

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th November



National SATS Results - Earlier in the year we began to share our excellent pupil results at the end of Year 2 and Year 6. Recently we were very excited and proud to find out that across the country at KS2 we were in the top 3% of schools in terms of progress from KS1 to KS2 in the 2014 SATS. A huge well done to everyone involved. It really shows what happens when children are keen to learn, parents are really supportive and teaching is good and outstanding.



Remembrance Day in School

I felt that Tuesday represented so much that is good about our school. The community came together to provide a fitting tribute to the fallen. Once all the poppies decorated the hall it looked lovely. Importantly from talking to the



children it is clear they understand what happened in World War I and why it is so important to remember what happened. Our children will carry the torch to make sure we never forget. As part of our special assembly it was lovely to welcome Reverend Sandy Dutton to our school and also Lynn Hatch from the Royal British Legion who presented us with a certificate for raising £163.66 for the Poppy Appeal.



Operation Christmas Child – Thank you to everyone who kindly donated a shoe box for this worthy cause. We collected 31 shoe boxes which will be sent to Romania.

Kingswood – Last week Year 5 and 6 went to Kingswood on their residential. It was quite a different experience for our children compared to our usual residentials and to our original destination which was due to be Brancaster. As a big centre the site was very busy and the children were on the go from 9.00 in the morning until 9.00 at night. Through the week I was extremely impressed by all the children who behaved extremely well and had a lovely time although by the end of the week some of them were understandably really tired and keen to get home. As someone who came back very tired despite only being there for 2 nights I would like to extend my appreciation to all the staff who went with the children for their care, hard work and sense of humour.

Nepal in Need – On Monday David Ellis came into assembly to accept the cheque for well over a £1000 pounds which was raised by the community towards his charity, Nepal in Need. David showed us how the money would be spent in one of the poorest countries in the world. At the same time Mrs Paul made a surprise visit much to the delight of the children and staff!



Harvest Donations – This week the Norwich Food Bank delivered a certificate to say we collected 99kg of food at Harvest which was enough for 14 people for 3 days.

Thank you so much! – The last four items in the newsletter all relate to raising money or providing for other people. Your generosity in getting involved with all these good causes is really appreciated and really helps develop our children as thoughtful, considerate citizens of the world.



School Mission Statements - The views of the school community have been collected and collated so we will soon be able to share our new mission statement with you.

Football v Tunstead – The school team continued their excellent start to the season winning their 4th game in a row as they beat Tunstead 6 – 0. Again what stood out was the team work, passing and unselfish play. Our goals were scored by Thomas Moore and Oliver Milligan with 2 each and Dylan Parnell Crook and Sam watts who both netted once. A special mention should go to William Barnes who came into the team on the day and made some super saves as he kept a clean sheet in goal.





Farm to Fork - On Thursday Year 3 were the first class to visit Tesco for Farm to Fork. The children and adults had a super time and came back with some very tasty goodies! Over the next two weeks all our classes will get to visit for free thanks to the generosity of those involved with the Farm to Fork project.

Numeracy Cafes – Next week Reception have their café on Thursday and Year 4 on Friday.



St Johns vs Rackheath - Netball Match

On Thursday 13th of November Rackheath went to St Johns for our first league netball match. We started off winning 3 -0 at the end of the first quarter with Daisy in centre, goal shooters were Oliver and Lydia, goal defence and goal keeper were Carter and Kiera. We were in the lead YAY!!!!!! The second quarter was when St Johns started scoring at the end of this quarter the score was 5- 1 to Rackheath! Gemma was centre, with Elinor and Daisy shooting and defence were Oliver and Lydia. Daisy scored 2 to make it 5. The third quarter was not so good with 2 injuries. In that quarter it came to 6-6 with Carter and Daisy coming off it was Kiera in centre and goal shooters were Gemma and Oliver, defence where Lydia and Elinor. The fourth quarter was our last with Lydia and Kiera shooting we were sure to win. Suddenly they started scoring loads and the final score was 15-7 to us YEAHHHHHH!!!!!!!!!

Boy / Girl of the Match was Lydia Rivett and she was also our top scorer.



The team was Elinor Grimmer, Gemma Smith, Kiera Braithwaite, Oliver Milligan, Lydia Rivett, Carter Daniels and Daisy Stone.

Thanks to Mrs Pilbrow for giving us the chance to play.

Written by Elinor Grimmer and Daisy Stone.



Safe Parking – The weather is getting colder so we are seeing more cars at pick up and drop off time please can we ask all of you to be really careful around the school and consider the safety of other road users and pedestrians.

Sports Update – The girl’s football team are playing in a tournament next Tuesday and on Wednesday 26th it is the Cluster Cross Country for 32 children in Year 3 to 6.

Even busier than usual ... We always aim to provide our children with lots of opportunities. This time of year is particularly busy in schools with everything going on in the lead up to Christmas. It takes a lot of effort and a lot of organisation from a lot of people who are doing this on top of their core responsibilities. I know this is appreciated in the community; I would just like everyone to bear this in mind and be patient in the event of an honest mistake or a late date change.



To raise money for Mrs Goddard’s Trek to Nepal in April 2015 join her for another Family Bingo Night on Saturday November 22nd at 7pm. Children 10-16 £2.50, Adults £5 and Under 10s Free. Bring your own drink and nibbles.

FORS

FESTIVE GIFT FAYRE – Don’t forget to buy your tickets from any FORS member, the school office or Wright Way Stores. To see what stalls are coming, visit our Facebook page. Remember, buying your tickets in advance automatically enters you into a £50 cash draw.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	George Solomon	Ruby Cozens	Zachary Dawson
Year 1	Anise Batchelor	Nicole Rump	William Finch
Year 2	Olivia Ptolomey	Danielle Ramm	Aaron Knights
Year 3	Amelie Thomas	Freya Henderson	Sonny Hurn
Year 4	Max Penson	Freddie Ottolangui	Logan St Hill
Year 5	John Barrett	Dylan Parnell-Crook	Ella Poole
Year 6	Georgia-Mae Hammond	Tili Cutting	William Grant

Chris Ashman