

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 8th July 2016

Activities day – We kicked off the week in blissful sunshine with our special activities day. Everyone had a super time as the photos below show.



Annual Reports

Reports have gone home today. I have been lucky enough to read them all, a common theme has been how well the children have been doing this year both academically and socially. There is also lots of good advice in the reports to help the children to progress still further.

Included in the reports is a letter explaining the changes in the way tests results are reported to parents in 2016. This particularly applies to Year 2 and Year 6. As a school our results have again been very positive. A more detailed analysis will be included in a later letter. Given the extra pressures and higher expectations of the new curriculum tests I would like to pay special tribute to all our children, our staff and to all of you for working together so well to ensure our children didn't feel under too much pressure and all of them were able to do their best.

Some of you may have seen in the media that in Year 6 (Key Stage 2) there was a drop from 80% of children reaching the expected standard in all 3 subjects of reading, writing and maths in 2015 to 53% in 2016. While I am proud of how well all our children have achieved at the same time I can't help but feel sad as well.

Schools have had two years to fit in four years of a new curriculum. The tests themselves are felt by the vast majority of teachers and educationalists to be unnecessarily difficult. As a result there are thousands more children perhaps feeling they have in some way failed as well as thousands of teachers and schools who have worked incredibly hard feeling demoralised and feeling that they have somehow let their children down.



Children's Books - It has been 3 years since our last OFSTED inspection and as a good school we are due a visit. As such we do need to keep a selection of children's books for the inspection. This means that not all books will go home at the end of the year.

The books that we keep will be sent home once we are inspected or once we have enough new work in books next year, whichever comes first. Thanks for your understanding.

After School Club - Take up for our After School Club has been very good. On our busiest day we have 18 children signed up and 10 on our quietest day. Before the end of term we will send home a letter confirming your child's place and the days requested. We will also send out a welcome pack which will include a registration form for you to complete, the snack menu and other important information.



Leaver's events



Leavers Play - The Year 6 play (with able support from Year 5) is on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The play starts at 6.00pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Leavers Afternoon Social - This is a chance for children, parents and staff to catch up in an informal way to mark the end of our Year 6's time at Rackheath. We will have drinks and a few snacks as well as some sports and games going on. Whether you sit and chat or join in with the games is totally up to you. This is taking place after school on Monday 18th from 3.15pm until around 5.00pm.

Leavers Assembly - This will take place at 10.00am on the last day of term. We look forward to seeing parents and other family members from Year 6.

Summer Fair - Next Friday is the Summer Fair from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. We hope you can all join us and we have a super afternoon! You should have received a letter yesterday regarding collecting your child on the day.



It has been lovely to see lots of our new reception children visiting school with their families over the last week. All the children looked happy and settled and I'm sure will make a flying start to their school

careers. We were especially pleased that our new reception teacher, Mrs Petraglia, was able to meet the children and parents on both afternoons.

Cluster Sports – On Tuesday lots of our Year 3 to 6 children competed in the Cluster Sports at Broadland. All the children that took part did really well and conducted themselves impeccably. Overall we came second, with Coltishall coming out on top. The following children won their event and deserve a special mention:

- Katie Moore Yr 3/4 – 100m
- Macy Wickham Yr 5/6 – 100m
- Luke Royston Yr 3/4 – 200m
- Bethan Lancaster Yr 3/4 – 200m
- Samuel Abramson Yr 5/6 – 800m
- Luke Royston, Sonny Hurn, Matthew Dove, Oliver Grimmer Yr 3/4 – Relay
- Hayden Parfitt-Bland, Tom Elliff, Dylan Parnell, John Barrett Yr 5/6 – Relay



Eco-Committee Toy Sale

With your help we raised £84.40 for our chosen charity EACH. Thank you to everyone who donated items and supported the event on the day. We ended up having lots and lots to sell which was great. We still have plenty of bargains left so we will be selling the rest at the summer fayre.



Premier Sports Summer Club - Premier Sport are at the school this Summer for a fantastic week of fun in their Multi-Activities Camps, visit sport.premier-education.com to book now. Use promo code BR/544 to get 5 days for the price of 4, for more information please email Bradley at brea@premiersport.org. And do not forget the Zorbs are coming this summer!!



FORS

Raffle Tickets - please return your raffle tickets to reception along with any unwanted tickets.

Summer Fayre - Don't forget all family, friends, neighbours are welcome to our summer fayre on Friday 15th July 2.00pm - 4.30pm.

100 Club - We will be making the draw for August at the Summer Fayre at 4pm.

100 club winners - The lucky numbers this month were: 1st (No 75) E A Smith, 2nd (No 25) Jill Fiddy and 3rd (No 2) Andrew Viner.

Treasurer - FORS will need a new treasurer come September so if you would like to find out more then please leave your contact details at reception or email leisaw@hotmail.co.uk. You don't have to have any previous experience in doing this role.

Euro 2016 Final – after a month of football Sunday's final sees Portugal (Reception) take on France (Year 4). Good luck to both teams.



House Captain's Award



- Ranworth** Xane Brister
- Hickling** Elinor Grimmer
- Oulton** Maddie Woodcock
- Barton** Callum Mickleburgh



Well done to Year 1 who had 99% attendance 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	Corey Carpenter	Luke Burrows	Isabella Crowther
Year 1	Liam O'Kane	Ruby Cozens	Hattie Smith
Year 2	Brooke Halsey	Connie Snowden	Nicole Rump
Year 3	Katie Moore	Keegan Mickleburgh	Caedn Huckle
Year 4	Niamh Harris	Ruby Donnelly	Charlotte Warrington
Year 5	Oliver Firman	Kieron Trorey	Elizabeth Ritchie
Year 6	Gemma Smith	Holly Warrington	Ethan Mann



Year 6 is looking forward to the Camp Out tonight - let's hope for less dramatic weather than last year! Have a lovely weekend.

Chris Ashman