

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Election Fever** - This week the children have been creating their own political parties, working out their policies and canvassing for support before voting took place to decide the winning party. In Year 1 and 2 the children focussed on how they would improve Rackheath, while the older children looked at national policies for areas such as education, finance, health and the environment.

All staff were mightily impressed by the ideas and the team work that went into the creation of the party manifestos. It was lovely to see the amount of thought that every child put in. Each group showed a real understanding of the issues and made me feel that our country would be safe in their hands!



**Response to Nepal In Need** – Nepal in Need have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the local community in response to their appeal. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute with donations of money, sleeping bags or tents. So far the Norfolk based charity has raised an amazing £50,000 pounds in total.



### **SATS Week**

Next week from Monday to Thursday Year 6 will be sitting their SATS tests. All through the year they have all been working really hard and so however they do in their tests they can be very proud of their efforts. I am sure that over the weekend they will be getting a good rest and going to bed nice and early. We look forward to seeing them all at SATs breakfast from 8:15am on Monday.

On Friday, to celebrate the end of SATS and to reward them for all their hard work, we are taking the class on a treat. We are off to the Marina Centre in Great Yarmouth for a swim before having fish and chips for lunch and spending time on the seafront.



**Rackheath Radio Star** – Look out for James Clarke in Year 1 who is going to be on Radio Norwich next week. James will be doing the weather report every morning around 7.15!

Year 1 and 2 have really had a busy week:

"On Tuesday we enjoyed a really wonderful trip to the Cathedral where we met Tizzy the spider who likes to climb up the huge stone pillars, baptised a baby, shared communion bread and wine, imagined what it might have been like to be a monk and get up at 2am for the first of seven services (assemblies) of the day, dressed up as a Priest and Bishop, lay on the floor and looked up at the ceiling high above us, admired beautiful stained glass windows, lit a candle, heard the massive organ being played and ate lunch in the cloisters. Thank you so much to the parents who came and shared our day.



On Thursday we welcomed Adrian Hall (Outdoor Education Specialist) for a day of pirate / ocean explorer themed fun. The children learnt to read a map and use compass directions before searching for hidden treasure (little flags with letters on!) around the school grounds. In the afternoon they enjoyed a talk and power point about two very different islands which Mr Hall has visited. Do ask your child the name of the bird with the blue feet which is to be found in the Galapagos Islands!"



**Jack Trelawny Visit** – We are looking forward to the visit of the children's author Jack Trelawny on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jack will be talking to children from Year 2 to 6 about his books and the writing process. You still have the chance to order books that will be signed by Jack with a dedication.



### **Football Kit Plea**

If your child has played football for the school at any time this year please could you check that you don't have any kit at home. We are short of some of the blue tops as well as socks and shorts. We obviously need these for matches as well as the photographs on Monday.



## Football v Salhouse

On Tuesday the football team played out a very enjoyable and competitive game against Salhouse. The final result being a 3 -2 win to Rackheath. Player of the match was Charlotte Abramson who was fantastic in defence showing lots of skill, bravery and determination Special mentions go to Dylan Parnell-Crook who went in goal for the first time and to Luke Mayes, our regular keeper, who played really well out on the pitch and scored a great volley to win us the game. Our other goals were scored by Alfie Mann and Sam Watts who along with Oliver Milligan, Lewis Story, John Barrett and William Grant carried on our impressive form this season which has seen the team win the Cluster Cup as well as 6 of 7 other games.



We are all looking forward to hosting Overstrand on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May in the Semi-Final of the Small Schools Norfolk Cup.

"We arrived at Salhouse School to play a friendly match. We started the match really well and got rewarded with a brilliant goal by Alfie 1-0. Salhouse placed the ball on centre and started passing the ball really well and the Salhouse player crossed a really good ball and he headed it home from two yards out. 1-1. A few minutes later it was half time. Then five minutes later the second half began. We kept creating chances and then minutes later Luke scored a stunning volley and landed in the top corner 2-1. After the restart Salhouse kept threatening with their long throws and Dylan was pelting them out. But we were determined not to concede any goals. Later on Sam scored to make sure we won the game. The team line up was: Dylan, Will, Charlotte, Lewis, John, Oliver, Luke, Alfie and Sam."

## Reception Class Trip

On Tuesday Reception went to Fairhaven. We took part in loads of fun activities. Here are some of the children's comments.

*"I liked making bug homes" (Ruby)*

*"I went on a walk. Then I went pond dipping" (Evie)*

*"I had fun reading the signs. My favourite part of our trip to Fairhaven was making bird feeders" (Charlotte R)*

*"I liked pond dipping" (Gideon)*





### School Photographs

On Monday the school photographer is in to take class photographs of Reception and Year 6 as well as sports team photographs.

### FORS

**RACE NIGHT** - If you haven't already bought a ticket don't forget to join us for our Race Night next Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May. We need more of you to come along so that we can go ahead with this event. Last year we raised an amazing £800+ for our defibrillator and this time whatever we raise will go towards new playground markings. Details available from the office – tickets only £3 each!!



**Lunchtime MSA Award** – This week's award goes to Sophie Atkinson and Henry Adam.

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Charlotte Mann	Gideon Martin	Hanna Rudd
Year 1	Anise Batchelor	William Finch	Rebecca Hill
Year 2	Louie Bond	Rebecca Burrows	Danielle Ramm
Year 3	Maddie Woodcock	Dylan Cullum	Luke Royston
Year 4	Ruby Culling	Olivia Crook	Taylan Harris
Year 5	Ella Poole	Elinor Grimmer	William Barnes
Year 6	Georgia-Mae Hammond	Kacie Banwell	Sam Watts



This week he gets to spend the week with Year 3 who had an attendance of 98.3%.

**Well done Year 3!**