

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014

**Year 5 and 6 Residential in November** – We have heard this week that unfortunately the Brancaster Millennium Activity Centre will not be open in November due to repairs taking place to the building on damage caused to the centre in the recent storms / tidal surge. Mrs Grogutt has already been looking at other venues, currently we are looking at 4 alternative centres, which have availability on these dates, to find the best overall site for the residential. We are in the process of arranging for staff to visit these centres to make sure we make the right choice. As soon as we have made a decision we will let you know, we anticipate this being before the Easter holiday. As long as individual families are happy, money that has already been paid will transfer across to fund the new residential. Should the price of the new residential be higher than previously quoted the school will fund the difference. We apologise for any inconvenience, sadly this was something we had no control over.

### School Caterers

We are pleased to inform you that after Easter our school meals will be provided by EATS (East Anglian Taste For Schools) as our contract with Norse has come to an end. The governors and I made the decision after being very impressed by the quality of the food and the commitment of eats to source local products and cook meals from scratch. In addition a small group of 3 staff and 2 children visited a school which is catered by EATS to try a school lunch. All of us were very impressed by the quality of the food. One of the children who doesn't normally eat school dinners said he would in the future if they tasted like this.

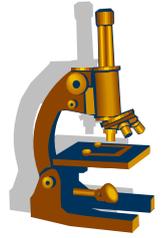
This is an exciting time in school catering as I am sure you are aware the government has committed to a system of Universal Free School Meals from September 2014 for all children in Reception, Year 1 and 2. This is one reason why we wanted to work with EATS as we feel their food will tempt many more children to have healthy school dinners. Something which will not only be good for health but could save parents of children in these year groups next year as much as £10.50 a week. More information on eats can be found on their website at [www.eats-catering.co.uk/page/primary-schools](http://www.eats-catering.co.uk/page/primary-schools) , we will also send out copies of the menu before Easter.



**Homework** – Year 3 have been completing some amazing homework. First they made their own model of a famous European landmark now they have been designing and making models of a mythical beast linked to their work on Ancient Greece.



## Science Week



Science Week is fast approaching! We are really excited about the week with the children experiencing different timetables with a range of science assemblies and activities. Of course, we will all be visiting Jimmy's farm where we will be finding out about current farming practises and sustainability; meeting plenty of furry friends along the way! To make this an engaging and enriching week, we have invested in lots of new resources and visitors coming in from various groups, such as the National Wildlife Trust who will be teaching some of the children about food chains. In Key Stage One we are welcoming the RSPB who will be helping us to investigate habitats, especially nesting. Excitingly, there will be opportunities to work collaboratively with older and younger children across the week and many opportunities to get hands on with experiments and investigations. We hope the weather is kind to us, not only on our trip days, but also so that we can further explore our school outdoor environment too during the week. We hope it will be an enjoyable and inspiring learning experience - perhaps the next Charles Darwin or Marie Curie is among our fantastic pupils?



## World Cup 2014 Whole School Topic

It may seem a long way away but the football World Cup will soon be upon us. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to create a whole school topic for the second half of the Summer Term. To get the most out of it we have started planning now. The staff have started to think about the learning opportunities in and outside of the curriculum and have come up with an enormous list of activities. For example we can learn about the countries competing, find out about the rainforests in Brazil, plan a holiday to Brazil, learn a Brazilian dance, produce art linked to different countries, design our own mascot and compete in a mini football world cup. Over the next few weeks we will be asking the children for their ideas about what they would like to learn.

We would also love to involve parents and families in our topic. Perhaps you know a lot about one of the countries competing, or know someone who comes from Brazil. You might have links to a Samba Dance group or like to get involved with the mini world cup. Perhaps you were alive in 1966 and could share your memories with the children about England winning the World Cup. Whatever your idea we would love to hear from you.





Thank you for your generosity today. We had a lot of fun and raised a grand total of £186.90!! In assembly we watched the story of 10 year old Daniel from Ghana which gave us an example of where the money we donate goes. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Brannan, from UK Athletics, who kindly came in and did some coaching with the children. I'd like to say a big well done to all the children who took part in our fun races at lunchtime.

**Assemblies** – It was lovely to share Receptions' assembly with the children from the Rackheath Bombers as well as the parents and family members from Reception. One of the big plusses of the Bombers being on site is that the children will be really used to the school before they start in September. Next Thursday it is the turn of the choir to perform a special assembly to which parents of choir members are welcome to attend.



**Clubs** – There will be no football club for year 2 and 3 on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> as the older children will be competing in a match. Sorry for any inconvenience. Due to the Jimmy's Farm trips there will be no multi-skills club for KS1 on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> or Choir for KS2 on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April.



### **Rackheath v Horning Netball Match**

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 the Netball Team played a successful game against Horning. Horning took the first centre and the game began. There were some amazing blocks and passes until we got to the other end of the netball court and Lydia Moll scored amazing goals. Yay! Then Ellie Clark scored an amazing goal! Then Oliver scored and Charlotte Abramson fell over (OH NO SHAME!) but did manage to score a cracking goal before. Everyone was scared that she wouldn't come back on but she came back on! Then Gemma made an amazing pass to Lydia Rivett and Lydia passed to Daisy who scored a great goal! But then the opposite team scored a goal. Then it was our centre pass and Oliver made an amazing pass to Daisy who scored another great goal. The whistle went and we won 9-1 YIPPEE!!!!



Player of the match was **Ellie Clarke**

**Team:** Lydia Moll, Oliver Milligan, Gemma Smith, Lydia Rivett, Charlotte Abramson, Ellie Clarke and Daisy Stone.

By Charlotte Abramson and Lydia Rivett



**Our Eco-School** – On Wednesday the Eco-Committee did a great job leading an assembly to introduce ‘Waste Free’ month and the importance of reduce, reuse, and recycle. They also explained the two competitions being run over the next few weeks for which a separate letter went out earlier in the week. Next week it is **waste free week** in school, the Eco-Committee and Mrs Goddard will be telling everyone about this in assembly on Monday and you should receive a letter regarding this today.

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Alfie Betts	Jay Barrett	Rebecca Hill
Year 1	Hannah Scotton	Caedn Huckle	Rebecca Burrows
Year 2	James Nurse	Molly Broadwater	Sonny Hurn
Year 3	Oliver Firman	Asher Foley	Elizabeth Ritchie
Year 4	Nathan Nicholls	Kiera Braithwaite	Madeleine Jenkins
Year 5	Sam Watts	Oliver Milligan	Carter Daniels
Year 6	Chloe Whybrow	Kai Wickham	Ebony Culling

Best wishes

*Chris Ashman*