

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

24th May 2013

At the end of this first summer half term I find myself wondering whether summer is coming! I really hope that we get some better weather for the half term break so that you can all get out a bit and enjoy yourselves. As you will see below we have ended the half term on a sporting high having successfully started it with a win in the cluster quiz. Next half term we have lots of athletics to look forward to as well as our Maths Café's amongst other things.

Reading café

Class 3 enjoyed their Reading Café on Monday where they continued with their theme of the Mr Men books. They created their own wonderful characters – see the pictures on their website page!

After half-term, on Tuesday 4th June or Thursday 6th June at 2.00pm, Class 5 invite their families to reading café. Please sign up as usual.

Maths Drop-In

Class 2 will be pleased to welcome family members to their drop-in on Thursday 6th June at 9.00am.



Class Assembly

In assembly today Class 1 showed us how much they have been learning in their class. They have learnt so much!

It is Class 6's assembly on Friday 7th June, and we look forward to welcoming you to this.

Questionnaire

A great many of you have completed this and on behalf of the Governors I would like to thank you for taking the time and effort. The responses will be analysed and the outcomes made known next half term. The responses will help us to improve the school yet more, so thank you once again. After half term we will be doing a similar exercise with the children to see what they think.



Lifeboats

Old Equipment Request

"Ever since the RNLI visited my class I have been visiting the difference Lifeboat Museums and have been raising money for them. I have been collecting old mobile phones, camera's MP3 players and Sat Navs to recycle to raise money for the RNLI. Please can you help me by donating any of these items above so I can raise as much money as possible. Thank you."

Isabelle Mann (Class 1)

Items can be brought in to the school office and will be passed on.

Class 5's trip to Caistor St Edmunds

On Monday 20th May 2013 our class went to Caistor St Edmunds, we all had a really good time venturing around the Roman town! We all split in to groups of 3 or 4 following different mysterious paths.



We all had a really good time investigating the church. We all found mysteries that interested us. The church was a warm welcome as it started to rain so we were very grateful, for the shelter.

The church was as cold as chilled water but it was still a lovely place to be in. The church had tall thick walls and beautiful windows letting in the light. A tall ceiling sheltered us from the rain. We would all like to say a very warm thank you for letting us explore the beautiful building, it was fantastic.

Then we continued with the trip. We started to walk around the field and saw roman ruins as we went as well as lots of sheep! We would like to say a big thank you to everyone involved.

By Tili and Izzy

TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT 'A TEAM'

On the 22nd of May 2013 some of us travelled to North Walsham Rugby Club to represent our school. We had three teams, team A was a year 6 team, team B was a year 5 team and team C was a mixed team between year 6s and year 5s.

The first game we sat out, while St Johns and Neatishead were playing against each other. In the second game we played against Neatishead, and we won 4-3. We didn't play the next game because it was St Johns against Salhouse. Next we played St Johns and won 3-2. If we won the next game we would be in the final. Finally we played Salhouse they were really good but not good enough for our A team. Fortunately our team got into the final. This was really tricky because it was now us against the best team, Coltishall. It was very tense. We drew 5 all when the whistle blew, so one of us had to score the golden try. We thought it was all over for us because the opposite team thought they had scored the winning try, but Edward tagged him before the boy in the opposite team put down the ball. Also the boy was outside the line anyway. We knew we had the chance to score so we took it, and Lewis scored the winning try for our team. We were screaming with joy.



Lewis and Taila ran like the wind down the pitch, and James sweeping past the opposing team. Georgia and Jessica were whipping off their tags and putting the opponents under pressure. Unfortunately Alfie G got inured in one of the last games but he still went through strong and was keeping the ball away from the opponents. The whole team was outstanding. The A team: Georgia, Taila, Megan R, Jessica, Ellie P, James, Lewis, Alfie and Edward.

Man of the match: Lewis
Woman of the match: Georgia

Report by Taila Biggs-Smith and Georgia Chapman

Tag Rugby-Team B



On Wednesday morning 22nd May 2013 three teams went to an amazing tag rugby tournament!

We all didn't expect to win but we were still excited to go. First we had a practice and then we played our first exciting match against Coltishall.

Maria was the sub for the first match and then Maria swapped with Ebony. We all carried on with the match but sadly we lost 5-2. The first stunning try was gained by Charlie and the seconded terrific try was scored by Lydia M but sadly we lost our other 2 games but we still had one game to go. Read about our victory in our next paragraph.....

Soon after our third match we played our 4th and final match against St Johns. Lydia R, Charlotte A, Oliver M and Charlie S all scored unexpected trys.

Team B: Charlie S, Charlotte A, Lydia M, Lydia R, Maria B, Oliver M, Salvu K, and Sam W.

By Charlotte A and Lydia R

Tag Rugby - Team C

On Wednesday 22nd of May, Team C (Erika, Toby, Patrick, Gemma, Jada, Bethany, Daisy, Wiktor and Harrison) went to play at North Walsham Rugby Club. We played four matches and overall and came 5th. First, we played Tunstead and sadly we lost 3-2. Next, we played against Coltishall. We lost again with a score of 4-2. Luckily, we won 3-2 against Rackheath B. Lastly, we played Salhouse and we lost 2-1. We had a great time!

Reported by Erika & Gemma

FORS EVENTS

We will be holding our popular and very entertaining Race Night on Friday 14th June at 7.30pm in the School Hall. (Your child should have brought home a flier recently). If you haven't been before it really is worth coming along and joining in. Entry is £3 and horses are available to buy at £5 each with prizes for winning owners. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Further information available from the office or Leisa Whayman 01603 721658.



House Points

Week Ending 24th May 2013

FIRST	HICKLING HOUSE	67 points	<i>Running total 1304 points (3rd)</i>
SECOND	OULTON HOUSE	60 points	<i>Running total 1371 points (2nd)</i>
THIRD	RANWORTH HOUSE	56 points	<i>Running total 1447 points (1st)</i>
FOURTH	BARTON HOUSE	42 points	<i>Running total 1228 points (4th)</i>



Congratulations again Hickling!

Very well done to all those being recognised for their super contribution to school. Our awards this week go to the following children:

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Class 1	Oliver Grimmer	Billie Turner	Louie Bond
Class 2	Niamh Harris	Amelie Thomas	Grace Spurling
Class 3	Joel Raven	Max Penson	Marcus Gardner
Class 4	Freddie Smith	Ella Poole	Hayden Parfitt-Bland
Class 5	Toby Grime	Katie Nurse	Georgia-Mae Hammond
Class 6	Taila Biggs-Smith	Ellie Scott	Wiktor Markowski

With Best Wishes for a lovely half term,

Jim Shearly

WHITE VAN

We have today, received the following in an email from Inspector Graham Dalton of Norfolk Police:

Dear all,

Apologies for the global email, however I wanted to reach as many schools as possible to allay any fears from concerned parents.

On 12/05/13 we received a report that a white van had approached a 11 year old boy near to Rackheath. We have tried to understand the reasons for this but at this stage they are unclear. It does appear however, that we are not getting the whole story!

This apparent approach did not take place near a school and school children per say are not being targeted.

We have conducted hours of extra patrols in and around the area to try and identify the van and driver. We have seen no trace of either, despite rigorous attempts to do so.

Unfortunately rumours are spreading across the area that children have been abducted in a white van. This is not true and these rumours are as a result of social media networks such as Facebook.

If you see fit to do so, please pass on my re-assurance to any concerned parents that apart from the normal concerns around stranger danger, we do not have any heightened risk to children in the Broadland area.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate in coming back to me.

Many thanks for your assistance,

Graham

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