

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 6th November 2015

Poppies

We are very pleased to be collecting for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Year 6 children have been taking round the poppies and other poppy branded items like bracelets and snappy rulers. We decided to price up the items to make sure we can maximise the money we raise and items are available from 10p to £1. At time of going to press we now only have keyrings, pencil crayons and poppies left. In school we have been thinking about the sacrifices made by service personnel and their families in the lead up to Remembrance Day on Wednesday when we will have a special assembly and observe the silence at 11am.



School Council Elections

As usual each class had an incredibly high standard of candidate for the school council role. I know everyone would have done a super job. In the end the following children were elected by their classmates to be school councillors this year.

Year 1	Evie Cleminson	Ewan Poole
Year 2	Darcey Wright	Jacob Avery
Year 3	Katie Moore	Archie Fiddy
Year 4	Ruby Donnelly	Sonny Hurn
Year 5	Ruby Culling	Max Penson
Year 6	Ethan Mann	Kiera Braithwaite



The following are some quotes from our outgoing councillors:

"I enjoyed taking part in the Macmillan Morning because I enjoyed selling cakes to raise money" – Molly

"I enjoyed everything about school council as it was a good experience to learn different skills" – Charlie Clarke

"I enjoyed going to the food bank and having to search for the foods on the shelves which was on our list to go into the boxes" – Emily

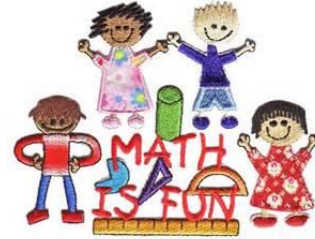
"I enjoyed being in charge of the music at our talent show which we organised. I also like watching everybody perform their acts". - Mason



Artist Visit – Next week Year 2 and Year 6 are going to be working with the artist Will Adams. I am really looking forward to see what they produce.

Numeracy Café Dates - Numeracy Cafés are planned for the 2 weeks beginning on Monday 16th November. The full list of dates is as follows:

Tuesday 17 th	Year 1
Wednesday 18 th	Reception
Thursday 19 th	Year 4
Tuesday 24 th	Year 5
Wednesday 25 th	Year 3
Thursday 26 th	Year 6
Friday 27 th	Year 2



Thinking About the Wider World

On Wednesday 11th November it is the Hindu Festival of Diwali children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are going to be finding out more about the festival and

carrying out some exciting activities. On Monday 16th November it is the International Day of Tolerance. Children in Key Stage 2 are going to completing some special work to help them think about some of the issues linked to equality and inequality in the world.



Peripatetic Music Lessons - It has been great to see the enjoyment and progress that our musicians have made already in their peripatetic music lessons. In the next week all the children currently taking lessons will bring a letter home to confirm if they want to carry on after Christmas. All other children in Key Stage 2 will get a letter to see if they would like to start after Christmas.

Children in Need!

Friday 13th November is Children in Need day! The children are able to dress in non-uniform for the day and bring along £1 that will go towards the charity. As the theme for this year's event is 'Be a Hero' the children can also (if they want to) dress up as a hero for the day! It could be a super hero, sporting hero, or even their own personal hero. During lunch time on the day we will also be running fun events with prizes to be won – there will be a small fee of 20p per event to take part.





The School Photographer was in taking individual and sibling photographs today. They will be sending their proofs to us shortly which we will then send home to enable you to place your order. As mentioned previously we are using a new company as they do a wide variety of products and also offer the opportunity to buy online.

Homework and Homework Club

We do appreciate how busy modern life can be and that sometimes getting children to do homework can be stressful. This was one of the reasons why we introduced the grids in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 which provided the aspect of choice and a longer time scale.



To further alleviate homework pressure Miss Maibaum has kindly offered to run a homework club for anyone who would like some support with homework. The club will be on a Friday after school between 3 and 4 o'clock. This term it will be held on November 20th, November 27th and December 11th. There will be a sign up sheet for the 3 dates in the office. Children can choose whether to attend one, two or all of the sessions.

All school led clubs are continuing this half term.

FORS

Bag2School – Thank you for your donations for this which were collected today. We will let you know at a later date how much we raised.



Our lucky winners this month were:

- 1st – (No 94) Louise Hebron
- 2nd – (No 100) Rebecca Houston
- 3rd – (No 62) Annette Holmes

Don't forget to return completed form and payment to be in with a chance to win cash prizes next year. Further forms are available from the office.

Festive Gift Fayre - Tickets are now on sale for our Fayre which is to be held on Thursday 26th November from 7pm – 9.30pm. These are available from FORS members or from the school office for only £2 each. This is a great chance to enjoy a glass of wine at the same time as shopping with your friends!

Children's Christmas Fair will be on Friday 4th December. Further details will follow regarding both this and the non-school uniform day (Friday 27th November) related to it.





Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's award went to Dylan Viner.

Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 4 who had 99.3% attendance and were visited by attendance bear this week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Harvey Moore	Connor Read	Matilda Purton
Year 1	Caitlin Moore	Ben Crook	Charlotte Ritchie
Year 2	Ellie Collins	Bethany Dampier	Jacob Avery
Year 3	Oliver Grimmer	Emily Addison	Mason Parfitt-Bland
Year 4	Eloisa Orme	Beth Tomlinson	Janelle Jay
Year 5	Asher Foley	Cian McAulay	Matt Rivett
Year 6	Lewis Story	Ella Poole	Ethan Mann

Chris Ashman