

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th February 2016

As you know our Year 4 Children had their residential trip to Horstead at the end of last week, here is an exciting report written by Montie Mann and James Nurse:

Horstead Centre Report

When we got to Horstead we were all excited. We were all pumped because some of us went last year. When we got there we had a little safety talk about the fire alarm and stuff like that. Then we had a little snack and after that Miss Maibaum told us which rooms we were in.



Then we went to our room and unpacked and then we went to our activities. Over the three days we did five activities. They were really fun!



On **Jacobs Ladder** Montie got scared and James got to the top in Group 1 and in Group 2 Sonny, Brooke, Harry and Luke got to the top. Jacob's ladder was really fun, everyone who did it, enjoyed it.

Another activity was **Nightline**. In nightline you have a blindfold and then go through lots of obstacles such as barrels, tunnels, nets and tyres. It was lots of fun!



Archery was exciting too. Sonny said, "It was fun!" You had to pull the string right back to your cheek and hold the bow at arm's length. That could be hard work.

Bushcraft was about surviving in the wild. We had to purify river Bure water by filtering and boiling it. We were allowed to set light to bits of cotton wool using a Magnesium rod and flint to start the fire. We made shelters from logs, sticks and branches and a waterproof sheet. James said "it was spectacular!"



The Tower and Zipwire. The tower was very high and the trip on the zip wire was "scary!" and "speedy!" Montie and James would love to do it again!

After each activity we went back in and had a snack. In the evening after the meal we had some birthday cake and we had some free time/playtime, as on the first day, it was Mrs Goddard's birthday and on the second day it was Luke's. After we got into our pyjamas or had a shower on the first night, we sat down and watched the penguins of Madagascar and sadly, it kept freezing. We gave up and then went to bed. On the second night we went up like we had for the first night but the terrifying fire alarm went off! It was a horrible shock but we all got out quickly. But even with this, we all had a really great time.

By Montie and James. Year 4.

Heads for the Day

On Tuesday, 2nd February we were heads for the day. Firstly, we went into the staff room for a meeting at 8:30a.m. (which Alfie was late for!) and then we went outside and rang the bell. After that we said goodbye to the parents as they were leaving! Next, we went into Mr Ashman's office and checked his emails, but as there was no internet the day before we had loads to check!



After our duty at break we looked at what to buy in lots and lots of catalogues with lovely hot chocolate and biscuits by our side! After lots of looking we decided to buy an enormous outside music box for all the children in the school to use at break and lunch, but only when it is sunny. We also bought trophies for house awards- more news to follow!

After lunch the teachers chose a girl and a boy from their class and we talked about what can make our school better and what they like about this school.

We both had a lovely day and we would like to thank Mr Ashman for his company, experience and Mrs Roe for the hot chocolate and biscuits!

Kind regards from Ella Poole and Alfie Mann (Year 6).



School Library

On Saturday 13th February our School Library will be open to families from 10.30a. – 12 noon.

Pop in to enjoy a story together or borrow some books for the Half Term Holiday. Coffee, tea, biscuits and squash will be available.



Baby News! Best wishes go out to our cook Natalie and her family on the birth of their daughter Madelaine.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Parent's Evening

Parent's evening is next Wednesday and Thursday if you haven't signed up there is still time. The sign-up sheets are in the classrooms. Wednesday night finishes at 5pm while Thursday is our late evening until 7pm.

Breakfast and After School Club

In response to parental requests we are in the very early stages of a feasibility study to see if we could start a breakfast and after school club from September. I would really like to be able to make this happen but I am aware that there are a lot of potential obstacles to overcome and that when we did have a club it lost significant amounts of money and became unviable. My understanding is that last time as a school run organisation we had to have 2 staff as well as lots of dedicated equipment and this meant 11 children had to sign up for each session to make it viable.

Currently we are organising meetings and taking advice to find out more about the possible options for the school and what it entails. At some point we will be sending out a longer letter asking for parental views too. Through the process I will be open and honest and it is in that spirit that I say that in no way can I guarantee this will take place as at the moment we are in the very early stages of finding out about the idea and what it means for the school.

Cluster Sport

As the weather improves (hopefully) and the days get longer our sporting calendar begins to fill up again. Next week there is a Cluster Rugby Tournament for Year 5 and 6. After half term there are football matches and tournaments for the school team, our mixed team and our year 5 team.

Ted Girling – We were sorry to hear that Ted Girling, a well known member of the Rackheath Community, passed away last month at the age of 93. Ted used to work as a crossing patrol “LollyPop Man” at the old Rackheath Primary School and was a colleague of Miss Maibaum, Ms Holmes and Mrs Diaper.



After half term, Rackheath Primary will be having a D&T day, where the children will be using lots of junk modelling. The idea behind it will only be revealed on the day – but any items you could bring into school would be a massive help. Although the day will not be until after half term, the items can be brought in from next week and dropped off either in your child’s class or in the Year 5/6 building. The items could include– boxes, milk cartons, empty tins, kitchen roll tubes (not toilet rolls), straws, pipe cleaners etc. In fact, most items would be much appreciated and we will do our best to use them. Please make sure they are cleaned out before hand – especially items like milk cartons.

I am sure the children will have a great day and I’m looking forward to revealing the task after half term!

Many thanks, Mr Edwards

Clubs next week – There will be no netball and football club on Thursday as it is parent’s evening.

FORS 100 Club Draw – February

Congratulations to the following people, cheques are ready to collect from school office:
Jo Pallant Number **78** – 1st Prize, Patrycja Rudd Number **54** – 2nd Prize and
Sam Webb Number **93** – 3rd Prize



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's awards go to Matt Rivett and Fraser Braithwaite.

Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 6 who had 98.7% attendance for last week and were visited by Attendance Bear!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Theo Hallam	Corey Carpenter	Ellie Trabelsi
Year 1	Charlotte Ritchie	Ewan Poole	Callum Mickleburgh
Year 2	Ellie Collin	Molly Burdett	Brooke Halsey
Year 4	Charlotte Warrington	Jamie Barrett	Calum Buckingham
Year 5	Taylan Harris	Annabelle Horan	Macy Wickham
Year 6	Dylan Parnell	Ethan Cullum	Kiera Braithwaite

Have a good weekend.

Chris Ashman