

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

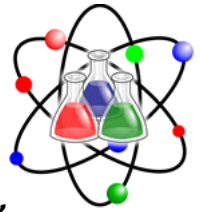
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017



Today we have been busy getting ready for the Christmas Fair which is a big part of our traditional build up to Christmas. Once again the FORS have been working really hard behind the scenes to get everything ready and to make sure that Father Christmas makes it on time!

At the same time staff have been working hard. Today I have been assistant-assistant chef to Ms Holmes and Mrs Goddard as they baked up some lovely treats to sell at the fair.

### Science Fair



On Thursday we held our first ever Science Fair where there were lots of amazing science projects, which were completed at home, on show. A report, including photographs, from Mrs Petraglia follows:

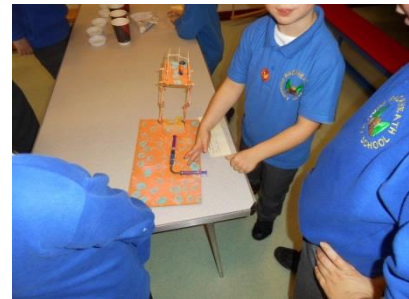
"The first ever Rackheath School science fair began with a fizz, whoosh and a beep yesterday, as children from across the school shared their science projects that they had worked on at home. Each child presented their experiments throughout the afternoon, as other classes came to see what they had found out about.

All the entries were of an incredibly high standard and the judges had such a tough time making a decision. They were particularly impressed by the amount of science knowledge and understanding that the children demonstrated, as well as their enthusiasm for their projects.

The winning entries were: Alex Bland in Reception for his 'Colourful Rainbow' experiment; Olivia Read in Year 2 for her 'Flower Power' investigation and Molly Broadwater in Year 6 for her 'Dynamic Density' experiment. Well done!

Special mentions were also made of entries by Finn Murley in Reception, Lacy Hudson and Alice Tandy in Year 1 and Jake Harris and Callum and Liam O'Kane in Key Stage 2.

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped to support their children with their projects at home and make our first ever science fair a huge success."



**Parent Lunch Month** – It has been lovely to welcome lots of you into school for lunch over the course of this month. Feedback has been really positive about the quality of the food and the atmosphere in the dining room. Thanks to Shane, Abbie and the midday supervisory team.

**OFSTED News** – Our recent OFSTED report is now available to view online. Should you wish to look at it or share it there is a link from the school website.



**Christmas Post** – Children can post their Christmas cards from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> in the post box next to each classroom.

**Christmas Lunch Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Letters about our Christmas Lunch went out during the week. The staff and children eat together in two sittings with staff serving the children at their table. It will also be **Christmas Jumper Day** in school when all children and staff can come in to school wearing a Christmas jumper.



**Cluster Cross Country** – On Wednesday 32 Rackheath children and 4 staff intrepidly dodged the showers to take part in the Cluster Cross Country at Coltishall. Over the course of 4 races the children all performed really well and showed excellent sporting attitudes. Our best finisher was Sonny Hurn who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Year 5 and 6 boy's race. Some of the other excellent performances included; Molly Jakobczyk (6<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 girls) Jake Harris (10<sup>th</sup> Year 3/4 boys) Adam Houston (11<sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 boys) Bethan Lancaster (11<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 girls) and Daniel Cropley (10<sup>th</sup> Year 5/6 boys).

Well done to all 32 children who took part. You can all be very proud of yourselves:

- Year 3 – Lottie Mann, Sophie Atkinson, Adam Houston, Alex Dove, Ben Crook, Ewan Poole
- Year 4 – Brooke Halsey, Anise Batchelor, Molly Burdett, Molly Jakobczyk, Mia Jenkinson, Rebecca Hill, James Clarke, Jake Harris, Lewis Mann, Charlie Atkinson
- Year 5 – Bethan Lancaster, Josh Rivett, Oliver Grimmer, Daniel Cropley, Archie Fiddy, Jamie Tye, Alfie Hughes
- Year 6 – Niamh Harris, Darcie Mann, Ruby Donnelly, Charlotte Warrington, Beth Tomlinson, Maddie Woodcock, Matthew Dove, Sonny Hurn, Harry Brown, Calum Buckingham.



**Christmas Performances** – We are now a week into rehearsing for our Christmas performances and I can say for certain that you are in for a treat!

As mentioned in previous newsletters our performances are a big part of our Christmas Celebrations. The dates and times of performances are below. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal if they cannot make another performance. Like last year we would ask anyone who wants to take photographs or record the performance to sit or stand at the back. Similarly if pre-school children come to watch could they sit in a place where they can quickly take a break if they are unsettled.

Dates and times for performances are listed below. For Reception and KS1 performances please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts.

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| • Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.00am |
| • Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December    | Year 1/2 Dress Rehearsal 1.50pm   |
| • Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Year 1/2 Performance 10.00am      |
| • Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December   | Reception Performance 1.50pm      |
| • Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Reception Performance 10.00am     |
| • Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December | Year 1/2 Performance 1.50pm       |



Our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert is at 6pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This will be held outside on the school grounds – further details to follow.

**Clubs – The last week of clubs run by school staff will be the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December. There will be no football, netball, multi-sports, choir or homework clubs after that week.**

**Next week** – We start next week with a performance of Robin Hood from a visiting theatre company on Monday morning

## FORS NEWS

**100 Club Forms** we still have some spaces available so if you are interested please return as soon as possible. Forms available from the office.

**Christmas Tree** - We would like to say a huge thank you Norfolk Christmas Trees in Great Melton for donating our lovely tree which looks amazing in the school hall and thanks to Danny Broadwater for collecting it for us.

**New Year's Eve!!** - You will all have received a flyer this week regarding our annual family party. Lots of fun to be had by young and old alike, so come and join us to see in the New Year. Tickets are on sale now.



**Well done to Year 3 who had 99% attendance last week!**

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Cody Ketland	Libby Buckingham	Holly Trabelsi
Year 1	Maisie Hunt	Noah Collin	Lucca Hallam
Year 2	Ronan Swanson	Corey Carpenter	Lily Key
Year 3	Liam O'Kane	Frazer Braithwaite	Sophie Atkinson
Year 4	Max Buckingham	Nicole Rump	William Finch
Year 5	Danielle Ramm	Alfie Hughes	Emily Addison
Year 6	Eloisa Orme	Charlotte Warrington	Jamie Barrett

*Chris Ashman*