

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th May 2016



This week has been a busy one in the school and especially for Year 6, as this week has been SATS week. On Monday the Year 6 children took their reading test, then on Tuesday it was the spelling, punctuation and grammar test. Finally on Wednesday and Thursday it was the maths tests. Today they have been on a special reward trip to Great Yarmouth!

All the children should be very proud of themselves for their efforts through the week and indeed throughout the year. I would also like to thank everyone who has worked with the children in and out of school for their help, especially Mr Edwards, Ms Holmes and Mrs Chapman as well as all of the parents of Year 6 children.

The most praise must go to our Year 6 children who have had to cope with changes to the tests that have made them significantly harder and have focused far more on learning complex grammar terminology and formal mathematics methods. I want to congratulate all of them for trying their hardest all through the year. You have all been stars and I am proud of you all. I know you will have a fantastic end to your time at Rackheath. Bring on the Camp Out!

Busy times ahead at Rackheath - This week's staff meeting focused on planning and organisation of events in the second half of the term. It is certainly a busy time with Rackheath History Week kicking us off and once things start we don't really stop. There is Olympic Sports Week and Passport Day as well as all the events planned for our Year 6 leavers and for our new September 2016 intake. On top of that staff are writing reports too.



Rackheath History Week - Our history week is taking place over the week beginning the 6th June. Last week we sent out a letter about our plans for the museum, which included a request for help. Thank you to those of you who have replied so far. The letter also mentioned that to mark the occasion of the Queen's 90th birthday children and staff would dress up in the clothes of a decade of their choice from the 1940's to the 1990's.

It would be great to see a wide variety of outfits, from rockers to 40's school children to 80's Day-Glo, but at the same time we do appreciate that putting together a costume can be time consuming and costly which is why we did not allocate a decade to each class. I'm no fashion expert(!) but I know that 80's fashion made a bit of a comeback recently, and that children's clothes haven't changed too much since the late 90's!



Art Competitions

We have had the results of 2 art competitions this week. In a competition open to 5 schools organised by Norwich Cathedral Ellie Collin came first and Darcey Wright came 3rd. We are arranging a time when the girls can receive their prizes. Well done girls!

We also had the results of the FORS Friendship Bench Competition. All the entries were fantastic. The winners were Morgan Scotton and Brooke Halsey in KS1 and Freya Henderson and Madeleine Jenkins in KS2. Their entries will be turned into a sign for the bench.

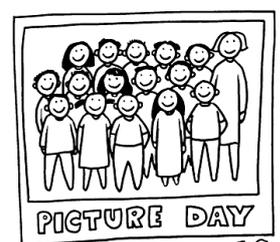
Cake Sale for Alzheimer's Research – It is great to see children being really thoughtful of others so a massive well done to Phoebe Player in Year 3, who asked to put on a cake sale for Alzheimer's Research, which raised £31.60. Thank you everyone who supported Phoebe and her family by buying the cakes which looked lovely!



Concert Date

I am pleased to confirm the date for our first evening music concert. It is on June 21st at 6pm. More details to follow.

Class and Team Photographs - On Tuesday 17th May our photographer will be taking photos of Reception and Year 6 classes as well as photos of sports teams, the choir and orchestra. Children in the orchestra should bring in their instruments on the day and anyone who has sports kit at home should bring it in too.





England v Wales

When checking that the date for the concert was a convenient one I saw that England are playing Wales in Euro 2016 on Thursday 16th June kick off 2pm. As such we will show the game in school to children who want to watch and children who want to stay and watch the second half after school will be able to do so.

This does mean that Year 2's class assembly will be brought forward to 10.00am on the same day.

Cycling year 4 – Well done to all the Year 4 children who took part in their cycle training this week. Simone who takes the training spoke really highly of all the children and commented on their exemplary behaviour. Well done Year 4!



Sport Next Week – On Thursday the **School Football Team** go for the double when they take part in the Small Schools Final play-offs on Thursday 19th May. There will be football practise for Year 2 and 3 that day, as Mr Cavender has kindly offered to take the club so the children don't miss out.

FORS

Competition!! – Congratulations to the winners of our new friendship bench design competition as already mentioned. Mark from CIM Designs said it was hard to choose as there were so many great designs!

Friendship Bench



Football Goals – We have purchased four new football goals for the playing field.

Father's Day Craft – We will be sending home a letter regarding this next week.



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's award goes to Chloe St Hill and Ellie Trabelsi.

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Well done to Year 6 who had 100% 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
Reception	Luke Burrows	Jack Brown	Josie Solomon
Year 1	Adam Houston	Ewan Poole	Sophie Atkinson
Year 2	Jay Barrett	Brooke Halsey	Lewis Mann
Year 3	Isobel Crisp	Daniel Cropley	Lola Wickham
Year 4	James Nurse	Jamie Barrett	Luke Royston
Year 5	Annabelle Horan	Joe Turner	Charlie Hayhoe
Year 6	The award this week goes to all of Year 6 !!!		

Have a great weekend.

Chris Ashman