

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2017



Reading Update – To finish off our reading focus we have a return visit from the children's author Billy Bob Buttons on Wednesday and then on Thursday morning we are holding a Roald Dahl themed cinema experience. Children can bring in one food treat for this if they wish.

I would like to thank all the staff who have put in so much to make 'Reading, Reading Everywhere' such an exciting learning experience for the children. A big thank you to all of you too for supporting events and initiatives in the way you do.

Betty Bus PSHE

On Monday we are going to be joined in school by the Betty Bus and its staff. They are going to be working on PSHE topics with Year 5 and 6. Children in Year 5 and 6 took home a letter along with a consent form earlier in the week. If you haven't done so already please bring the slip in on Monday, otherwise your child won't be able to take part.



Rotary Club Dictionaries

On Wednesday Year 6 were presented with their own personal dictionary as a gift from the Rotary Club. They were all really pleased – thank you to Joyce and Peter from the Rotary Club who came in to present the dictionaries to the children.





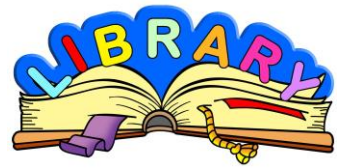
A Very Special Letter



This week Year 6 also received **a letter from the Queen** in reply to the letters they sent her. The children were excited to get a letter from The Queen's residence at Balmoral Castle which is now proudly on display.

School Library

Mrs Grogutt and Ms Holmes will be opening up the school library on Friday 20th October between 10.30am and 12.00pm. Pop in to get some new books for holiday reading and to share a drink and biscuit.



Parent Lunch Month

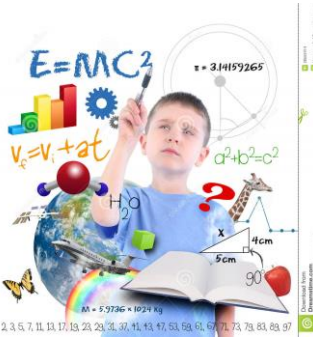
For the last few years we have held a parent lunch month where parents can come in and eat a school lunch with their children. This year we will be running this between Monday 6th November and Friday 1st December. For those new to the school the idea is that on any day in November a maximum of 8 parents could come and eat a lunch with their children. A sign-up sheet and more information can be found in the office. Parents with more than 1 child can sign up more than once as due to timetables it is not possible for all children to eat together. Reception parents should arrive to eat from 11.50am. Parents of Year 1 and 2 should arrive at 12.00pm. Parents in KS2 should arrive for either 12.20pm or 12.35pm depending on the lunch rota. All timings are approximate.

	12.20pm	12.20pm	12.35pm	12.35pm
Week of 6 th November	3	4	5	6
Week of 13 th November	4	5	6	3
Week of 20 th November	5	6	3	4
Week of 27 th November	6	3	4	5

Governors Update – It was lovely to meet some prospective governors on Wednesday evening. We very much hope that they, and some of you, put yourself forward for this important and rewarding role. The deadline for Parent Governor applications is Tuesday 31st October at noon. Forms to apply are available from the office.



Science Focus



Next half term our focus is going to be on Science Teaching and Learning. Mrs Petraglia, our science lead, and the staff are already planning exciting events, visits and visitors. Should any of you have any links to science, for example through your job, and would be able to work with the school please let us know.

Aylmerton Residential - Just after half term, on the 6th November, Year 6 are off to Aylmerton for the week. Mr Cavender is holding a preparation meeting for parents at 2.15pm on Thursday 19th October.

Parents Evenings

Our first parent's evenings of the year are next Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. If you haven't had a chance to make an appointment please get in touch with the school office. I am happy to meet with anyone who would like to make an appointment or catch me during the evening. Retro Alley will be at both evenings too if you need uniform.



Clubs in Parents Evening Week – There will be no clubs run by school staff on Tuesday or Wednesday. Premier Sports Archery Club will go ahead as usual on Wednesday. I will run an **extra football club for Year 4, 5 and 6 on Monday 16th** as the children have not had the club for a few weeks due to home matches being played.

Unfortunately there will be no Multi-skills club on Monday 16th as Mr Cavender is leading a cluster meeting or on 6th November due to the residential.

Class Assemblies – This week we had 2 class assemblies. On Wednesday Year 3 based their assembly on all their Roald Dahl related English work which included a fantastic bit of drama based on the BFG!, while the day after Reception put on their first ever class assembly which was a real treat. At both assemblies it was lovely to see so many family members in attendance.



..... the last few days of term remain busy ones. On Monday we are holding our School Council and Eco Committee elections.... On Tuesday Year 5 has their Anglo Saxon Day..... on Wednesday Year 3 are out on a trip to Strangers Hall and 19 of our children are taking part in a football tournament.

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Thank you to everyone who purchased a Spree Book, in doing so you helped to raise £200 for the school.

Don't forget our 'Clothes Only' Jumble Sale on Saturday 21st October from 10.00am to 12.00pm. We are still happy to take donations of donations of good quality, clean clothes (adults or children's), shoes, bags or belts please until Thursday 19th October.



Well done to Year 5 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	Lacey Smith	Whole of Reception	Isabel Chilvers
Year 1	Katy Webb	Alice Tandy	Yuan Staley
Year 2	Luke Burrows	Ellie Trabelsi	Dylan Viner
Year 3	Whole of Year 3	Sebastian Jenkins	Hannah Rudd
Year 4	James Clarke	Darcey Wright	Lewis Mann
Year 5	Aaron Knights	Isabelle Mann	Isobel Crisp
Year 6	Brooke Perrins	Molly Broadwater	Janelle Jay

Have a super weekend!

Chris Ashman