

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th March

Maternity Cover for Mrs Pulford – I am very pleased to say that we have appointed Ms Sarah Barnett to teach Year 1 alongside Mrs Pallant once Mrs Pulford goes on maternity leave. Mrs Barnett will be familiar to many of you as she has taught across the school as a supply teacher and spent 3 weeks teaching Year 2 before Christmas.

Year 1 Assembly – This week it was the turn of Year 1 to perform their class assembly. I was very impressed by the fact that the children had come up with all the ideas themselves. Their version of the Wheels on the Bus was definitely better than the original. Next week it is the turn of Reception Class.

Jimmy's Farm – A big thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to come with us to Jimmy's Farm. It is very much appreciated by all the staff and children.

A few parents have asked about the cost of the trip and how the costs broke down. Jimmy's Farm put on special trips for schools which involve more opportunities for the children and increased input from the staff at the farm than would be available to private visitors. For more details and confirmation of the cost scroll to the bottom of the home page on the Jimmy's Farm website, click on group visits and then follow the link to educational visits and schools.

As it states on the site this normally works out at £7 per child but Mrs Pulford managed to negotiate a small discount to £6.50 per child. The coach worked out at £6.50 per child making a total of £13. As a school we do not, and would not ever look to, make a profit on a trip and as we want every child to benefit from an experience we designate some of the school budget to support families to attend trips.

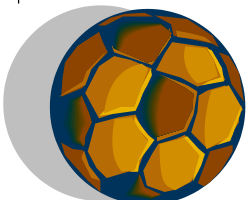


Parliament Play and Workshop – On Monday Year 4, 5 and 6 were visited by a theatre group linked to the UK Parliament who go round schools to educate children in a fun and entertaining way about the origins of democracy in this country and the parliamentary system.

Year 5/6 Cluster Football Tournament

On Wednesday 12th March, Year 5 and 6 went to Wroxham FC to take part in a cluster football tournament. We came 2nd out of 6 teams and everyone played very well. In our first game we beat St. Johns 1-0 thanks to a goal from Kai after some creative play from Charlie and Olly. Our biggest win was 4-0 against Neatishead. The goal scorers in that match were Charlie with 2 and Olly with 2. Overall we won 3, drew 1 and lost 1. Defensively we were great as we only let in 1 goal! Although everyone ran their socks off and worked hard for the team, we think that Olly and Charlotte were the players of the tournament for extra special performances. The squad who went to the tournament were: Olly, Charlotte, Sam, Charlie, Kai, Lydia M, Toby And Salvu. Thanks to Mr Edwards, Mrs Moll and all the adults who watched us play.

By Charlie Swatman and Kai Wickham



During the week we also had the exciting news that because the school team had done so well in the cluster league that we have qualified for the quarter finals of the Norfolk small school's cup. We are due to play away against Holt Primary School on Tuesday 25th March.

Numeracy café – This week Year 3, 4 and 5 have held numeracy cafes. As usual they have been well attended. The focus of our cafes has been on showing parents the way we teach an important maths concept to help you support children at home. I would welcome your thoughts and views on this format.



Sport Relief – Next Friday we will be joining many schools across the country by supporting Sport Relief. It will be a non- school uniform day, with a voluntary donation of £1 per child. For those who would like to we thought it would be good to have a sporty theme to the non-school uniform. In addition Mrs Pulford and other school staff will be organising fun races for the children to take part in and win prizes. Each race will cost 20p, so children who want to take part in these races should bring in a little extra money which will go to Sport Relief.

Race Night – Last Saturday I came along to the Race Night organised by the Friends. It was certainly an entertaining night although I had no luck whatsoever! What was striking was the generosity of all those who attended. As a result we raised over £800 on the night. We have now raised over £2000 to go towards a defibrillator, which means we are now able to start arranging for one to be installed outside the school. In school we have children and staff who may need quick access to the defibrillator but what I think is especially important is the fact that this will be a community resource.



I would like to pass on my special thanks to all those involved with the Friends of the School. An active and supportive friends group makes a real difference to a school community. In the short time I have been in school their efforts have amongst other things helped each class to have an iPad as well as be in a position to buy a defibrillator.



Rackheath vs Neatishead Netball Match

On Monday 10th March 2014 Rackheath played a netball match against Neatishead School. When we got there we were showed to their netball court. After we had sorted out all our positions we started to play our first quarter. In the first quarter we were safe because there were no goals scored but in the second quarter Lydia scored lots of goals and Charlotte scored 1 goal. After that we played the next quarter and Lydia yet again scored some goals and Charlotte scored another goal! During that time Neatishead had scored some goals so we were drawing but Lydia and Charlotte scored some goals that put us back in the lead. Then Oliver blocked a pass and Maria blocked another pass. Then Catlin jumped up high to block a pass and succeeded with ease - yay! Then Freya caught the ball pivoted and threw the ball to Oliver! Next was the final quarter and Ellie made an amazing pass to Lydia who scored. After that the whistle blew and Rackheath had won the match YAY! The team were: Oliver Milligan, Charlotte Abramson, Lydia Moll, Maria Braithwaite, Ellie Clarke, Caitlin Ettridge, and Freya Grime.

Player of the match Charlotte Abramson

Report by Charolotte and Oliver

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Jonah Tibbs	Dylan Quinsey	William Finch
Year 1	Ruby Gabell	Louie Bond	Phoebe Player
Year 2	Oliver Moore	Marshall Newton	Freya Henderson
Year 3	Marcus Gardner	Logan St Hill	Ellen Hughes
Year 4	Gemma Smith	John Barrett	Ethan Mann
Year 5	Charlotte Abramson	William Grant	Caitlin Ettridge
Year 6	Ellie Clarke	Katie Nurse	Reuben Dorling-Winterbourne

Best wishes *Chris Ashman*