

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 1st May 2015

During the week we have been moving around furniture as we look to transform our library and other spaces in the school. We have had lots of positive comments from children and parents about the new library space. It is great to see how the project has developed and very exciting to look forward to the project being finished and the thought classes of children making full use of the space.

At the same time we moved the **clothes rail** to football alley. Clothes on the rail and in the boxes are still on sale for 50p. There are lots of nearly new items there and it would be a shame for them not to be used. Please just go to football alley take the clothes you would like and then pop the money round to the office.

Un-named Lost Property is still in the same place (just through the doors of football alley next to the Year 4 classroom). If your child has lost anything please check there. At the end of the half term we will display lost property and if it isn't claimed add it to the clothes rail. Wherever possible please remember to name all clothes items so they can quickly be returned to children. This is especially true now as in the warm weather children often take their jumpers off over lunch. Un-named they all look the same and in a very busy school day we do not always have the time to look for missing jumpers.



Nepal in Need



As you know we have supported Nepal In Need for a few years now. The devastating earthquake and its consequences have been in our thoughts this week. On Wednesday we sent out a letter from Nepal In Need passing on their request for donations, sleeping bags and tents. Thank you to everyone who has been able to respond so far. There is still time to bring something in as anything collected is being picked up on Monday evening. We are also having a non-school uniform day on Friday 8th May to raise money.

Trips – next Tuesday Reception are visiting Fairhaven Water Gardens while Year 1 and 2 visit the Cathedral.





Literacy café – There has been a café every day this week as usual it has been great to see so many families joining the sessions. Next week Year 5 have their café on Wednesday and Year 6 on Friday.

Head for the Day – On Tuesday Thomas Moore and Lucy Cowey were head for the day; here's what they got up to.

“On the 28th April, Oulton’s house captains (Lucy and Thomas) were heads for the day. When we were Headteachers, we were set 7 tasks - they were all great fun! Our first task was to create a few new meals for school dinners as the kitchen staff said that some of the meals weren’t that popular. When we finished thinking of new meals, we created a small tally chart, ready to use when we go round classes to make a survey on which meal was most popular. At break time both of us were on duty. We rang the bell to send everyone inside. Then we went to back to Mr Ashman’s office where we read some emails and discovered one email from Mrs Watts, our Chair of Governors. The email said that we need to find out how much money the new library cost and if the children like it or not. Luckily, nearly the whole school liked it. When we finished that task, it was time for lunch. During lunch, we were once again on duty but this time there were a few squabbles that we had to deal with. When lunch was over, we travelled round the school and asked children what new meals they want on the menu. Unfortunately Year 6 and 2 were out doing P.E so we couldn’t ask them, but we took a few suggestions from them both. Finally, we headed back to Mr Ashman’s office where we completed our final task. We needed to spend some money buying new types of balls for the school playground, and look at some new equipment for the reception area. We enjoyed being Headteacher and had lots of fun.”

By Lucy and Thomas



Circus Ferrel - The week of June 15th is one to look forward to as this is when the circus is coming to Rackheath. The big top will be on the field from Monday and during the week the children will be taking part in circus workshops as well as using the tent throughout the week for some special events. There will be shows in the evening of Wednesday 17th and Friday 19th June as well as one on Saturday 20th in the afternoon. Look out for posters and fliers for more details!



Parking at The Sole and Heel

To ease congestion around the school at morning drop off and afternoon pick up times, The Sole and Heel public house have kindly offered the use of their car park.

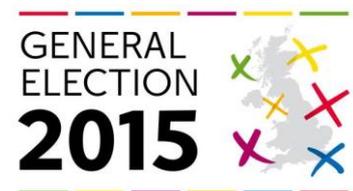
We appreciate that some parents have no option but to bring a car however, we would be grateful if you would park away from the school if possible. The Sole and Heel has said that their car park can be used but obviously, you leave your car at your own risk.

If parking at the The Sole and Heel they have requested that you please ensure:

- You park considerately so all cars can get in and out.
- You do not block the gateways in the car park
- You accompany your child when crossing the main road to the school
- You look out for other vehicles or pedestrians using the car park

Your help and assistance with this will be appreciated and will hopefully alleviate the current issue of blocking paths and drive ways around the school.

Election Fever! – We have been following the run up to the general election over the last few weeks, on Thursday 7th we will be following events across the country and carrying out some election themed work.



Annual Parent Surveys – Thank you to everyone who has returned a survey so far. You have until next Friday 8th May to return your completed surveys to the office.

Girl's Football Spring Cup

Last Friday the girl's team took part in the North Norfolk Spring Cup. In our group were Overstrand, Cromer and Millfield, with the top two teams going through to the semi-finals. The girls played some fantastic football in our 3 group games, winning all 3 games comfortably and scoring 11 goals in the process and conceding none. In the Semi Final we came up against a strong Mundesley team. In an even game with lots of skilful football and determined challenges from both teams we just lost out 1-0. Despite a disappointing end to the afternoon the girls should be very pleased with their efforts and at least we had the consolation of returning with the brand new trophy which we won back in October when we became the North Norfolk Schools National Tournament Winners. Indeed over the course of the season the girls have competed in two county finals, won trophies and narrowly lost a semi-final, achievements they should all be very proud of.



The girls that played on Friday were (goals in brackets): Charlotte Abramson (3), Kiera Braithwaite (2), Maria Braithwaite, Caitlin Ettridge, Freya Grime, Lydia Rivett (3), Gemma Smith and Daisy Stone (3).

Basketball Champs - Well done to Daisy Stone and Lydia Rivett who represented Norfolk Ulls at Basketball last weekend. Their team won the Development League Inter-County Tournament for the Eastern Region.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Jacob Curle	Callum Mickleburgh	Sadie Pennycook
Year 1	Rhianna Dashwood	Mia Jenkinson	Alfie Betts
Year 2	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Phoebe Player	Rory Watts
Year 3	Montie Mann	Sonny Hurn	Freya Henderson
Year 4	Finley Betts	Aston Culling	Marcus Gardner
Year 5	Ethan Cullum	Henry Adam	Dylan Parnell-Crook
Year 6	Tristan Wilson	Caitlin Ettridge	Tili Cutting

Attendance Bear

This week he gets to spend the week with Year 6 who had an attendance of 98.9%.

Well done Year 6!

Have a lovely long weekend. Let's hope for some good bank holiday weather. See you all on Tuesday.

Chris Ashman