

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd November

Broadland Community at Heart Awards – On Tuesday evening Ms Holmes, Mrs Goddard and I attended the Broadland Community at Heart Awards as the school had been nominated in the Environmental Champion Category. The room was full of inspirational people and it was a real privilege to hear their stories. We were on a table with Simon Kindleysides who won the Inspiration Award as the first paralysed man to complete the London Marathon <https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/simon-kindleysides-first-paralysed-man-to-walk-london-marathon-1-5488777>

The Environmental Champion award went to the amazing Nadia Sparkes alias 'Trash Girl', a student at Hellesdon who defied bullies to clean the streets on her route to school - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-42831483>. With such a well-deserved winner we were very happy to pick up our Highly Commended certificate for all the work we do in school.

Anglo Saxon Day

On Tuesday 30th October, the Year 5 children had an exciting Anglo-Saxon Day! During the day we made coins out of clay, shields from card, sketched artefacts and made a symbol and secret message for our King. When we got into class, we all had to draw titles out of a hat such as Kings, Queens, Thaners, Knights, Monks, Freemans, Peasants and Serfs. We then split into five groups as the Anglo-Saxons ruled five kingdoms in Great Britain. The kingdoms were: Northumbria, Mercia, Wessex, Kent and East Anglia. The Kings of each group could have lots of jobs done for them. Some children helped to cook our feast which was chicken stew with vegetables and fresh bread. We made 8 loaves in total and there was only one piece left by the end of the day! All of us had lots of fun and enjoyed the activities.

By Lewis Mann and Jacob Avery.





Library Update – Over the half term break Mrs Petraglia did a super job transforming the library by re-arranging the space and creating a spooky Halloween theme. Mrs Petraglia has also recruited some fantastic librarians from Year 5 and 6 who, as well as acting as librarians at lunchtimes, have some great ideas of their own for the space and for future themes and events.

Armistice Day Poppy Café

Next Friday, 9th of November we will be commemorating 100 years since the end of World War One with a whole school themed Poppy Café. We would like to invite parents from all classes into school between 9.00am and 10.00am to help create Poppies to be displayed around the school.



Cycling Certificates – Well done to all the Year 4 children who received their cycling certificates in assembly on Wednesday. Simone the cycling instructor was particularly impressed with the group’s skills, focus and behaviour.

Parent Lunch Month

This year’s parent lunch month starts on Monday 5th November and runs until Friday 30th November. For those new to the school the idea is that on any day in November a maximum of 8 parents could come and eat a lunch with their children. A few days are already full but there are still spaces on most days. A sign-up sheet and more information can be found in the office. Parents with more than 1 child can sign up more than once as due to timetables it is not possible for all children to eat together. Reception parents should arrive to eat from 11.50am. Parents of Year 1 and 2 should arrive at 12.00pm. Parents in KS2 should arrive for either 12.20pm or 12.35pm depending on the lunch rota. All timings are approximate.

	12.20pm	12.20pm	12.35pm	12.35pm
Week 5th November	3	4	5	6
Week 12th November	4	5	6	3
Week 19th November	5	6	3	4
Week 26th November	6	3	4	5

After School Club - After school club remains really popular. We are investing money in new resources and we’ve just opened up a children’s Netflix account to give lots of new options for entertainment in the run up to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the area around the school safe by parking carefully and with consideration. With the weather changing it is really important that this continues and that as many people as possible make use of the church car park at the start and end of the day.



A reminder that unless special permission has been granted no parents should use the staff car park at the start and end of the day. This also includes when picking up from clubs unless this is after 4:30pm by which time all children attending clubs have gone home apart from those attending After School Club.

Cluster Football

On the last day before half term two Rackheath teams took part in the Cluster Football Tournament at St Johns. Both teams did extremely well with both teams winning their group and going on to the semi-finals. One of the teams lost out 1-0 to St Johns in their semi-final with the other team going on to beat St Johns 4-1 in the final and lift the trophy. Over the course of the morning team 1 won all 5 of their games: playing some fantastic football, scoring an amazing 24 goals and conceded just 1 on their way to lifting the trophy. Whilst team 2 also excelled going all the way through their group without letting in a goal before conceding right at the end of their semi-final. Well done to all the children who played:

Team 1 - Archie Fiddy, Josh Rivett, Oliver Grimmer, Mason Parfitt-Bland, Jamie Tye, Theodore Tetteh, Caedn Huckle and Jake Harris

Team 2 - Keegan Mickleburgh, Katie Moore, Phoebe Player, Emily Addison, William Ottaway, Daniel Copley, Lewis Mann and Jay Barrett



Girls Football - Today we took 2 teams to the North Norfolk School's Cup. This is the first time we've taken two teams which reflects the fact that so many of our girls enjoy playing football. A report will follow next week.

Year 6 Aylmerton - On Monday Year 6 head off to Aylmerton on their residential. I'm sure all the children will have a great time. Thank you to Mr Cavender, Mrs Goddard and Mrs Roe for taking the children - it is greatly appreciated.



FORS

Jumble Sale - We raised a fantastic £187.70 at our sale. Thank you for all your donations and support.

Bag2School - Another thank you for your donations. As a result we received a cheque for £120 which will be shared with Bombers.



100 Club - Letters for the new year went home this week. Don't forget to return your applications to the school office ready for January! If you would like further forms for family and friends please ask.

Christmas Movie Night - Forms regarding booking for our exciting evening went out earlier this week. The film we have chosen is The Polar Express and there will be popcorn, hot dogs, etc. too.



For further information on any of the above please speak to a member of FORS or the office staff.



Well done to Year 4 who had 99% attendance before half term!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	All of Reception	Sebastian Cates	Ben Ketland
Year 1	George Hogarth	Tomme Watt	Jasmine Dawson
Year 2	Natalia Lukaszewicz	Lila Ing	Ralph Moll
Year 3	Kody Addison	Lennon Baker	Luke Burrows
Year 4	Willow Geary	Josh Hill	Sophie Atkinson
Year 5	William Finch	Jacob Avery	Brooke Halsey
Year 6	Rory Watts	Louie Bond / Lily Stone	Alfie Hughes

Have a super weekend.

Chris Ashman