

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 14th February

It is hard to believe that we are half way through the school year already – the time is flying by. We have packed a lot in to the first half of the year and this looks set to continue in the second half as we aim to make the children's learning experience as memorable as possible.

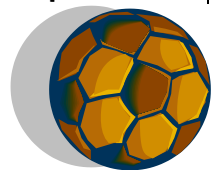
Parents' Evening - It has been great to see so many of you at parents' evening this week. It is such a positive for our children when home and school work together well. This time we gave out a more detailed report to include achievement in the curriculum. We would welcome your opinion on this and any other aspects of parents' evening.



ICT Equipment – We now have all our new ICT equipment installed and ready to use. Having a laptop trolley and new desktops will enable the children to use ICT far more to support their learning. Add to this the new iPads and the projector in the hall and the opportunities for our children are very exciting.

Football Match v St Johns

On Friday the football team went to play a title deciding game against St Johns. The team performed extremely well throughout a very tough game against a very good side and did very well to draw the game 3-3. This means we finished the season joint top. Well done to all these children who have played for the school at some point this year: Salvu Keeble, Lydia Moll, Ebony Culling, Toby Grime, Charlie Swatman, Charlotte Abramson, Oliver Milligan, Sam Watts, Kai Wickham, William Grant and Roan Smith.



Norwich Nippers – On Wednesday 26th February Radio Norwich are coming in to record the Norwich Nipper's section of their radio show. They will be talking to children in Year 1. Please let us know if you wouldn't like your child to take part. The programme will be broadcast during the week beginning the 10th March.



Skipping Challenge - A big thank you to all of you who supported our Sponsored Skipping event. So far we have raised an amazing £565. Half of this money will go to the British Heart Foundation and the other half to our school fund to raise money for a defibrillator.

A special well done to Finley and Alfie Betts, Millie Rose Addison and Isobel Crisp who were our top 3 fundraisers!!

Rackheath's Got Talent

Last Friday Mrs Goddard and the School Council did a great job organising our talent show. The audience were blown away by it. Everyone who entered did a great job and showed talent and bravery to perform in front of such a large audience. A special well done to the winners who are listed in the following report.

"On February 7th, a talent show took place at Rackheath Primary and everyone enjoyed it hugely. This is how it went

First up was KS1, and Lily Stone started the show. She was followed by Skylanders (James Clarke, Jacob Avery and Lewis Mann) with an amazing gangnam style act, and also there was an amazing act called "Seals" (Liam & Lucy Cowey and Mia Jenkinson) who sang head, shoulders, knees and toes! After all that the "Besties" (Montie Mann and Niamh Harris) singing ROAR! After a load more acts that were amazing it was KS2s turn to wow the judges...

First up was Cian McAulay who did a brilliant magic act. Then it was Taylan telling some very good jokes. Next was Gemma who was singing and dancing, there was loads more amazing acts but there isn't enough room on the newsletter to name them all so here is the moment you have all been waiting for. In KS1 3rd Place went to the Skylanders, 2nd place went to Ruby Donnelly and Grace Spurling for their "Cup Song" and 1st place went to (drum roll please)...

Lily Stone who sang and danced.

In KS2, 3rd Place went to Elinor Grimmer for her ballet with a puppet, 2nd Place went to Macy Wickham who performed some gymnastics and 1st was Kiera Braithwaite who performed a puppet show complete with handmade puppets and her own story."

Report by Toby and Charlotte



Cluster Netball Tournament



On 12th February Rackheath's team of 8 netballers visited St John's Primary where there were two netball pitches side by side.

Once we had all settled down our first match was ready to play, it was against Horning. With great teamwork and determination we successfully won 2-0, we played a 6 minute match and Lydia M scored 2 nets. Whilst there was another match taking place Miss Holmes had brought some lovely oranges and we had a laugh with them. Speedily we got up ready for our 2nd match against Tunstead. Luckily we were enthusiastic enough to win this match 1-0, Charlotte was the one who scored the amazing net.

The next match was against St Johns, the home team. Unluckily we lost 3-1 even though we worked so hard. After that we played Salhouse and excitedly we won 2-0. Then we played Neatishead but we sadly lost by only 1 basket. Everyone was so disappointed.

Coltishall was our very last match and everyone was so nervous. But after we tried so hard we won 1-0. Lots of people scored including Ellie and Oliver over the whole tournament. Overall we came second out of 6. The man of match was Oliver.

Report by Lydia M and Ellie



BBC Radio 2 Writing Competition – On Tuesday Mrs Grogutt introduced the 500 word challenge to Key Stage 2. This is a writing competition and is explained below by Mrs Grogutt:



"Following an assembly on Tuesday this week we really hope that lots of our children will enter this fantastic competition being run by BBC Radio 2. The competition has two age categories: 9 and under and 10-13. There are fantastic prizes to be won including a first prize of a pile of books as tall as Chris Evans plus 500 books for the school library. Stories have to be submitted by 7pm on Wednesday 26th February. Do take time to look at the website. Even if you don't want to enter the competition there are fantastic prize winning stories to listen to!"

Spring Term Second Half - Dates for your diary



Assemblies – all at 2.40pm

Thursday 6th March – Year 2

Thursday 13th March – Year 1

Thursday 20th March – Reception

Thursday 27th March – Choir – More details to follow

Mother's Day

Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March – FORS Mother's Day Craft Activities after school

Friday 28th March – Mother's Day Service in the church

More details to follow about these events soon.

Other Dates

Saturday 8th March – FORS Race Night

Monday 10th March – Friday 21st March – Numeracy Cafes – Individual dates to follow soon

Week Beginning 17th March – Science Week organised by Mrs Pulford

Week Beginning 24th March – Waste Free Week organised by the Eco-Council

FORS EVENTS



Bag2School - Bags have gone home with children this week. You can bring your bags back to school before 14th March if you prefer. Attached to your bag is a list of what can be accepted in the bags. Please ask family, friends and neighbours for a bag too as the more weight we receive the more money we raise for our children.

Race Night - There are still tickets available. If you are not sure what happens at a race night please speak with Mrs Roe or Mrs Pilbrow in the office who will be able to fill you in or contact Leisa Whayman on 07780 796038. If you are unable to attend the event you can buy and name a horse for £5. Your £5 will go towards a defibrillator and could win you some money for yourself if it wins!

The defibrillator will be set up outside the school site so it can be used for school and community use.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Jacob Avery	Bethany Dampier	James Clarke
Year 1	Louie Bond	Lola Wickham	Isobel Crisp
Year 2	Amelie Thomas	Callum O'Kane	Montie Mann
Year 3	Rosie Milligan	Matt Rivett	Ruby Culling
Year 4	Hayden Parfitt-Bland	Lottie Allison	Millie-Rose Addison
Year 5	Tristan Wilson	Carter Daniels	Georgia-Mae Hammond
Year 6	Isabella Firman	Jenny Spurling	Ellie Clarke

Best wishes

Chris Ashman