

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2015

It has been a lovely week back in school. It is great to see blue skies and to be able to enjoy the warm weather. The children have all come back with a great attitude and have settled straight back into school life. The only clouds on the horizon this week have been technological. First the shutters separating the kitchen from the hall broke and had to be removed and second the trolley which charges the laptops broke. We hope they can both be fixed or replaced as quickly as possible!



Over the holiday Mr Cavender became a father again when Theodore James Cavender was born. We wish all the Cavenders well. Mrs Chapman also had a successful back operation and we wish her a speedy recovery. Mr Cavender's paternity leave has given me the opportunity to teach Year 5 for a few weeks which has been a lot of fun for me and hopefully for them too!

Library Update

We are all very excited by the steady arrival of new furniture and books for our newly revamped library. We are fortunate to have the input of Marilyn Brocklehurst from the Norfolk Children's Book Centre who is working alongside Mrs Grogutt and Mrs Milligan to create our new space.



One of the nicest elements of our reading project is the team work that has gone in to the creation of the class reading spaces as well as the support from others connected to the school. For example Mrs Dampier, one of our governors, has been able to get us some real bargains through her links with Bertram's Books and Mr Grubb has been busy working on transforming an old trolley into something we can use as our outside book trolley.

Next Year's Reception Intake



We found out this week the names of the children joining us next year in Reception. Mrs Pallant has been busy planning transition events and we will be contacting families soon with details of our open evening, stay and play sessions and other activities designed to make transition from nursery to school as smooth as possible.

We were really pleased to see that we will be full in Reception in 2015-16 as there will be the maximum of 30 children in the class. It is good to know that families trust our school to provide an excellent education. With 19 children leaving in Year 6 and 30 joining us our school numbers will be close to 190 in 2015-16 which is

exciting. Indeed since September 2013 our numbers will have risen by as many as 25 children in 2 years.

Parent Surveys – The governors are putting the finishing touches to our annual survey of parents. Some of questions in the survey are a little different this year to reflect key areas we would like your views on. The surveys will be distributed on the 24th April and we very much hope that as many of you as possible respond. We value your ideas and viewpoint as we strive to continually improve the experience our children have at Rackheath.



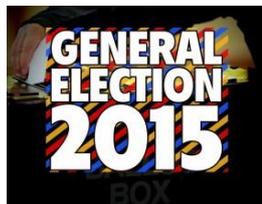
Cycling Groups – On Tuesday 21st the Year 4 children, who have signed up to take part, will be starting their cycling training on the playground. Information about this has gone out separately.

Swimming

Year 5 are swimming this half term starting on Friday 24th April. Consent forms have gone out which need to be returned before next Friday.



Good luck to the **Girl's Swimming Team** of Charlotte Abramson, Maria Braithwaite, Caitlin Ettridge and Daisy Stone who are competing in a school's gala over the weekend. Thank you to Mrs Abramson and Mrs Stone for organising the team.

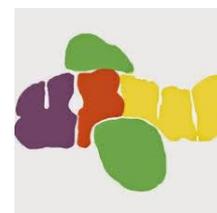


could bring it in.

Elections 2015 – We have been thinking about the 2015 General Election in assemblies this week. On Election Day, May 7th, we are going to be carrying out some events linked to the election. We are looking to collect any information such as posters and leaflets linked to the election so if you have anything useful it would be great if you

Rackheath Bombers Preschool Event

We will be holding a May Day Fete on Saturday 2nd May (2pm – 4pm) at Holy Trinity Church. There are still spaces for a stall so if you, or anyone you know, are interested in having one please contact me on Tel No: 07954 728319 or email: kel.123@live.co.uk.



Kelly Harmer



Nice Slices visit to the Virgin Money lounge

On Thursday the 26th March Nice Slice went to the Virgin Money lounge. The journey was great but there was lots of traffic. When we got there we set up our amazing looking cakes also our fruit and cheese scones!

The customers kept on coming but at lunch time we had hardly any customers. We had a few short breaks. But five minutes later we started packing up and said a big thanks to all the staff.

We headed back to school and ate our lunch. After 2 weeks we counted up the money and got a whooping £137.80! We wish we could go again!

By Ellen, Sam and Matt



The Mighty Rackheath Primary School against Salhouse!

On Thursday 16th of April Rackheath Primary School played netball against Salhouse Primary. Our fantastic coach (Mrs Pilbrow) led the team to victory by taking up her personal time to coach our team every Thursday.

The team were:

Freya grime, Oliver Milligan, Caitlin Ettridge who all scored a net each. Maria Braithwaite who scored three nets, Lydia Rivet scored two nets and the rest of the team were Henry Adam, Kiera Braithwaite and Gemma Smith. With their amazing team they managed to win 8-3!

Thank you to Mrs Pilbrow.
Smith

Written by Kiera Braithwaite and Gemma

Diary Dates for the Summer Term – You should receive with this newsletter an A4 sheet detailing all the events for the term.



EAT\$ Menu – The new menu has been sent home today. Remember to refer to the typed one detailing changes made by our Cook, Natalie, which was sent home before the Easter break. Copies are available from the office.

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Sophie Atkinson	Alex Dove	Frazer Braithwaite
Year 1	Lucy Eglon	Liam Moll	Liam Cowey
Year 2	Isabelle Mann	Abi Peel	Caedn Huckle
Year 3	Harry Brown	Amelie Thomas	Marshall Newton
Year 4	Olivia Crook	Rosie Milligan	Stanley Bond
Year 5	Ryan Daynes	Lottie Allison	William Barnes
Year 6	Aaleyah Ramm	Oliver Milligan	Ben Finch

Attendance Bear
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This week he gets to spend the week with Year 3 who had an attendance of 99.6%.

Well done Year 3!

Chris Ashman