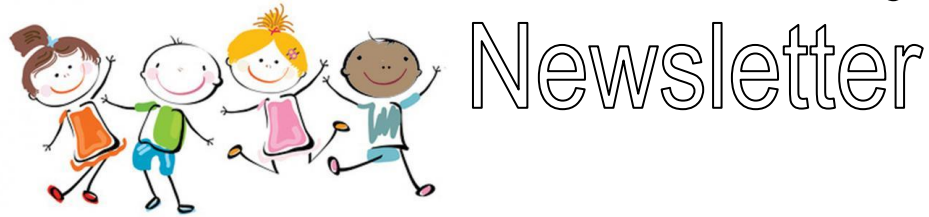


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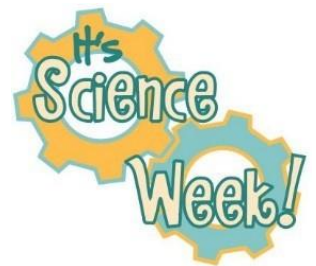


Friday 11th March 2016

Over the course of the last two weeks my diary has been filled with meetings either in or out of the school. In a period of significant and rapid change in education as schools grapple with amongst other things the implications of a new curriculum, new assessment arrangements, OFSTED changes and the government's academy agenda this is an important part of my role.

However, it does take me away from the day to day buzz of our school which is what I love about my job, which is why it has been especially gratifying that whenever I have had the chance to spend time with the children they have been so fantastic: working hard, working really well together and having fun. This has been the case at the start of Science Week, during DT Day, at sports fixtures, at Mother's Day Craft and the Reception trip to the Dinosaur Park. A reminder that a school full of happy engaged children enjoying learning and making progress is what we are all about!

Science Week Launch



The school was full of scientists and scientific creations as we launched Science Week with a bang today with a visit from the Little Story Telling Company and science workshops led by a visiting scientist linked to DNA. Thanks to Mrs Pulford for organising such an exciting event.



Art Competition

A big well done to Caedn-Marc Huckle who entered an art competition organised by holidaycottages.co.uk and out of hundreds of entries won first prize! As part of his prize Caedn won some money for the school and a gift voucher for his family. Miss Magee and Caedn will decide how we spend our part of the prize. Kiera Braithwaite, Archie Fiddy and Charlie Clarke also did well, being picked as runners up. Thanks to Linda from Holiday Cottages and to Mrs Magee for organising our entries.



Music Mark – I am pleased to announce that the school has received the National Music Mark as a result of our commitment to music through our music lessons, choir, whole class ukulele lessons and programme of peripatetic music lessons.

CSF Football Tournament



For the second year running our mixed football team have made it through to Champions Day after winning our group on Friday 4th March to qualify. This is a great tournament where the girls play the first half and the boys the second half. The girls and boys made light of a tough group, which included 3 large junior schools, winning all 5 of their games scoring 13 and only conceding 1 goal in total.

Our winning team was: Kiera Braithwaite, Gemma Smith, Georgie Greenfield, Ruby Culling, Rosie Milligan, Holly Warrington, Alfie Mann, Luke Mayes, Hayden Parfitt-Bland, Josh Perrins, Marcus Gardner, Lewis Story and Dylan Parnell. Good luck in the final's day on the 18th March.

Football Match V Hoveton St John's– On Tuesday 1st March the school football team played Hoveton St Johns away. In another super display the team turned on the style to win 10-1. Our goals were scored by Freddie Ottolanguai, Alfie Mann, Dylan Parnell, John Barrett and Josh Perrins. Alongside them Finley Betts, Marcus Gardner, Luke Mayes and Lewis Story all performed really well. Our Man of the Match was Hayden Parfitt Bland who played really well in a new defensive position.



Head for the Day – Next Wednesday it is the turn of Nathan Nicholls and Holly Warrington to be Head's for the Day. I look forward to working with them.

Curiosity Cafés

As usual it was super to see lots of you attending our curiosity cafes this week. The fun activities planned to some super learning opportunities including making boats and planning the design for a zoo using maths skills. Cafes continue with Year 1's café on Monday 14th, Year 6 on Thursday 17th and Year 3 on Friday 18th March.



History Week - Miss Maibaum and I have begun to put together plans for our Rackheath History Week and Museum. We are working with other groups including Rackheath Parish Council and Church to link our history week to the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations on June 12th. More details to follow soon.

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Sports Relief is next Friday, 18th March. We have received today some Sport Relief Wristbands which will be on sale from Monday for £1 each.



On Friday the children will be able to wear something red to show their support or they could wear any sporting outfits that they wish. To do this the children will be asked to donate £1. Don't forget we will be holding sporty races at lunchtime with entry costing 20p.



And of course lastly is our 1 mile run or walk around the school field to which you are welcome to come and join your child. KS2 (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) will be walking their mile at 1pm and Reception and KS1 (Y1 & 2) will be starting their mile at 1.30pm. We hope to see you there!



School Library

Our next open morning is Saturday 19th March from 10.30am to 12.00pm. You are all welcome to pop in to share stories or borrow books for the Easter holiday. We have even started a section for the grown-ups so if you have unwanted books you would like to donate then please bring them in to the school office. There will also be tea, coffee, squash and cake to enjoy!

Book Fair

On Tuesday next week we will be visited by North Norfolk Children's Book Centre. The children will enjoy a story session during the day in their classes and there will be the opportunity to purchase books from 2.45pm – 3.30pm, on the day, in the school hall. There will be lots of science themed books to support our science week and many of the 100 recommended reads. This is a great opportunity to buy new books for yourself and maybe if you wish one for our school library!



Cake Sale! - On Friday 18th March, as part of our Sports Relief fundraising efforts, the Year 6 children will be having a cake sale! The cakes will be sold during break and lunchtime for 30p each. They will have been made and decorated by the children! All profits will go to this worthy cause.

Many thanks, Mr Edwards

FORS

Easter Hunt - On Wednesday 23rd March FORS will be having an Easter hunt after school, entry will cost 50p & siblings are welcome to join in.



Bag2school – Thank you for all your unwanted clothes that were brought in for Bag2school today, we will let you know how much was raised when we hear.

Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 2 who had 100% attendance 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	Xane Brister	Imogen Rump	Dylan Viner
Year 1	Ruby Cozens	Jacob Curle	Sebastian Jenkins
Year 2	Nicole Rump	Molly Burdett	Carys Tomlinson
Year 3	Ethan Royston	Oliver Grimmer	Isobel Crisp
Year 4	Oliver Moore	Calum Buckingham	Mackenzie Ettridge
Year 5	Elizabeth Ritchie	Holly Whayman	Joe Turner
Year 6	John Barrett	Gemma Smith	Lewis Story

Chris Ashman