darren Huckerby and should all bring home a small memento of the day today so remember to check their bags. I thought the choir did an amazing job and all of them should be very proud of their achievements. I hope parents enjoyed the chance to visit the new classrooms and see where their younger children will be based when the Rackheath Bombers move in.



On Friday 4th October, Darren Huckerby came to open the new building for year 5, 6 and playgroup.

Darren was a famous footballer, who played in a forward position. On the 13th April 2008 it was his 200th game for Norwich! He retired in 2009 because of a hip injury.

Darren was born in Nottingham in 1976 which means he is 37. His middle name is Carl. He has two children and is married. Did you know Darren Huckerby made a charity?

The excitement started when the class had a photo with Darren Huckerby after that we went outside and Mr Ashman said "It was lovely to see year 5 and 6 in the new building". Next the choir sang 4 songs. Then Darren Huckerby cut the ribbon and everybody clapped and cheered. After school Darren Huckerby signed everyone's footballs or other things. After that we got biscuits and squash and it was yummy. The new building was open to look around.

By Kiera Braithwaite and Alfie Mann

Parent's Evenings Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October

Sign up sheets for parent's evening went up this week. Most of you have signed up. You can still sign up for an appointment by speaking to your child's teacher or signing up on the sheets which are in or around the classrooms. You can phone the office to arrange an appointment if it is hard to get into school. The office staff will then check availability and get back to you. Please let me know your thoughts on the new system to arrange timings.

As part of Parent's Evenings staff will provide a copy of a short report card which will help you see how your child has settled into the new year. We hope you will find these useful.

Field Use – We have been really lucky with the weather but as it gets colder and wetter we will be using a system of flags to indicate whether or not the field can be used and by whom.



- *No Flag* - All children
- *Green Flag* - All Children with trainers
- *Orange Flag* - No one at breaktimes, Year 5/6 on the field in tracksuits at lunchtime
- *Red Flag* - No use at all



Coats – Now that the weather has turned chilly please could you ensure that your child has a coat in school each day for break and lunchtimes.

Parking – We appreciate that the roads outside the school are not great for parking and as the school grows this problem will increase. If you are dropping off or picking up please do not park where the cones are put out, avoid parking across drive ways even if it is for a short time and leave space on the pavement for pedestrians, especially those with buggies.



Most of all can I ask all of you to think about the safety of our children and their younger brothers and sisters when you drive to school and park. There is no easy solution to the problem, although It would help if as many of you as possible could walk to and from school. I am looking into possible initiatives that may help and should any of you have any constructive ideas please let the school know. Thank you for your support.

Clubs Next Half Term – We will be carrying on the gym club run by Premier Sports after half term. The same children are invited to carry on with the club until Christmas. Please let the office know if your child doesn't want to carry on so we can give another child that opportunity. Football and netball clubs will also be carrying on next half term. A new clubs list for the second half of the term is in the process of being organised.



World Food Day – On Wednesday next week the children will be learning about, and trying, food from other countries as part of our World Food Day. If your child is allergic to anything that we might not be aware of please let us know.

Family Lunches

If you have booked in to join your child for one of these next week please take a minute to read the following:

- All children with packed lunches will eat in their classrooms.
- Your child/ren will be ready by the hall for each sitting. Please collect them from the line and find a table to sit at together.
- Tables will receive their food one at a time to save congestion.

This should hopefully enable the experience to run smoothly!



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We welcome all new members however much, or little, time they can commit. Even if you are unable to attend meetings we are always looking for help to assist in events such as Christmas Fayre, School Discos etc. If you can help in any way please leave your details with the school office.

Netball Match v Salhouse

First all the team members arrived at Salhouse then we had a massive practice. Then the team were put into places. In the first quarter our team didn't score and Salhouse had 3. Then all of a sudden, out of the blue, Lydia just scored a basket. Then in the 3rd half Lydia scored again. It was amazing! Unluckily Salhouse scored another 2. But luckily we had good team work. Salvu was excellent at winning the ball back, Ellie was good at defending her opponent, Sam was great as he scored in the last half, Charlotte was good at winning the ball back and so was Catlin and Oliver was a brilliant passer. Everyone put their heart into it but our team coaches had to only choose one person, it was Lydia!



By Ellie Clarke and Lydia Moll

Rackheath Ladies Netball Team

Well done to all the ladies who braved the weather conditions last night to play in a friendly against Long Stratton Swans. Some excellent team work enabled our shooters to secure our first victory, winning 23-8. All those Sunday morning practices have paid off!



Anyone wishing to join us for fun / fitness or competition please leave your details with the school office or join our facebook page: Rackheath Netballers.

Angela St Hill

Music Lessons

Look out for a letter that will be going out next week regarding music tuition in school. This will take place for small groups of children.



Just a reminder that children and parents have until 19th October to pick and register a fantasy football league team. Visit www.schoolsfl.com, pick a team then enter the league pin number which is 5586524.

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

First	358 points	Oulton
Second	355 points	Barton
Third	341 points	Hickling
Fourth	320 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	Dylan Quinsey	Brooke Halsey	Millie McAulay
Year 1	Emily Addison	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Louie Bond
Year 2	Marshall Newton	James Nurse	Molly Broadwater
Year 3	Logan St Hill	Ruby Culling	Finley Betts
Year 4	Tyler McMullen	Kiera Braithwaite	Gemma Smith
Year 5	Caitlin Ettridge	Georgia Hammond	Thomas Moore
Year 6	Annalise Mason	Jennifer Spurling	Lydia Moll



My door is (nearly always) open - I have been at the school for 5 weeks now and during that time I have enjoyed speaking to lots of parents and families at literacy cafes, on the playground and at other times. I am always happy to sit down and meet with parents. It could be to share some exciting or sad news or because you have an idea to make our school even better or that you have a concern about your child. Whatever the reason just come and talk to me on the playground or make an appointment in the office.

Have a good weekend.

With Best Wishes

Chris Ashman