

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th July 2018

It's been another busy and exciting week at Rackheath with lots going on including a music assembly, tennis coaching, stay and play sessions in Reception and the FORS picnic today. Next week we have big events like the Leavers Play and Summer Fair as we head towards the summer break.



As previously mentioned next Friday is the Summer Fair from 2.00pm until 4.30pm. We hope you can all join us and we have a super afternoon! If you can't be at school at 2pm please let us know by returning the slip at the bottom of the letter that went out last week.

Stay and Play – It has been lovely to see lots of our new reception children visiting school with their families over the last week. All the children looked happy and settled and I'm sure will make a flying start to their school careers.

Jedi Challenge - Earlier in the week the children took home a pack from Change For Life which included an exciting Jedi Challenge to help everyone stay fit and active over the holidays.



Music Concert – On Thursday the school were treated to a fantastic mix of musical performances from our very talented musicians. It was great to listen to a huge variety of musical instruments and see the amazing progress our children have made with and through music. Thank you to Mrs Smith, Mr Hodson, Mrs Laws and especially Mrs Brown who make up our team of music teachers.



Reception Purple Picnic – On Tuesday Reception Class held a Purple Picnic to raise funds for Nelson's Journey. We were then joined in assembly on Wednesday by Nelson The Cat who collected the cheque for £93.10.

Mandarin - This week we met Mrs Song who is going to be teaching Mandarin in the school next year as part of the exciting link up we've made with Norwich School.

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Reports - Reports will go out on Monday. Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 children will receive the results from the national assessments they took earlier in the year. All reports will also include a letter detailing the results of the national tests across the school and which will explain some of the language used in the reports and national assessments.

Year 6 - Events

Leavers Play - The Year 6 play (with able support from Year 5) is on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The play starts at 6.00pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Leavers Afternoon Social - This is a chance for children, parents and staff to catch up in an informal way to mark the end of our Year 6's time at Rackheath. We will have drinks and a few snacks as well as some sports and games going on. Whether you sit and chat or join in with the games is totally up to you. This is taking place after school on Monday 23rd July from 3.15pm until around 5.00pm.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly - This will take place at 10.00am on the last day of term. We look forward to seeing parents and other family members from Year 6. A few elements of the assembly will be included in an earlier assembly so that the assembly for parents isn't too long.

Camp Out - Last Friday Year 6 enjoyed another awesome camp out. The children had a great time; enjoying a super spread of food including lots of lovely pizza (thanks to Miss Warrington), playing lots of games (tennis, badminton, football, late night man hunt, tug of war) eating lots of sweets and before actually, miraculously, going to sleep for a few hours!

I would like to pass on a massive thank you to Mr Cavender, Ms Holmes and Mrs Pilbrow for giving up their time to give the children a special memory. Thanks also to the parents for helping put up and take down the tents. It also meant a lot to all of the staff there that the children and parents were so appreciative of our efforts - thank you!



Canary 4's and 5's

On Friday 6th July Rackheath teams took part in two different football tournaments at the same venue. This was lots of fun but involved lots of running for the coach! Our Year 2 girls and boys played in the Canary 4's (teams of 4) whilst a team of year 3's and 4's took part in Canary 5's (teams of 5). Both teams were brilliant, playing with a smile on their faces, whilst showing great skill, team work and determination. At the end of a very hot, but very good, day both teams finished with identical records winning 3 games and losing 1. Along the way they scored a grand total of 31 goals and only conceded 10.



Children taking part were Isabella Crowther, Lily Key, Amy-Leigh Knights, Imogen Rump, Ellie Trabelsi, Ava Woodcock, Lennon Baker, Joe Barrett, Luke Burrows, Charlie Crisp, Harvey Moore, Joseph Tandy, Caitlyn Moore, Anise Batchelor, Molly Burdett, Brooke Halsey, Millie McAulay, Chloe St Hill, Darcey Wright, Ben Crook, Alex Dove, Jacob Lancaster, George Solomon, Joe Barrett, Jake Harris and Lewis Mann.

Thanks to Ms Holmes, Mrs Pilbrow and Mrs Culling and to all the parents who helped with lifts and gave enthusiastic and positive support through the day.



I would also like to say thank you to all the children who didn't get a chance to play in the tournament for being so understanding. Lots of you deserved to go but I couldn't take everyone. It is always a difficult decision that I have to make - to help this year I did in some cases put names in a mug and pull them out to see who would play - but you made it easier by not getting upset and supporting those who went.



Mrs Diaper's 'Surprise' Coffee Morning

We thought it would be a nice idea to hold a Coffee Morning so that people could come along and say farewell to Mrs Diaper. This will be held on Monday 23rd

July from 9.00am – 10.00am and is open to all parents past and present as well as ex-staff and pupils. Please spread the word if you know anyone that would like to come along!



Guitar Gradings – Last week we heard about the achievements of Molly Broadwater, Molly Burdett and Louie Bond who all passed their guitar gradings, this week they've been joined by another successful group. Four children passed their initial grade; Jacob Avery (Pass) Jamie Barrett (Pass) Daniel Cropley (Merit) and Theodore Tetteh (Merit) while Archie Fiddy passed Grade 1. At the same time four ex-pupils also passed their exams so well done to Kieron Trorey (Grade 1) and Cian McAulay, Matt Rivett and Kiera Braithwaite who all passed Grade 2. Well done to all of them and thanks to Mrs Brown – I know she is really proud of you all!



FORS

Our lucky 100 Club Winners this month were: 1st (No 78) Emilia Cedeno, 2nd (No 25) Mark Baker and 3rd (No 20) Steve Gooch.

Summer Fayre - If anyone has any prizes for this they would be gratefully received. These can be handed in to the school office or given to Treena Barrett or Suzanne Fleetwood.

Raffle Tickets - these went home with the children today. There is a box in school reception for you to return stubs along with money. Further tickets are also available if you would like them.

HELP - We really need some help at the Summer Fayre. If you could spare even just half an hour you can leave your name with the ladies in the office or again speak to Treena or Suzanne.



Well done to Year 5 and 6 who had 99.5% attendance last week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Isabel Chilvers	Holly Trabelsi	Reuben Wilson
Year 1	Noah Collin	Lacey Hudson	Jack Johns
Year 2	Jack Unsworth	Holly Addison	Harvey Moore
Year 3	Sadie Pennycook	Sebastian Jenkins	Evie Cleminson
Year 4	Max Buckingham	All of Year 4	Lily-Mae Wright / Amy Hitcham
Year 5	Archie Fiddy	Emily Addison	Ethan Royston
Year 6	Charlotte Warrington	Sonny Hurn	Office Paperclips

There will be no letter next Friday the last letter of the year will go out on Tuesday 24th July

Chris Ashman