

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2017

This week has been a busy one in the school, 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 Cavender and Ms Holmes 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!



Parent Survey – The parent survey went out earlier this week. Quite a few have already been returned. We hope to receive lots more as we really value your ideas. These need to be returned by Thursday 25th May 2017

Walk to School Week



Hopefully you have already seen the letter and know that next week is walk to school week. The Eco-committee is looking to see which class makes the most journeys or parts of a journey on foot, by bike or scooter. Thanks to Ms Bartlett for planning this with the Eco-Committee.

Year 2 Cathedral Visit



On Wednesday Year 2 enjoyed a really wonderful day at Norwich Cathedral, learning about and celebrating the lives of two very famous nurses. In the morning we were taken on a tour of the cathedral by the Education Officer, Janet Marshall, dressed in role as Edith Cavell. She told us the inspiring, but also very sad story of the life of Edith Cavell. Whilst

telling her tale she enlisted the help of Hanna as a nurse in her hospital. Nurse Hanna proved to be highly skilled, especially in the art of bandage rolling!

After enjoying tasty packed lunches and ten minutes fresh air in the beautiful sunshine we spent the afternoon learning about Florence Nightingale. During this time it was Issey's turn to be dressed up – as the Lady of the Lamp herself! At the end of the afternoon we were entertained by a most wonderful retelling of the calling of the disciples complete with miniature figures. After the story the children were asked to think about who might be worth following and how they could show their love and care for someone.



The children behaved impeccably and had a really lovely day. The ladies who led our sessions could not believe how well they listened and how many facts they already knew about famous nurses.

As well as learning new facts such as Florence Nightingale owning a pet owl which she brought back on her travels from Europe and Edith Cavell having a pet dog whom she named Jack after her cheeky brother, the children also found the size and beauty of the building wonderful and enjoyed listening to the organ which was being tuned during our visit. If you are able to come to our class assembly next Thursday then you will be able to see more photographs of the day and hear some more facts about the famous nurses.





BBC Symphony Orchestra

Musicians at BBC workshop

On Thursday four of our children have the exciting chance to take part in a music workshop led by the BBC Symphony Orchestra. I look forward to hearing how they get on at the workshop at Acle Academy .

Junior Bake Off comes to Rackheath

The school council are busy planning a special event to find the best cupcake baker in Year 5 and 6. This is taking place on Thursday 8th June. Reports that Mary Berry is coming to judge are unconfirmed as yet!

Thanks to Mrs Goddard for organising this with the school council.



Year 1 Phonics – Earlier in the week Miss Hughes held a briefing for Year 1 parents about the upcoming phonics screening. If you were not able to come one of the key points links to the vital importance of regular reading and conversations about reading at home and school.

Class and Team Photographs



On Monday 15th 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.

Road Safety - On Tuesday Year 4 took part in a workshop linked to the importance of wearing seat belts. On the same afternoon Reception met road safety's Benjamin and Bethany.

School Uniform - A reminder that Retro Alley will be here on Tuesday 16th May from 2.45pm with their pop-up shop.



Well done to Years 2 and 3 who had 100% 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	Jaydn Turner-Morris	Noah Collin	Lila Ing
Year 1	Xane Brister	Olivia Read	Lily Key
Year 2	Charlotte Mann	Liam O’Kane	Ben Crook
Year 3	Molly Burdett	Lucy Eglen	Chloe St Hill
Year 4	Emily Addison	Bethan Lancaster	Jamie Tye
Year 5	Luke Royston	Jamie Barrett	Beth Tomlinson
Year 6	The whole of Year 6 !!		

Have a lovely weekend.

Chris Ashman