

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 28th February

It has been great to see the children back and keen to learn after their half term break. After all the recent rain it has been lovely to see blue skies and to be able to get out on the field again. On a personal note I have been out of school far more than I would like recently. As a new Headteacher there is a lot to learn, so although I would much rather be in school, most of the courses linked to my Headteacher induction as well as courses about school's finance, premises, safer recruitment and health and safety have been valuable. However, I did draw the line when I was told I needed to do a day's course all about managing asbestos when we have none in school! Fortunately from next week the number of courses I need to attend declines markedly and I can get back to being in school, spending time with the children and doing the job I enjoy so much.

Staff Recruitment – We have had a lot of interest in both the Year 1 maternity post and the Deputy Head position. Over the last few weeks around 20 candidates have visited for a look round. They have all been very impressed by our children and I have been impressed by the quality of the candidates I have shown round.

Science Resources – We are continuing to link up with the Teacher Science Network to provide more practical science activities. This half term we have new resources linked to friction and teeth.

ICT – This week the children have been using the school laptops for the first time. It has been super to see the children using the laptops in classes across the school. Similarly on Monday we were visited by David Ellis from **Nepal in Need** who led an assembly which utilised the new projector and screen in the hall. Resources like this allow us to make learning come to life, and as someone who leads most of the assemblies in school, it makes such a difference to be able to show a PowerPoint or a clip from the internet.

Clubs this half term

Again we have a wide variety of clubs. This half term film club is for Years 4 to 6. Choir, netball, football and cross country all continue from last half term. As do Sewing Club for Year 5-6 on Monday at lunchtime, Sandwich Club for Year 3 to 6 on Tuesday as well as Recorder Club for Year 4-6 on Tuesday and Thursday. Homework Club for KS2 is on Wednesday too. There are still a few spaces in some of these clubs.

In addition Mrs Pulford is also starting a Library Club for all ages on Friday at lunchtime, no need to sign up for this. **All of the clubs run by school staff after school will now finish at 4.00pm.** Our Premier Sports and Slanted Dance groups are also still going strong and their times remain the same.



Cross Country – Your Club Needs You!!! – We have had a bit of a drop off in children coming running on a Monday and Friday morning. This is a great way to start the day in a fit and healthy way so I hope lots of you who started coming will get back into it again soon. If there is anyone in Year 2 who would like to join us please let the office know and come along at 8.15am on a Monday or Friday.

Bridewell Museum Visit

On Tuesday, Year 5 and 6 visited the Bridewell Museum. We first went to meet Alf Grint the owner of the Bridewell Store. He showed us some 'old' money and then we got to weigh out some tea, sweets and apples. Next we met Barbara who wanted to open her own Boutique. We dressed up in 1960s clothes and did some dancing to the 60s music. We all had our photos taken.

After lunch we met Rita, a Sales Representative for Fine Fare Foods. She wanted to open a supermarket, we had to help her create a persuasive sales poster and act it out in groups. Lastly, we met Brenda, a housewife, in her house. She had a really old fashioned television, a funny electric fire and a strange coffee table. We looked at lots of items that were around in the 60s, we had to guess what they were used for. We got some items right, but lots wrong, it was very funny.



All the groups got together at the end to decide if Alf would keep his shop, or it would be replaced by the supermarket or boutique. We all had to vote for one and Alf got to keep his shop! Just before we left Brenda put on the music player and we all danced to it, we all had a fantastic day and learnt lots about how people used to live.

By Aaleyah and Roan

Numeracy Café Dates

Tuesday 11 th March	Year 4 – Miss Maibaum
Thursday 13 th March	Year 5 – Miss Brannan
Friday 14 th March	Year 3 – Miss Hughes
Monday 24 th March	Year 6 – Mr Edwards
kWednesday 26 th March	Year 2 – Mrs Grogutt
Friday 28 th March	Year 1 – Mrs Pulford



Nepal in Need Assembly – Please see attached leaflet for further information on this year's selected school council charity.

Teatime Church – It's Pancakes at Teatime Church this Sunday. Please join us from 4-5pm where we will be making pancakes with lots of delicious toppings as well as games, craft, a quiz, story, song and a prayer. Everyone is welcome.



Rugby Coaching – On Tuesday Year 3 and 4 started a half term block of Touch Rugby run by the Leicester Tigers Rugby Club linked to North Walsham Rugby Club. This is a great opportunity to try a new sport with some high quality coaches.

Rackheath vs St Johns Netball Match

On the 23rd of February, Rackheath netball team played against St Johns at home. At first we were winning 1-0. Ellie Clarke scored the first goal with help from the whole team. Then unfortunately St Johns scored a goal which made it a disappointing 1-1.

In the second quarter Rackheath worked really hard and through lots of determination Oliver Milligan scored another goal. We were winning again but soon St Johns scored another goal. So it made the score 2-2.

In the 3rd half, unfortunately St Johns scored 2 more goals. Then luckily Lydia Rivet scored another goal. It was now 4-3.

In the last quarter we were all really persistent to win another goal, luckily Lydia Moll scored the last goal of the game which made it 4-4 and the game was OVER!!!!!!

The player of the match was Lydia Moll.

Ellie Clarke and Lydia Moll



FORS EVENTS



Bag2School - Remember that you can bring your bags back to school before 14th March if you prefer. Don't forget to 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 - Unfortunately we don't have enough people to proceed with this at the moment. If you or anyone else you know could help us make up the numbers then please ring or text Leisa Whayman on 07780 796038 by Monday. If you are unable to attend the event you can buy and name a horse for £5. Remember that the funds are going towards a defibrillator which will be available for public use at any time!



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Mia Westley	Rhianna-Iona Dashwood	Carys Tomlinson
Year 1	Ethan Royston	Lola Wickham	Ruby Gabbell
Year 2	Niamh Harris	Luke Royston	Jamie Barrett
Year 3	Freddie Smith	Finley Betts	Stanley Bond
Year 4	Alfie Mann	Ryan Daynes	Lewis Story
Year 5	Freya Grime	Tili Cutting	Oliver Milligan
Year 6	Reuben Dorling-Winterbourne	Chloe St Hill	Lydia Moll

Best wishes

Chris Ashman