

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

24th January 2014

Literacy Cafes – We have had four fantastic literacy cafes this week and it has been great to see so many parents attending and enjoying the sessions. We value your feedback and it is great to see that parents like that we have shifted the focus of our cafes towards showing how we teach literacy and numeracy in school. Finally a big thank you from me, to Year 3, for finding all the missing items from the staff room!

Horstead – Next week Year 3 and 4 are off to Horstead for 3 days each. Everything is all set for a fantastic trip. Obviously the weather could be very cold so make sure everyone going has lots of warm clothes to wear. On Monday when Year 4 go they will be accompanied by Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper, Mrs Goddard and Miss Bartram. Year 3 go on Wednesday and they will be going with Miss Hughes, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Howes and Mr Ashman



On Monday eight Key Stage 2 children represented the school in the Cluster Quiz Club Competition at Coltishall. All the children did themselves and the school proud. Each team was made up of one child from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. The team of Elizabeth Ritchie, Lewis Story, Sam Watts and Lydia Moll did really well to come 3rd.

While the other team of Freddie Ottolangui, Kiera Braithwaite, Thomas Moore and Toby Grime also put up a good performance. A big thank you to Mrs Moore, Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Watts who helped take the team at short notice.

Maths

We have been focussing on key maths skills over the last few weeks and our Whole School Focus this week has been learning number bonds for example to 10 or 100. Last week it was learning tables.



In assembly on Wednesday we had a special maths assembly where some of our maths certificates were given out. Before that I had the pleasure of checking that 9 children in Year 5 and 6 knew all their tables. I worked with one at a time by asking them tables questions up to 12 X 12, every one of them fired back the answers so quickly - I was highly impressed. A big well done to those 9 children: Sam Watts, Maria Braithwaite and Thomas Moore in Year 5 as well as Lydia Moll, Salvu Keeble, Ebony Culling, Jennifer Spurling, Erika Grimmer and Toby Grime in Year 6. I look forward to many more children receiving this key certificate. Who will be the first Year 4 or maybe even Year 3 to get this certificate?

A massive well done to a long list of Year 1's who can count in 5's: Mason Parfitt-Bland, Ruby Gabell, Louie Bond, Lily Stone, Katie Moore, Hannah Scotton, Emily Addison, Caedn Huckle, Billie Turner, Aaron Knights, Oliver Grimmer, Rory Watts, Danielle Ramm and Rebecca Burrows. Added to this, lots of children in Year 2 and 3 also received certificates. Well done to everyone!



Rackheath School Garden / Vegetable patch – We are planning to turn the overgrown area in front of the staff car park into a vegetable garden over the spring and summer. Should any of you have any gardening expertise or links to any suppliers of gardening equipment or seeds it would be great to hear from you.

Attendance bear – Attendance bear is back! Every Monday in assembly the class with the best attendance will be presented with attendance bear to keep in their class for the week. Well done to our Year 2 Diamond Class who had the best attendance this week with 99.6%.



Eco Committee Visit: Eco Cube

We visited the Eco Cube on Tuesday 21st January with Mrs Goddard, where we had a tour of the building. Tom showed us the new solar panels on the roof which use the sun to get electricity. Also they use rainwater to flush the toilets. Next we got to use the computer suite. We watched videos from the Eco-pod and played games which helped us to become more eco-friendly. It was a good experience for the eco-committee.



By Freddie Smith



Race Night – Your child should have brought details of FORS next fundraising event home today. It promises to be a very entertaining evening so please join us for some fun!

Pupil Committees - this week I met up with our pupil committees for the first time. Each group will help make decisions linked to their area. We will meet at least once every half term. Each group have already had lots of super ideas.

	Health and Safety	Assembly	Community
Reception	Chloe St Hill	James Clarke	Dylan Quinsey
Year 1	Rebecca Burrows	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Billie Turner
Year 2	Montie Mann	Eloisa Orme	Ruby Donnelly
Year 3	Amelia-Mai Evans	Stanley Bond	Asher Foley
Year 4	Elinor Gimmer	Kiera Braithwaite	Hayden Parfitt-Bland
Year 5	Ben Finch	Lydia Rivett	Lucy Cowey
Year 6	Reuben Dorling- Winterbourne	Annalise Mason	Lydia Moll

Year 5 and 6 trip – Year 5 and 6 have decided to spend the profit from the Virgin Money project on an exciting reward trip. Next Tuesday they are all off to Pizza Hut for lunch followed by tenpin bowling at the Riverside Complex. What a great treat!



Rackheath Bombers News

We are settling in nicely to our new building and as part of our move have decided to change our name to Rackheath Bombers Pre-School. We are almost full to capacity now and as such we are anxious to encourage parents to inform us of any children they wish to enrol as early as possible.

Our next fund raising event is being organised and we would like to ask for help please. We are planning an Easter Egg Hunt around the village (aiming for Saturday 5th April). On the same basis as the Go Go Gorilla hunt - each egg will have a letter to collect to complete an anagram. We are after volunteers to make and display an egg somewhere in view (front garden/window). Your egg can be as simple or elaborate as you wish but must contain the supplied letter! We can then plan the "egg hunt" route and anagram based on who is displaying an egg! More details will follow but firstly, if you are willing to take part, please phone or text Helen Dove on 07741 245072.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Lauren Hallsworth	Felicity Hughes	Chloe St Hill
Year 1	Isobel Crisp	Phoebe Player	Ethan Royston
Year 2	Calum Buckingham	Mia Westley	James Nurse
Year 3	Cian McAulay	Ruby Culling	Olivia Crook
Year 4	Dylan Parnell-Crook	William Barnes	Hayden Parfitt-Bland
Year 5	Lydia Rivett	William Grant	Caitlin Ettridge
Year 6	Reuben Dorling-Winterbourne	Chloe Whybrow	Katie Nurse

Best wishes *Chris Ashman*