

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2014

Last Friday was a good example of the fantastic role the community plays in our school. In the morning the Macmillan Coffee Morning was well supported and in the afternoon your generosity and support of the Harvest Service was clear in both the number of parents who joined us in the church and with the large amount of donations to the Norwich Food Bank.

This week has been another busy and exciting one. This morning I very much enjoyed getting back into the routine of Cross Country Club running. On a beautiful late summer morning it was a great way to start the day. Well done to all the children coming along regularly - it will be great practice for the cluster cross country event.

Whole School Focus – Carter Daniels came up with this week's focus which was to play fairly. This has tied in with the setting up of a rota at lunchtime linked to football pitches which has helped ensure all children who want to get a chance to play football. It has been good to see that after a bit of a shaky start all the children playing football are taking care and following Carter's advice to play fairly. Sam Watts has come up with next week's focus which is "to be ready to learn every day."



Literacy Café – It was great to see lots of parents attending the cafes this week for Year 2, 3 and 4. Next week it is the turn of Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6.

Tuck Shop – Tuck Shop for all of Key Stage 2 has been going well since we started our trial, so we will keep running tuck shop like this. Children are restricted to two food items each day.

Year 3 Homework – Following on from our trip the homework was to make a model of a famous / important building in Norwich. Here are photographs of just two of the fantastic results:



Year 5 Assembly

On Thursday the Year 5 class dazzled us with their poetry skills. Every child in the class read a poem and then they finished off with their own **Rackheath Rap**:

**This is our rap about Rackheath School,
we take pride in the things we do.
School is amazing,
can't stop crazing!
Learning is fun for everyone!**

**Teachers are helpful, they solve our problems,
smiley, shiny, they don't give up.
Help us learn, make our lessons fun.
Learning is fun for everyone!**

**Art, music, literacy and maths,
sports and science too.
P.E. is fast with martial arts,
science explosions, uniforms blue!
Learning is fun for everyone!**

**You will make friends at Rackheath School,
We take pride in the things we do.
School is amazing,
Can't stop crazing!
Learning is fun for everyone!**

This is a great example of the sort of thing we will be doing in **poetry week** as one of the things we will be doing is running a competition to write a special poem about the school to be displayed in school and on the website.



Lunchtimes – We welcome Mrs Spurling, Miss Powell and Mrs Player who have joined our team of lunch time supervisors. There are still lots of spaces for Parent Lunches until half term, more details available in the office.

Broadland High School Open Days – Broadland High School have open days for prospective students and their families on Tuesday 7th October between 6.30pm and 9.00pm and on Thursday 16th October between 1.45pm and 2.45pm. This is a great chance for Year 6 parents and children to visit and get a feel of our cluster high school.

Parent's Evening – Our first Parent's Evenings of the year are fast approaching. They are on Tuesday 14th October until 7.00pm and on Wednesday 15th October until 5.00pm. The main focus is for parents to meet their child's new teachers and talk about how they have settled into a new school year. Like last year staff will share a mini termly report card with you which focuses on learning behaviours and how settled and happy a child appears in class and around school. Each class will display sign-up sheets for you to book an appointment. We will send a text on the day the sign-up sheets will go up.



FORS NEWS

Halloween Disco – Tickets will be sent home next week.



Defibrillator – This is soon to be installed, however, we need an extra pair of hands to help Mr Wilson, one of our parents who is kindly carrying out the electrical works, dig a channel for the wiring. He is happy to do this either evenings or weekends. If you can help please let the office know.

AGM – Thank you to everyone who attended our AGM today. We would like to welcome 3 new members: Hannah Halsey, Helen Dove and Mrs Carpenter. If anyone else would like to join us please leave your name with the office. We would like to say a big thank you to Elaine Barnes who has decided to step down this year. She has been a great help for the past 5 years.



Festive Gift Fayre – We will be holding this on Thursday 27th November from 7pm to 10pm. More details will follow later.

Rackheath Bombers Pre-School



We are looking for volunteers to help out at pre-school on a regular basis. Anyone interested in giving some of their time should speak to Shirley Shorten. She can be contacted on 01603 722788.



We have a photographer coming in for some family photo sessions on Saturday 11th October and have some slots still available. If you would like to book one please call in to pre-school where there is a sign-up sheet.

Team Points

Our latest team point scores are:

Ranworth (Red)	321
Oulton (Yellow)	340
Hickling (Green)	314
Barton (Blue)	341



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Josh Hill	Hattie Smith	Jacob Curle
Year 1	Millie McAulay	Jacob Avery	Jake Green
Year 2	Josh Rivett	Lola Wickham	Alfie Hughes
Year 3	Eloisa Orme	Maddie Woodcock	Charlotte Hunn
Year 4	Matt Rivett	Joe Turner	Olivia Crook
Year 5	Millie-Rose Addison	Alfie Mann	Ryan Daynes
Year 6	Maria Braithwaite	George Mickleburgh	Thomas Moore

Have a lovely weekend

Chris Ashman