

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 13th march

It has been another busy week in school with lots going on. It has been lovely to see the sun and beautiful blue skies, which has allowed the children to get out onto the field. Let's hope that Spring has sprung!

We ended the week with the excitement of Comic Relief with children and staff "looking funny for money", playing fun games at lunchtime and filling the funny face in Year 5 and 6 with money. As usual we really appreciate your generosity and the effort that you put in to support such events. We feel it is very important to take part in events like this so the children learn more about the world in a way that continues to develop their already strong sense of compassion and empathy for other people.

!!We raised a whopping £396 (£180 from Red Noses and £216 from our events on the day)!!



Pupil surveys - It is really important to make sure we give opportunities for the children to tell us about the school and how they think it could be improved. One way to do this is through a pupil survey which the children completed this term. The results were very positive and also gave us some things to think about. A summary table of the results can be found below:

Question themes with a high positive response (above 90%)	Areas to look to develop from the responses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children like school • Children say lessons are fun • Teachers listen to children if they have a problem • Teachers help children with their work • Children feel safe • Children behave well • Older children are kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Younger children would like more responsibility • Work to make sure that every child feels safe all of the time • Work to make sure that all older children are kind all of the time



Numeracy Cafés Next Week – It has been great to see so many of you come along to Numeracy Cafes this week. We hope you enjoy the cafes and take something from them that can help support your children at home. Next week Year 4 have their café on Monday, Year 1 on Wednesday and Year 6 on Thursday.

Circus – We are very excited by the news that on June 15th the Circus is coming to Rackheath for the week. During the school week the children will get to try out circus skills in the big top which will go up on the field. Then at different times during the week and at the weekend the circus will be performing giving families the opportunity to see a circus show. More details about this exciting event will follow soon, including how you can get tickets.



Pedestrian Training – This week Year 1 children have been learning how to be safe pedestrians. Next week it is the turn of Year 2. Thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered to go out with the children so they could do the training.

Mother's Day - It was great to see so many children taking part in the Mother's Day Craft organised by the fantastic Friends of the School after school on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday the school went to the church for a special service including readings and special songs. Thank you to everyone involved in arranging the service, especially Mrs Grogutt, and to everyone involved with the Friends. I hope all the mums have a lovely and restful day on Sunday and the children do lots of extra things to help around the house!



School Council Visit to the Norwich Food Bank – On Thursday next week the school council are visiting the food bank with Mrs Goddard. They are going to see how it is run and help sort out food boxes that get distributed by the food bank. I look forward to hearing all about it.

Cathedral and Castle Trips – Year 3 are off to Norwich Castle on Wednesday 25th March as part of their work linked to the Stone Age. Unfortunately the Year 1 and 2 trip to the Cathedral has had to re-scheduled because of a funeral service being held in the Cathedral on the 20th March.



Carnival Day - Next Tuesday the spirit of the South American Carnival is coming to Year 5 and 6. Staff in Year 5 and 6 have been busy creating lots of exciting learning activities. I for one am intrigued!

Quiz Club – Last week we took two teams to the Quiz Club Cluster Heat at Coltishall Primary School. After leading the points for the entire competition Team 1 were pipped at the post and finished 2nd after the very last question. A great time was had by all. Some of the questions were incredibly difficult (Mr Cavender had no chance of answering them) but the children did. Well done to everyone involved.

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Sebastian Jenkins	George Solomon	Evie Cleminson
Year 1	Molly Burdett	Millie McAulay	Felicity Hughes
Year 2	Katie Moore	Lily Stone	Hannah Scotton
Year 3	Callum O’Kane	Grace Spurling	Jamie Barrett
Year 4	Hannah Peel	Georgie Greenfield	Annabelle Horan
Year 5	Hayden Parfitt-Bland	Ethan Mann	Ethan Cullum
Year 6	Caitlin Ettridge	Tili Cutting	Tristan Wilson



An extra star certificate was awarded to Charlotte Abramson by Mr Edwards in assembly today as at the weekend she won the 50m fly swimming event. This made her the County Champion!!



This week he gets to spend the week with Reception who had an attendance of 98.1%.

Well done Reception Class!

Best wishes
Chris Ashman