

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2016

The half term has got off to a great start with our History Week organised by Miss Maibaum. Different classes and groups have been on walks around Rackheath, visited a farm and been visited by different visitors who have worked with the children, like the Norfolk Records Office. We also enjoyed a lovely 90th birthday picnic on Tuesday and held a special assembly with Reverend Sandy today to celebrate the Queen's birthday. The children have all been given a special Commemorative coin today to mark the Queen's 90th Birthday. Thank you to the FORS for organising this lovely surprise.

Our school week culminated today with our "dress up decades" event, parade and museum opening. Writing before the event I hope the weather was kind and remains so on Sunday when the community comes together to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

For a week to be successful lots of people give up their time and I would like to thank all those who brought in artefacts to support our learning, as well as The Norwich Records Office, Mr Hastings, Mrs Newton, Reverend Sandy, Mrs Howard and Mr Lancaster who gave up their time to work with our children. It was lovely to hear from Mr Hastings afterwards who wrote

"... just to say how much I enjoyed my visit yesterday (Monday) Two superb classes (year 5 and 6) and I was deeply impressed by the depth of their questions."

Finally a very big thank you to all the staff and especially Miss Maibaum who has worked really hard putting everything together.



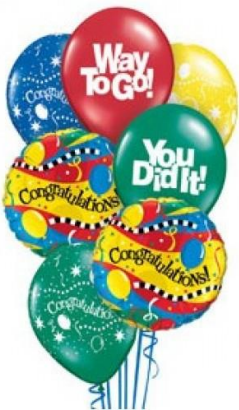
Reception Open Evening

On Tuesday we welcomed a new group of parents to our school with a very well attended open evening for new parents. The transition process for our youngest children is so important and this was the start of a whole programme of events to help make transition as smooth as possible.



I would like to say a special thank you to all the Year 6 children who volunteered to help at the event. You were all fantastic and a real credit to the school. Lots of the new parents commented on how well you spoke and how polite and helpful you were. Well done Kiera Braithwaite, Elinor Grimmer, Madeleine Jenkins, Luke Mayes, Nathan Nicholls, Charlie Pilbrow, Ella Poole, Freddie Smith and Gemma Smith.

Friendship bench – On Thursday morning our new Friendship Bench, painted by Mr Grubb, was unveiled along with the fantastic signs made by our competition winners. The bench is a place for children to sit and chat and also for anyone who might be looking for someone to play with to sit. Mr Grubb has also been busy painting our sheds in vibrant colours which are brightening up that corner of our school.



Congratulations to Miss Bartram!!

Earlier this week Miss Bartram found out that she has passed her teaching degree with an outstanding grade. This is a great achievement for Miss Bartram and also reflects really well on our Year 1 class and Miss Hughes, Mrs Penson and other staff who have worked with Miss Bartram through the year.

Next Friday will be Miss Bartram's last day before starting in her new school in September. It has been great to see Miss Bartram progress her career since joining the school in September 2013 and we wish her all the best in her future teaching career.

Upcoming Events



England V Wales Football - The children were all given a letter this week about watching the game, which kicks off at 2.00pm, in school. At 2.00pm the children will have a choice whether or not to watch the game in the hall, then at 3.00pm children who have a parental consent slip can stay and watch the end of the game too.

Year 2 Assembly – This will be held at 10.00am next Thursday 16th instead of the usual time because of the England v Wales game. We appreciate that it isn't an ideal time but the children need to have a run through in the morning and it gives the class time to re-organise the assembly if someone is away.

Passport Day – We are gearing up for another passport day on Friday 24th June when children will be taking flights from Rackheath International Airport to far off places such as China, Australia, India and Tanzania for the day. The children will be getting their tickets for their destination in a week or so.



Olympic Sports Week

This year's sports week has an Olympic theme. Information for each day can be found below.

Monday 20th June – Fun Sports Day - 9:15am -11:45am. All children from Reception to Year 6 will compete in teams in a fun sports event. Parents can stay at school from the start of the day and then follow their children round and cheer them on.

Tuesday 21st June – Key Stage 2 Sports Day – 9:30am -11:45am Year 3 to 6 will compete in a series of races in the morning. Parents to arrive from 9:15am.

Tuesday 21st June – Key Stage 1 Sports Day – 1:20pm -2:45pm. Year 1 and 2 will compete in a series of races in the afternoon. Parents can arrive from 1:10pm

Wednesday 22nd June – Nursery and Reception Sports Day – We believe this will take place from 10:00am - 11:00am. Our youngest children will compete in a special sports day organised with the Rackheath Bombers. Parents to arrive from 9:50am. This time will be confirmed.

General Information:

Please ensure children bring plenty to drink and have sun cream and a hat

Reserve Afternoons:

Wednesday 22nd June (PM) - Possible reserve afternoon for EYFS/KS1

Thursday 23rd June (PM) – Possible reserve afternoon for EYFS/KS1

Monday 27th June (AM) – Possible reserve morning for KS2

Head for The Day – Next Tuesday Holly Warrington and Nathan Nicholls are Head for the Day. I wonder what they will get up to?



Visiting Bees – On Wednesday a friendly bee keeper collected the bee colony that was in the corner of the church grounds. It was fascinating to hear about the life of a bee colony and we recorded some of the process to show the children.

FORS

Commemorative Coins – FORS has bought each child a coin to mark the Queens 90th Birthday. They will be bringing this home today.



Friendship Sign – Our new friendship signs and our newly painted bench are in place. We would like to thank Mark Baker from CIM Signs & Graphics for arranging this for us and our caretaker Gary for painting our bench

Summer Fayre – This will be held on Friday 15th July. Further details to follow.



100 Club Winners – This month our lucky winners were: 1st (No 7) Mark Huckle, 2nd (No 73) Bernard Smith and 3rd (No 83) Maureen Harvey



Well done to Year 3 who had 98% 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 |
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| Reception | Kody Addison | Lennon Baker | Lily Key |
| Year 1 | Alex Dove | Joshua Hill | Caitlyn Moore |
| Year 2 | James Clarke | Ellie Collin | Bethany Dampier |
| Year 3 | Archie Fiddy | Olivia Ardagh-Ptolomey | Ethan Royston |
| Year 4 | Beth Tomlinson | Sonny Hurn | Eloisa Orme |
| Year 5 | Finley Betts | Hannah Peel | Aston Culling |
| Year 6 | Lottie Allison | Charlie Pilbrow | Freddie Smith |

I hope to see lots of you on Sunday for the Parade and the Queen's Picnic in the Park!

Chris Ashman

