

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd March 2017



Great British Spring Clean

Through the week each class has done a great job tidying up their designated part of Rackheath. The children really took responsibility and enjoyed looking for litter and picking it up with the grabbers. I hope you notice a difference in the parts of the village where they have litter picked.

I enjoyed going out with Year 5 on Wednesday picking up rubbish in the woods. As the partner school of Broadland District Council in this initiative we were joined by representatives from the council as well as the EDP and Norwich Evening News. The children all did a great job and it was lovely to hear really positive comments about the children from all the other adult visitors. Well, done Year 5 and thank you Mrs Goddard for sorting the week out! Don't forget to check the EDP online to see the article!



Norwich and Norfolk Eco-Awards – Yesterday we heard that our work in school has been recognised and that we are one of the Primary Schools nominated to win the Primary School Category in the Norfolk and Norwich Eco awards 2016/17. The awards take place at the Forum on Thursday 16th March. A group of staff and pupils will be attending on the night. Good luck!

World Book Day – We had a lot of fun sharing favourite poems on Thursday in assembly. It was also great to see lots of parents enjoying sharing books with the children throughout the week.



School Lunches – As we approach the new financial year I am pleased to say our lunches will remain at the same price of £2.20. I feel this represents excellent value for money given the quality of the food and what you get for the price.

Football club – There is no Year 2 and 3 football club on Thursday 9th as there is a school football match.



Storm Doris and the Powercut!

Last Thursday and Friday were both quite lively days! The high winds caused the power to go off just as Year 5 were about to perform their class assembly and this then led to the fire alarm going off in school. When the power came back on around 10.00pm this set the alarm off again. Fortunately Mr Grubb, Ms Holmes and Mrs Roe were on hand to deal with that situation which I very much appreciated!

That night the engineer recommended that we close the school the next day. As such on Friday morning I was in school to meet Mr Grubb at 6.30am to see whether school would need to close. We decided that the school should be warm enough to stay open despite the boiler being off which also meant that we could not cook. The next challenge was getting a message to you as the Internet was down which was achieved by phoning someone outside of Rackheath to send the text out. Typically once we had done all this by 9.30am the boiler, kitchen and internet were all back to normal.

I wouldn't want to overstate the drama of it all because it wasn't a big deal compared to what must happen every day in schools around the world but by 10.00am I was ready for a lie down!

I would like to thank all the staff who helped out over the two days whether it was with after school club in the near dark, being in school late at night or rescuing the ducks. I would also like to thank parents for their patience with the class assembly, picking up early if possible from after school club and sorting out a packed lunch at short notice!

Cluster Online Safety Event 8th March

Next Wednesday Year 5 and 6 are taking part in a Cluster online safety workshop at Broadland High School. Later in the day school staff are attending their own training. Then in the evening there is a parent workshop from 7pm to 9pm which although linking to the input the Year 5 and 6 children had earlier in the day would be valuable to parents in any year group.



Communication



We understand that some parents may be experiencing problems with our text system and that some of you are not receiving texts. Should you be concerned that this is the case please contact the school office so we can first check we have the correct number and then take further action if necessary. To help you identify if you have been missing messages we sent out 3 texts to the whole school when we had the power cut on Thursday and Friday.

Communication to parents especially in an exceptional circumstance like those caused by Storm Doris is really important and we are looking at other possible ways to communicate information. Should you have any views I'm always happy to hear from you.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club – Ms Bartlett started a gardening club after school on Wednesday with members of the Eco-Committee. I know they have some big and exciting plans including linking up with the school kitchen to grow vegetables and herbs. Thanks To Ms Bartlett for taking this on.

**COMIC
RELIEF**

Comic Relief is almost here again - a time to raise a little money for others in need. This year the day falls on **Friday 24th March** and on this day the children will be able to dress **funny for money**. To do this the children will be asked to donate £1. During lunch time we will also be holding fun events and races for all children to participate in. These races will cost 20p to enter and the winners of each race will receive a small prize. Red noses will also be on sale for **£1** from Monday 6th March and can either be purchased from the office before or after school or on the playground at break and lunchtimes.

Mr Edwards



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Personalised Aprons - We still have a few Aprons left which contain a picture of each child. If you would like to purchase one please speak with office. Cost is £5

Bags2School - There will be a collection on Thursday 16th March. Bags have been sent home today. Feel free to bring your sack in before this date



Mother's Day Crafts and Disco. More details to follow next week!!

100 Club – Congratulations to our winners this month who were:

1 st	(No 72)	Helen Grogutt
2 nd	(No 8)	Linda Gooch
3 rd	(No 14)	David Tandy



Attendance Bear

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

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Katy Webb	Lucca Hallam	Orlaith Hebron
Year 1	Jack Brown	Charlie Crisp	Eleanor Royston
Year 2	Hattie Smith	Charlotte Ritchie	Callum Mickleburgh
Year 3	Jay Barrett	Sophie Appleton	Anise Batchelor
Year 4	Katie Moore	Isobel Crisp	Lola Wickham
Year 5	Janelle Jay	Brooke Perrins	Luke Royston
Year 6	Asher Foley	Oliver Firman	Macy Wickham

Have a good weekend.

Chris Ashman