

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2015

Literacy Cafes

It has been great to see so many of you enjoying the first literacy café of the year. I have seen some fantastic literacy work linked to other subjects, especially art. Classes have based work on the book *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers, the legend of Beowulf and the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk amongst others.



School Website – Our website www.rackheath.norfolk.sch.uk is a great place to find out about life at the school. A few key aspects of the website are listed below:

- **The Home Page** has some super scrolling photographs, the latest team point scores as well as our latest news and celebrations of success. It has also links to our school calendar, our school brochure and to our last OFSTED report.
- **Class Pages** - Click on the pencil named “Classes” and you will find class pages with reports and photographs of recent events including our author visits, the Tour of Britain and literacy cafes.
- **Electronic Newsletters** – Read this letter online, in colour, by clicking on the ‘our news’ pencil and then the newsletter tab. You will then be able to view all newsletters including those from the past couple of years.
- **School Information** – If you click on the **About Us** pencil and then the Curriculum tab you will find all the **Curriculum Maps** which show what we taught last year. This links closely to what we are teaching this year and is updated accordingly. In the same section you can find our shared **Mission Statement** which we created in Winter 2014.

We are always looking to improve the Website and value your opinions. Ben Orme is the governor linked to the website and I would like to thank him for his invaluable advice and support.



School Council – Our current School Council are nearing the end of their year term. Elections for our new School Council will take place on Tuesday 3rd November. Look out for more information coming soon.



Head for the Day – I am very much looking forward to working with 2 new school leaders on Tuesday as Miss Kiera Braithwaite and Mr Luke Mayes are joining me as “Head for the Day.”

Class Assemblies – Yesterday it was Year 4’s turn to put on a super class assembly. Next week it is the turn of Year 1.

Schools Fantasy League

There is still time to get a team on before the deadline of Saturday October 17th. Full instructions are included in last week’s letter available on the school website. So far I have been impressed by lots of the team names including Borussia Teeth, Jurgen Kop, Lallanas in Pyjamas and Wes b’avin you!



Football Rackheath v Coltishall

The team continued their good start to the season with a 4-1 cup win against Coltishall. Captain Alfie Mann scored a super hat trick and Luke Mayes scored our other goal. It was also good to see Tom Elliff play his first game for the school. We are all looking forward to the next round!



Next week 2 of our teams play in a Cluster Tournament at St Johns before our girls’ team head off to play a tournament in Friday.



Parking – it is early days but I would like to thank everyone for their consideration with parking. Keeping the area around the roundabout free makes a real difference to the safety of our children.

Parent's Evening – Next week we have our first Parent Teacher Meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday. If you haven't yet made an appointment it would be great if you were able to. Should the date be inconvenient I know staff will be happy to find a good time. If anyone would like to meet with me during one of the evenings then please either make an appointment with the office or just grab me as I walk around the school.



Scooters and Bikes

It is great to see lots of children cycling or scooting to school. In the interests of safety I would ask that once the children arrive at the gate leading to the car park the children get off and push their bike or scooter.

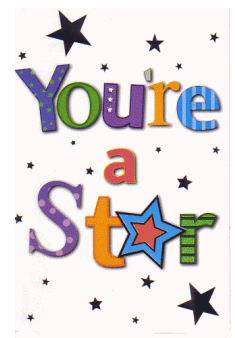


At the same time although I know the slope is very tempting at the end of the day I would ask that children do not ride scooters or bikes on the school premises at the end of the day either. It always makes me smile to see our children enjoying themselves on the field and playground at the end of the day but because so many do it does make accidents more likely.



Stars in Their Eyes

Our 'Stars in Their Eyes' board is filling up with photographs of children and staff showing dedication and achieving well outside of school. Well done to Skyla Downing, Lennon Baker, Ellie Trabelsi, Madeleine Jenkins, Samuel Abramson, Taylan Harris and Mrs Barrett for making it onto our board.



I have also been hearing about a group of Year 2 boys, Jacob Avery, James Clarke, Jake Green and Lewis Mann who have just begun playing for Salhouse Rovers and won their first ever game!

FORS



Autumn Fancy Dress tickets have been sent home this week. Children are welcome to dress as they please, but could we ask that children in KS1 not wear any scary Halloween masks as this can upset the younger children.

A big thank you to everyone who purchased a Spree book. This raised **£200**. If you haven't purchased one & would like one then you can leave your name and contact number at reception.

100 Club – This month's lucky winners are: 1st (No 22) Sue Taylor; 2nd (No 80) Catherine Bird and 3rd (No 78) Queenie Whayman. A huge thank you to Sue Taylor who requested that her winnings be donated back to FORS!!





Rackheath Bombers Pre-school

We are holding a Halloween Treasure Hunt on Saturday 31st October at 2.00pm. The hunt will take place in and around the village of Rackheath. The starting point will be The Hub at Trinity Church on Salhouse Road, where you will be able to purchase a map. The cost is £5 for groups of up to 5 and proceeds will be used to purchase equipment for the children. There will be a prize for everyone. Come and join us for a ghoulishly fun afternoon.

We are also looking for volunteers to display a letter at their property. If you would like to take part in this way, please email annetandy@hotmail.co.uk.



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's awards go to Lucy Eglen and James Nurse



Well done to Year 1 who had 100% 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	Luke Burrows	Joseph Tandy	Lily Ardagh-Ptolomey
Year 1	Charlotte Mann	Morgan Scotton	Evie Cleminson
Year 2	Logan Adams	Darcey Wright	Rhianna Dashwood
Year 3	Louie Bond	Rebecca Burrows	Daniel Cropley
Year 4	Marshall Newton	Amelie Thomas	Mackenzie Ettridge
Year 5	Kieron Trorey	Stanley Bond	Samuel Abramson
Year 6	Ryan Daynes	Kiera Braithwaite	Charlie Pilbrow

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend!

Chris Ashman