

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2015

Last week I was lucky enough to visit Horstead with Year 4. Despite the cold we had a fantastic time. The children were exceptionally well behaved and positive in everything they did. I know the Horstead staff were equally impressed with their behaviour and attitude as the class zoomed down zip wires, climbed walls and ladders, shot arrows and learnt to survive in the wild as well as singing, dancing, acting, playing snooker, table tennis, table football and Uno! I would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper and Mrs Pilbrow who worked really hard to make sure everyone had a great time.

Maths Certificates

The maths certificates are now in full swing and are already proving to be a huge success! We have really seen a huge interest from the children who want to learn and improve their times tables - Carter Daniels in year 6 has already challenged me to a times table battle to show that he is a 'Times Table Champion'. I only just beat him but I don't think I will be so lucky next time!!



Almost all children in Reception, Year 3 and year 6 have received their first certificates...with several children from other year groups earning their first certificates as well.

At home you can help your child by practising their number knowledge or times tables.

Mr Cavender

Parent's Evening – We look forward to meeting you next week at parent's evening. If you haven't signed up yet the sheets are in the classrooms. All parent's evenings are on Wednesday and Thursday except for Year 1 which is on Tuesday and Thursday.



Cold Weather and Icy Conditions – When the playground and paths are slippery children will go straight round to the classrooms. This should keep children safe and parents less time to get really cold!

Parent Survey – Clubs run by external providers – You should have received a survey asking for your views on clubs run by Slanted Dance, Premier Sports and Young Filmmakers. The survey also asks for your ideas for new clubs. We value your views and look forward to hearing from you.

Year 4 Horstead Trip

The bus journey was great.

When we got there we learnt the safety rules, then we found out which rooms we were in. I was in a room with Finley, Joe, Aston and Marcus.

Next we completed our first activity, Nightline, after that we had lunch and then did our second activity, Jacob's ladder which was my favourite. A little while later we came back in, relaxed into some free time and had tea, tidied and went to bed.



The next day, when we woke up, we got ready for another activity by making our lunch and having some breakfast. After the activity, Bushcraft, we had some more free time. Then we started a second activity, The Tower with the zip wire. Next we came in had some more free time and had tea, soon we went to bed.

The day after that we made our sandwiches and had breakfast. After that we did an activity, Archery, our last one. When we came in, we took our bags downstairs and had lunch. Soon the shop opened and we bought some fun things including pencils, bouncy balls and soft bunnies and walked to the coach.



On the way back it wasn't as fun as the journey there because we weren't as excited going home.

By Freddie Ottolangui

CSF Champions Day

On Wednesday, 6 of our boys and 6 of our girls went to play in 'Champions Day' following our win in the earlier part of the CSF football tournament. On the day we came up against some really strong teams eventually winning one, drawing one and losing four of the six games we played. Throughout I was really impressed by the attitude the children showed, remaining positive, supportive and good humoured. They should all be proud to be in the top 8 teams out of the 52 that entered.

Well done to the team of Charlotte Abramson, Kiera and Maria Braithwaite, Freya Grime, Lydia Rivett, Daisy Stone, Alfie Mann, Luke Mayes, Oliver Milligan, Thomas Moore, Luke Story and Sam Watts.

Football Report CSF Champions Day!!

On Wednesday 4th February 2015. Rackheath football team travelled to the FDC in Bowthorpe to compete at the finals of the CSF tournament. The girls team being Maria Braithwaite, Kiera Brathwaite, Daisy Stone, Charlotte Abramson, Lydia Rivett and Freya Grime. The boy's team was Luke Mayes, Lewis Story, Alfie Mann, Oliver Milligan, Thomas Moore and Sam Watts. There were two, six minute halves. The girls played the first half and the boys played second half. All the eight teams were split into two groups and we were placed in group 1 with Cringleford, Catton grove and St Augustine's. We lost our first three games but in our fourth we thought back and got a well-deserved win that finished 3-1. The girls scored the 3 crucial goals but the boys let in one in the second half. The fifth game we played was against Catton Grove where we came out with a fantastic draw that finished 0-0 considering we lost 5-1 the first time we played them. The final fixture of the day was against St Augustine's where we lost 3-1. In the first half the girls were all over the opposition but in the last minute of the game totally against the run of play conceded a lucky goal. The boys came on the second half and fought back hard and scored a goal but all of a sudden the other team scored two rapid goals. An unfortunate loss. We all enjoyed the day even though some results didn't go our way.

By Sam Watts, Oliver Milligan and Thomas Moore



500 word challenge – On Tuesday Mrs Grogutt introduced the children to this year's 500 word challenge. The competition can be found on BBC Radio 2's website. It is open to children from 5 to 13, with 2 categories 5 to 9 year olds and 9 to 13 year olds. It would be great to have lots of children enter from Rackheath as we have some super writers. The winners get to go to a special event hosted by the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James' Palace. Check out the site by searching for *500 word challenge*, which gives lots of details about the event including:



- How to enter
- Details of the fantastic prizes available
- Examples of previous winners to get your creativity flowing.

You have until **Thursday 26th February** to complete your story and submit it online. Good luck!

Website

All our newsletters are available on the school website and if you check out the class pages there are often new photos, diary entries and other things being uploaded.



Talent Show and Gymnast Visit – Our half term will end next week with a bang. First we have the excitement of a visit from British Gymnast, Danny Lawrence, on Thursday and then with the Rackheath Primary Talent Show on Friday afternoon which is organised by the school council and features a stellar cast of talent!

FORS

Our next School Disco will take place on Friday 27th February so look out for tickets which will be sent home next week.

We are looking to spend some of the money raised over the past few months and are asking for suggestions on what to buy. If you have any ideas please email or call into the office!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Issey Carpenter	Liam O'Kane	Gideon Martin
Year 1	Lewis Mann	William Finch	Bethany Dampier
Year 2	Danielle Ramm	Rebecca Burrows	Josh Rivett
Year 4	Max Penson	Kieron Trorey	Joe Turner
Year 5	William Barnes	Lottie Allison / Ryan Daynes	Kiera Braithwaite
Year 6	Ben Finch	George Mickleburgh	Freya Grime

Chris Ashman