

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 13th February 2015

I probably say this at the end of every half term but there is no doubt that this half term has flown by. Again it has been packed with lots of fantastic learning and exciting opportunities for the children. From my point of view time flies by because coming to work is so much fun. It really is a privilege to work with such fantastic children!

Staffing

Mrs Watson, who has been working with Year 2 alongside Mrs Grogutt and Mrs Rivett, was due to finish working at the school today. However, we are very pleased to say that she is going to be staying with us for a longer period as she continues her teacher training.

We do say goodbye to Sam Whymark today. I know Sam has enjoyed working in the school he used to attend and we have very much benefited from his time here. We wish him well for the future.



Danny Lawrence Visit - On Thursday we were visited by Danny Lawrence who represented England in the Commonwealth Games and World Championship. The children had a fantastic time doing the circuit training with Danny and then were amazed by Danny's Gymnastic skills when he performed some tricks in a special assembly. He was joined by two of our talented gymnasts as Macy Wickham and Charlie Clarke performed some amazing gym moves too.



A few parents have already brought in some money for the sponsored side of the event. We very much appreciate your generosity; any remaining sponsor money needs to be in by Thursday 26th February. I would like to take this opportunity to stress again that as a school we were happy to pay for the visit of Danny without sponsorship as we felt it was a valuable experience for the children.

Year 3 Horstead Residential

Below are just a few of the many comments from the children:

"I liked sleeping in my dormitory with my friends"

Maddie

"I liked the crate stacking especially when the crates fell down and I fell backwards!"

Sonny

"I liked the tunnels because there were some short ones and some long ones" Marshall



"I liked the low ropes because the equipment was fun" Oliver

"Canoeing was fun. I really liked the donkey game. It made me laugh" Dylan

"It was funny when Harry challenged Mrs Brannan to a game of pool and then she won!" Beth

"Canoeing was great fun except for when Harry and I went round and round in circles and crashed into the bank and other canoes!" James

"I really enjoyed the low ropes because I nearly spilt the whole cup of water all over me!" Luke

"I enjoyed everything but my favourite was when I had my cup of water on the low ropes and I spilt it all over my trousers" Callum O

"It was hilarious when Freya fell out of bed! Luckily she was not hurt" Molly



Rackheath Girls Football Team Finish 3rd in the County

On Saturday the girl's team went to Dereham to play against the other regional winners in the Girl's County Football Final. In a competition of very high standard the girls performed fantastically to finish third. The highlight being our final game against North Wootton, which we won 2 -1 with goals from Lydia Rivett and Kiera Braithwaite. Throughout the tournament the whole team played with spirit, team work and determination and most importantly with big smiles on their faces!

A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support and a big well done to our super team of Daisy Stone, Gemma Smith, Lydia Rivett, Rosie Milligan, Freya Grime, Caitlin Ettridge, Maria Braithwaite and Kiera Braithwaite. Your effort and attitude made it such a great morning!



Talent show – This afternoon has seen the half term end with a bang as the children of Rackheath Primary School proved that they have TALENT! At time of going to press we don't know the winners but one thing is for sure everyone lucky enough to be there would have seen a fantastic show. Well done to the School Council for organising the event and thanks to Mrs Goddard for all your work behind the scenes.

Surveys – Thank you to everyone who returned a survey about an outside club. We will collate the information and share feedback with you and the providers concerned.

Attendance News

100%

Good attendance is really important for all children. Each week this year, Attendance Bear has stayed with the class with the best attendance from the previous week. This week it was Year 2 with 99.6% attendance for the week beginning 2nd February. From now on we will include the winning class for attendance as part of our Star, Angel, Diamond awards.

Our school attendance so far this year is 96.6% and our target is 96%.

From September 2015 the government have announced that the persistent absence criteria will become stricter. Currently it is an attendance rate of below 85%; from September it will be attendance below 90% which could trigger involvement from County Attendance Officers.



In our lunch time club (recycled art) we made canvases and pictures out of recycled materials. We used velvet, wallpaper, fabric samples, boards and picture frames. By the time we had finished all our art work looked amazing.

By Maria Braithwaite and Lydia Rivett

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Your child should have received their ticket for the School Disco which will take place on Friday 27th February.



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 | Caitlyn Moore | Morgan Scotton | Zach Dawson |
| Year 1 | Ellie Collin | Molly Burdett | Jay Barrett |
| Year 2 | Abi Peel | Emily Addison | Mason Parfitt-Bland |
| Year 3 | Freya Henderson | Marshall Newton | Amelie Thomas |
| Year 4 | Samuel Abramson | Asher Foley | James Newson |
| Year 5 | Madeleine Jenkins | Nathan Nicholls | Sam Whymark |
| Year 6 | Sam Watts | Oliver Milligan | William Grant |

Attendance Bear
Attendance Bear

This week he gets to spend the week with Year 2 who had an attendance of 99.6%.

Well done Year 2!

I wish you all a safe and happy half term and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 23rd February. Don't forget if you have some spare time the **BBC 500 Word Challenge** is still live also get on **Sumdog** and win prizes ready to decorate your new house!

Chris Ashman