

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2019

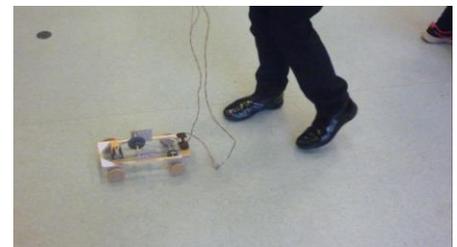
It's been another busy week at Rackheath with lots going on in school linked to our whole school topic, with a special focus on some fantastic DT work. We've also enjoyed some cricket and karate sessions during the week. We finished today thinking about others as we raised money for Comic Relief.

Hethel Primary Engineering Project

This week lots of classes have started making their own model cars. Over this and next week all the children from Reception to Year 6 will learn all about the skills needed to create a frame for their car, build axle holders and fix moving wheels onto their cars. In addition Year 5 and 6 have made their cars run on battery power by creating a gearing system and a switch system so the car can move backwards and forwards. So far around half the school have made their cars with the rest of the construction taking place next week. A big thank you to all those that helped



make the project such a success, especially Mr Edwards who has led the project with support from the Hethel Engineering Centre and Miss Hughes.



For the third year in a row the school won the local heat of quiz club last month. The team are off to Cambridge to take part in the regional finals on Wednesday. Good luck to Rebecca Burrows, Lewis Mann, Liam O'Kane and Jack Johns. A big thank you to Ms Holmes for preparing the team and for taking them to the event along with Mrs Pilbrow.

Cluster Rugby – Next week 10 children from Year 6 are taking part in a rugby festival being held at North Walsham Rugby Club.

Futuristic Day

At the end of this term, to finish off our '*From here to there and back again*' topic, we will be looking into the future and using our imagination to think about what life in Rackheath might be like in the year 2059. We will **not** be dressing up for this day, instead the children will be making a piece of wearable technology that they think will be used in the future. We will also be using junk to design and create an item that might be used in Rackheath 2059.

For this, we are asking parents to send in any 'junk' (washed and clean) or materials that the children will be able to use for that day. We are looking for: cereal boxes, yoghurt pots, egg boxes, plastic bottles or anything else that you have that may be useful. It would be helpful if it could be dropped off at the office or with the class teacher in a bag for ease of storage.

Linked to Futuristic Day we are looking forward to our **Planetarium Day**. The Planetarium will be set up in the hall on Monday 25th March giving all classes a chance to visit it over the course of the day.



This week we have been thinking about 'Helping Others' in assemblies and as such it was timely to receive a thank you letter from Water Aid. Around Christmas a group of Year 5 girls had asked if they could have a stall at the fair to sell their clever knitted products and the letter was to thank them for raising £23.65 for the charity. Well done Anise, Brooke, Millie, Bethany and Darcie for showing great initiative and kindness.

Football Update – Unfortunately the game against Stalham was a victim of the bad weather on Tuesday. The team have a game against North Walsham next Thursday.



School Uniform – Retro Alley will be holding their next school uniform Pop-Up Shop on Tuesday 19th March. The shop starts just before the end of the school day.



Rackheath Around the World

Linked to our cafes we are aiming to find out how many countries Rackheath children, families and staff have visited or lived in. Thank you to everyone who has already brought things in - our World Map is starting to fill up. You can still bring in photographs, foreign currency or other things such as tickets from around the world to add to the map.

Red Nose Day - Details of the day and money raised will appear in next week's newsletter.



Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 5 who had
99%
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	Olivia Hogarth	Maxwell Sweatman	Leon D'Souza
Year 1	Reuben Wilson	Cody Ketland	Harley Carey
Year 2	Whole of Year 2	Yuan Staley	Cairo Nixon
Year 3	Jack Brown	Whole of Year 3	Amy-Leigh Knights
	Mr Brannan and Mr Barnes for amazing help in Y3 Car making		
Year 4	Sadie Pennycook	Hanna Rudd	George Solomon
Year 5	Charlie Cramer-McConnell	Lucy Eglan	Bobby Goldsmith
Year 6	Year 6 Girls	Emily Addison	Louie Bond

Have a good weekend.

Chris Ashman