

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September

Tour of Britain – Last Friday was a great success. The children learnt a lot, behaved impeccably and had a lot of fun. We wanted to share a few photos with you all:



Author Visits

On Tuesday author James Campbell came into school to deliver what turned out to be a highly amusing, entertaining and informative talk to children about the writing process. I know the children loved it! In fact some children were heard to say that James was "even funnier than Mr Edwards!" at the time of going to press Mr Edwards was too upset to comment!

On Wednesday the children from Year 1 to 6 took home an order form giving details of how to buy a signed copy of one of James' books. **Any orders should be in by Friday 2nd October.**

"James Campbell visited our school on Tuesday. He is a comedian, author/writer, storyteller and a school visitor who wrote the Boy Face series of books. James started with lots of funny jokes; he even wanted to be called Antelope. Then he went on about the lollypop ladies who get buried under speed bumps. On Halloween they would rise up and make children jump! Then he talked about how you write a book and you lean on the side but you can't get up. It was so funny I needed the toilet and I was as red as a tomato. Thank you for visiting us".

By Georgie Greenfield & Ellen Hughes Y5

A quote from Ellen "Mr Edwards should focus on teaching and leave the jokes to James Campbell"



Clubs – It has been great to see lots of our children enjoying the first week of school clubs! The football team play their first game of the season next Tuesday against Coltishall.

Class assemblies – The first class assembly of the year is next **Thursday 24th September**. **Year 6** are the class kicking the year off and they will start at **2.40pm**. We look forward to seeing family members from Year 6 on the day.

Parent Lunch Month



In October we are planning another opportunity for parents to come in and try one of our super school lunches for the bargain price of £2.52. For those new to the school the idea is that on any day in October 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 12pm. Parents in KS2 should arrive for either 12.20pm or 12.35pm depending on the lunch rota listed below:

	12.20pm	12.20pm	12.35pm	12.35pm
Week 28th September	6	3	4	5
Week 5th October	3	4	5	6
Week 12th October	4	5	6	3
Week 19th October	5	6	3	4



Senior Citizens Lunch

It is important to us to be at the centre of the community and as such we are planning to hold an event for senior citizens in Rackheath in the lead up to Christmas. Plans haven't been finalised yet but would involve something to eat and drink with entertainment from some of our children. Should you know anyone who you think would like to join us in December for this please let the office know. It would be wonderful if this could become a Christmas tradition at Rackheath.

Rackheath History Week - We want to give you advance notice of something exciting that is being planned for the children in May 2016 because we are sure you will be able to help! Basically we went to spend a special week in school learning all about the history of Rackheath. The week will culminate in a Rackheath Museum being set up and curated by our children. As residents of Rackheath we would love to get you involved either through sharing your stories or by bringing in any Rackheath memorabilia you may have. Miss Maibaum is co-ordinating this and she would love to hear from you as would other staff!



Schools Football Fantasy League is back!!

Can you pick a team that will score more points than your friends or teacher's team? If so you should register a team on the School Fantasy League website (www.schoolsfl.com). This is a free resource which is really fun to use. Once you are on the site it should not take too long to register, name and pick your team. Then you can join the Rackheath Primary School League using the pin number **1360396**. It is open to everyone in the community so **children, parents, governors and staff** can all pick a team.

The basic idea is that every manager has £110 million to spend to pick a team of 11 players. You can pick up to 3 players from one club. Through the season you can make substitutions and throughout the season managers can win certificates and other prizes depending on how well they are doing. It is good for developing literacy and numeracy skills too. Teams need to be **registered by Saturday October 17th** to start scoring points in the first week. Last year we had 45 teams it would be great if we could have even more this year. Please see Mr Ashman if you are having any problems.



Start Active – Premier Sport Start Active is still taking place before school on a Tuesday and Friday. This is a fun and active way to start the day. If you would like more information ask in the office. Unfortunately if we do not get more children coming along we will have to stop running the club after this block finishes at half term.

School Council



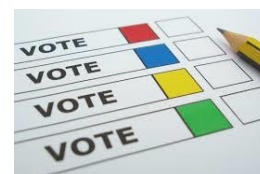
Macmillan Coffee Morning – It's that time of year again where we can all join together to help raise money for a good cause over coffee and cake. Please come along and join us on Friday 25th September from 8.45am – 9.30am in the hall. We will be holding a raffle for which tickets can be purchased on the morning. For those who can't make it you will have the opportunity to buy some tickets outside football alley on Tuesday and Thursday at 3pm. Also if you would like to make a donation of any cakes they would be gratefully received.

Raffle Prizes needed! – To make our coffee morning a success we need some raffle prizes for our grand raffle! If you have a business which would like to obtain some free advertising and gain a new customer please bring in any vouchers or prizes into the office by Monday 21st September. Any boxes of chocolates, sweets, toys, 'smellies', bottles of bubbly, etc. would be gratefully received.



Many thanks
Mrs Goddard and the School Council

Elections – We ended the week with the elections of Year 6 House Captains. The result of which was not available as we go to press. So watch this space!



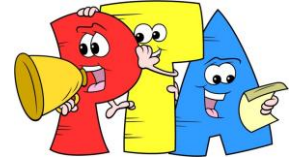


Midday Supervisors

We now know that we are looking to appoint someone (or perhaps more than one person) to work Monday to Friday as one of our Midday Supervisory Team. This will be for an hour each day. Due to the interest already shown in the post anyone who would like to apply should collect an application from the office or ask for it to be emailed. Applications should be returned by Friday 25th September.

FORS (Friends of Rackheath Primary School)

FORS will be holding their AGM on Friday 25th September @ 2pm in school. FORS help raise money for extra things for our children in school, last year we paid for all the children to visit the zoo & purchased play equipment for the outside area & much more! If you would like to help out no matter how much or little you can do then please attend the meeting or leave your name & contact number at reception thank you.



Bag2School –The date for this is 6th November. More information to follow

Spree Books will be coming out next week!



Well done to Reception, Year 3 and Year 6 who all had 100% attendance. We asked attendance bear where he would like to go and he said he would like to meet the new Reception children this week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Year 1	Sebastian Jenkins	Ruby Cozens	Ewan Poole
Year 2	Alfie Betts	Dylan Quinsey	Sophie Appleton
Year 3	Keegan Mickleburgh	Hannah Scotton	Caedn Huckle
Year 4	Mia Westley	Mackenzie Ettridge	Oliver Moore
Year 5	Charlie Clarke	Oliver Firman	Ellen Hughes
Year 6	William Barnes	Gemma Smith	Joshua Perrins

Have a great weekend!

Chris Ashman