

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

**HAPPY
NEW YEAR
2016!**

Friday 8th January 2016

I hope you all had lovely break over Christmas and the New Year. The children certainly seem to have had a lovely holiday from what they have been telling me. It has been so impressive to see the children slot straight back into school life over the first week.

Horstead Residential

Year 4 will be visiting first From Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th January accompanied by Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper, Mrs Goddard and Mrs Pilbrow. Year 3 go the week after from Wednesday 3rd February until Friday 5th with Miss Brannan, Mrs Howes, Mrs Roe and Mr Ashman.



There is a meeting for parents and children about the residential on **Wednesday January 13th starting at 2.15pm** in the school hall. This will be led by Josie from the Horstead Centre and will give you all the information you need and the opportunity to ask questions.

Class Assemblies

This term our Thursday class assembly dates are as follows

14 th January	Year 6
28 th January	Year 5
4 th February	Year 4
25th February	Year 2
3rd March	Year 1
10 th March	Year 3
17 th March	Reception

Dates in bold are changes from the original calendar

Curiosity Café Dates

This term we are holding curiosity cafes between Monday 18th and Friday 29th January. We love lots of you joining us for these sessions and as such we are always looking for new and exciting school events. Moving from the literacy and numeracy café idea the curiosity cafes could be about any aspect of the curriculum. Year 5's café is on Tuesday 19th followed by Year 4 on Wednesday 20th. The following week is packed with Year 3 on Monday 25th, Year 1 Tuesday 26th, Year 2 Wednesday 27th, Reception Thursday 28th and finally Year 6 on Friday 29th.



Year 2 and 4 Trip to Norwich Castle

"On Wednesday year 2 went to the Norwich Castle Museum. We went to learn about our topic which is dragons.

"First we sat at a table and had a snack. Then we went to the Castle Keep and met Sir Stephen and two ladies. They told us a story about Sir Stephen who was in love with Princess Isabella. Sir Stephen needed to go on a quest to show that he was a very brave knight. We were then put in groups. We went with Sir Stephen to see his castle and we learnt about his armour. Some of us tried on the helmet. Lucy said 'It was very heavy'.

Then we went with a lady to the Bestiary and we had to draw our own beast. After that we went into the gallery and we did a dance about a picture. Next we went back to the Castle Keep and Alfie was made King and Ellie was Queen. Sir Stephen then told his story to the King and Queen. We enjoyed it very much.

After lunch we went on an alphabet hunt. We had to spot different things around the castle. We went in the Roman room where we went on a carriage and made a pattern out of wood.

At 2 o'clock we left the castle and travelled back to school. We had a lovely time. Bethany's favourite part was riding on a television carriage, Lucy's favourite part was animal alphabet spotting around the castle and Millie's favourite part was going in the bird room and drawing different beasts."

Written by Millie, Lucy and Bethany - Year 2

"Before we went to the castle I felt really excited and nervous. We went on the 6th January 2016. We learnt about Egyptians and Romans.

We got to handle an Egyptian mummy bandage which Niamh and I got grossed out about. We also got to handle an Egyptian beaded necklace which was extremely pretty. Also we saw a real mummy and they don't know anything about her as the scientists put her in the wrong coffin, all they know is, she is a female!

When we saw the roman objects we were amazed because most of the objects were over 2000 years old. We got to handle a piece of mosaic and we saw Samian pottery. There was an Iceni house made out of animal poo, it was disgusting! In the Roman Gallery there was a chariot you could ride on which was fun as Niamh and I did it together.

We went to the regimental museum gallery and we saw some beautiful paintings as we walked around. We had help from some adults like Jenni our leader around the castle, Mrs Newton, Mrs Fiddy, Mrs Diaper and our teacher Miss Maibaum. We went to the natural history gallery and we saw stuffed birds. We also went to the Norfolk wildlife and while we were in there we saw some stuffed animals.

Year 4 had a lovely day at the Norwich castle and when we got back to school we were all tired and warn out. I feel ready to learn more about Egyptians because they are very fascinating. I would love to learn more about the romans in the future. I think we all had a lovely time at the Norwich castle."

Written by Montie - Year 4

If you would like to read more of the reports from Class 4 they will be available on the school website next week.



Parking – Just a reminder to park safely and considerately around the school, particularly in bad weather and a reminder that the church is now available for parking to help ease congestion.

Toy Donation

This week the school has been lucky enough to receive a gift of lots of toys from “Bargain Buys For Busy Mums”. The local company makes a charitable donation every month and over Christmas we were lucky enough to be chosen. Thank you to Amanda and Jody at ‘Bargain Buys For Busy Mums’ and the Entertainer Toy Shop. To see more about their work you follow this link:

<http://www.bb4bm.co.uk/SupportingCharities>



SATS Briefing for Year 6 – Year 6 parents should have received a letter during the week about the SATS briefing taking place on Thursday 28th January. During the meeting Mr Edwards and I will explain what the SATS are? How the children are tested? And how you can help at home? We will also talk about how the week works and the post SATS treats planned. We will deliver the same presentation twice, once at 2.00pm and again at 6.00pm. This is the first year of the New National Curriculum tests so there is a lot of new information. The session should really benefit you and your child and we very much hope you will all be able to attend.

Year 2 SATS Briefing – We will be arranging a similar meeting for Year 2 parents in March to explain how the Year 2 tests will change this year because of the New Curriculum.

School Clubs

Football, netball, multi sports and choir after school clubs will run as last term and start again next week. Cross Country also starts next Friday morning. In addition recorder and recycled art clubs are continuing at lunchtimes.

Premier Sports are running a Ball Games Club on a Friday for Reception to Year 3. For this club there is a cost involved details of which can be found on their website:

www.premiersport.org

My Juggling and Hula Hooping Challenge – Having used up the excuse of being ill at the end of term I very nervously took on the challenges set for me by the children in September. The children and staff were “treated” to a performance in Tuesday’s assembly. It took me a long time to get the hang of juggling at all. I can now juggle 3 balls but get stuck after throwing them all once! The hula hooping proved slightly easier. Overall, things went pretty well and the children seemed impressed!



Rackheath in the Evening News

It was great to see our children in the Evening News on Wednesday for the work done on the Broadland District Council’s Top Dog Competition. The winning entries look fantastic and will soon be displayed around the village.

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Kody Addison	Holly Addison	Luke Burrows
Year 1	Evie Cleminson	Sebastian Jenkins	Morgan Scotton
Year 2	Millie McAulay	Carys Tomlinson	William Finch
Year 3	Hannah Scotton	Danielle Ramm	Keegan Mickleburgh
Year 4	Dylan Cullum	Molly Broadwater	James Nurse
Year 5	Hannah Peel	Aston Culling	Amelia-Mae Evans
Year 6	Ethan Mann	Tom Elliff	Holly Warrington

Here’s looking forward to a fantastic 2016 at Rackheath

Chris Ashman