

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 17th November 2017

OFSTED Inspection – As you know the school was inspected by Ofsted earlier in the week. We should have their report to share with you within 3 to 4 weeks. Thanks to the children who were all amazing throughout the inspection. The staff team all really appreciated the supportive messages from parents that we had during the week and it meant a lot to see the results from parent view.

Year 6 Residential at Aylmerton

"Last week year 6 went on their residential to Aylmerton, near Sheringham. The children all had a fantastic time and really enjoyed themselves.

They took part in a number of activities such as: building a zipline, night walk, swimming, seal watching, a disco, orienteering and Alien Rescue. The one we loved the most was the Alien Rescue which was a seven mile walk! We had to find clues, reading a map, using a compass, take pictures of weird surroundings and use a walkie-talkie to contact the instructors. We were looking for an alien that had crash landed. We also had to carry a stove and cook our own food on it. Mrs Goddard actually nearly set her hair alight with the stove!!

I want to say thank you to the instructors from Aylmerton as they made it fun - especially when they were pirates. Thank you to the teachers as well as they stayed with us!"

Harry Brown



Thanks again to the staff team of Mr Cavender, Mrs Goddard, Mrs Roe and Mrs Grogutt for giving up their time to take the children.





Science News – This week we have had our Conker Challenge! We have witnessed some epic conker battles and seen some incredibly strong conkers. Favourite modifications have included; putting conkers in the freezer, baking them, coating them in vinegar and coating them in nail varnish. This afternoon we had a special assembly linked to science where we found out who had managed to create the toughest conker!



Parent Book Look – It has been lovely to see lots of parents in school sharing learning and looking at books with their children. Next week we have Year 6 book look on Wednesday, Year 2 on Thursday and Year 5 on Friday.

Parent Lunch Month – It has been great to see families enjoying a school dinner as part of Parent Lunch Month. We still have 2 more weeks and there are a few spaces available. The feedback about the food from parents so far has been really positive. Thanks to Shane and Abbie in the kitchen for all their hard work!

Year 5 Trip to Sutton Hoo



On Monday we went to Sutton Hoo (in Suffolk) to improve our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxons. The first set of workshops included rubbing patterns on to a piece of paper using crayons, feeling replicas of Anglo Saxon artefacts and moulding clay to make pots and plates. We also had the opportunity to go into the museum where we got to dress up; look inside an Anglo Saxon shed boat and view coins, helmets, shields and swords. Then we had lunch. The best part by far was when we got to stand on top of King Readwild's burial mound! We really enjoyed our trip to Sutton Hoo and learnt lots of interesting facts. Thank you to all the staff who took us.

By Bethan Lancaster and Rebecca Burrows

Year 2 Visit to see the Chickens

On Wednesday afternoon Year 2 walked to Vera Road to see some chickens belonging to Mrs Grogutt's friend Liz. We saw not just chickens, but also some ducks and a Norfolk Black turkey. We collected some eggs from the chickens and today we made and ate some delicious egg mayonnaise sandwiches.

We saw some unusual things made from wood in the front garden including a fairy door. Lots of us knocked on the door but the fairy didn't answer! Oh!

We went inside Liz's caravan and we saw Lego figures, key rings, minions, chocolate Brussel sprouts, McDonald's toys, artificial flowers and a kettle. Liz kindly gave us the Brussel sprouts and we enjoyed eating them when we got back to school.



Governor Day - On Thursday our governors joined us for the day. It was great to welcome them all, especially our 5 new governors. I know they enjoyed their day and were very impressed with the learning and behaviour of all our children.



Children In Need – Today for Children In Need we raised £237.00 with our non-school uniform day and fun challenges at lunchtime. Thank you to everyone!

FORS NEWS

100 Club Forms – Please remember to return any 100 Club forms to the office.

Festive Gift Fayre Tickets – these are still available from the school office, Wright Ways Post office or ask a member of the FORS committee.

Santa's Grotto Time Slots – A member of the FORS committee will be in the school office on Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd and Friday 24th November in the morning and at the end of the school day. You can book and pay for your slot to see Father Christmas on 1st December.



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	Harley Carey	George Hogarth	Olive Champion
Year 1	Ellie Broadwater	Scarlet Curle	Ben Newson
Year 2	Theo Orme	All of Class 2	Joseph Tandy
Year 3	Jacob Lancaster	Morgan Scotton	Caitlyn Moore
Year 4	Connie Snowden	Anise Batchelor	Sophie Appleton
Year 5	Lola Wickham	Ethan Royston	Mason Parfitt-Bland
Year 6	All of Year 6	Dylan Cullum	Ruby Donnelly
Staff	All staff have been diamonds this week!!		

Have a super weekend!

Chris Ashman