

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2015



Since the big top went up on Monday it has been a special week at Rackheath. Everyone has had a wonderful time with Circus Ferrel. One highlight was the special assembly in the big top on Tuesday where we first met Marty, Grandma and the other performers. As well as getting wet thanks to Marty's "cleaning" we were also treated to some amazing gymnastics from Mr Cavender on the trapeze!

Over the course of Tuesday and Wednesday all classes experienced a circus workshop in the big top where they learnt to juggle, spin plates and use diablos. I also hear that Mrs Pallant could pursue a parallel career on the high wire!

On Wednesday it was time for the first show. Around 100 people in the audience had a fantastic time. The children were brilliant and loved being involved. It was lovely to see the school so vibrant in the evening and looking around it was great to see us at the centre of the community. While the finale of the show, without giving away too much, was one of the scariest moments of my life!

All of which just leaves two packed out shows to go tonight and on Saturday! Tickets are still available on the door at each performance and don't forget the BBQ and bar. These will be available tonight before the show and during the interval and tomorrow until half an hour after the show has finished.

I know on Monday when the children arrive at school they will secretly hope the big top is still there. This is largely due to Marty and the rest of Circus Ferrel who have been stars all week!





Staffing 2015-16 - Last Friday we were very pleased to appoint two new members of staff to join our team. Mrs Milligan will be working in Year 2 and Mrs Bugdale will be joining us to support different children across the school as well as take classes as an HLTA in the afternoon. I know that both ladies will make a very positive contribution to our school.

I am very pleased to say that there are very few staffing changes next year. As Headteacher it is wonderful for me to know that the fantastic, friendly and supportive team that we have at Rackheath remains in place. The class teams for each year group are as follows:

Class	Team
Reception	Mrs Pallant, Mrs Pulford, Mrs Bird
Year 1	Miss Hughes, Mrs Penson
Year 2	Mrs Grogutt, Mrs Rivett, Mrs Milligan
Year 3	Mrs Magee, Miss Brannan, Mrs Howes
Year 4	Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper
Year 5	Mr Cavender, Mrs Goddard
Year 6	Mr Edwards, Ms Holmes, Mrs Chapman

In addition Mrs Chapman, Mrs Bugdale and Mrs Bird will teach classes in the afternoon in their HLTA role as will Mrs Goddard and Mrs Wooltorton on an occasional basis. From September Mrs Wooltorton is going to be focusing on the important work she does supporting children and

families, as our Parent Support Advisor. Miss Bartram has gained a place on the SNITT teacher training programme. We are very pleased that she will be spending much of the year here working alongside Miss Hughes in Year 1.

The office team of Mrs Roe and Mrs Pilbrow will be continuing their vital work which includes keeping me organised. Our MSA team of Mrs Humphrey, Ms Smethurst, Mrs Spurling, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Rivett, Miss Powell, Mrs Culling, Miss Snowden, Miss Hawkes and Mrs Pilbrow will continue to support the children at lunchtime. Mr Grubb and Ms Holmes will continue to make up our caretaking and cleaning team.

Transition Day – Our transition morning when children move up to their new classes will take place on Tuesday 30th June for all classes except for the Reception children moving into Year 1. The new Year 1 class will be working with Miss Hughes on Friday 26th June in the morning. On the 30th June our new Reception children and their parents will also be joining us in groups of 10 for an hour at a time.



Maths Super Stars – Thomas Moore and Maria Braithwaite have successfully completed a Royal Institute Maths Masterclass for gifted Year 6 mathematicians held at the Norwich School and Notre Dame High School over the last 6 Saturdays. Well done Thomas and Maria.



Sports Week

Fun Sports – Monday 22nd June

Monday 22nd kicks off our sports week with the annual 'Fun Sports' morning where the children will be in mixed age groups to take part in a series of exciting sporting challenges such as hoop shoot and the water bucket challenge! We are hoping to start this morning at 9.15am on the school field and expect it to finish by 11.30am. We ask that all children come into school in their PE kits for the Monday to allow us to start the morning on time! Parents are welcome to come along and watch!

EYF Sports Day – Tuesday 23rd June

The reception sports day is on Tuesday, with the Rackheath Bombers joining in too!

Ks1 Sports Day – Wednesday 24th June

The plan is for this event to start at 9.15am on the school field. We would like the children to come to school in their sports kits so that we can start on time. Y1 and Y2 will take part in their colour teams for a variety of running and skills races. Parents are invited to come along and watch and cheer on all of the competitors.

Ks2 Sports Day – Wednesday 24th June

This event starts at 1.15pm and will run through to the end of the day. There is a new format to the ks2 sports day this year with an opening track procession and new events (such as a Tug of war!).

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Children will need PE kits for all events with sensible shoes for running races. Can we also ask that all children have sun cream on as we are expecting some warm weather (fingers crossed!) Children will also need water bottles for each day.

Year 5 Enterprise Café

The 'Make £5 grow' topic has really taken off in year 5 now and all of the teams are preparing to start selling their products to make money!



One group, 'The Sensational Six', has already made over £100 by selling curries to hungry parents. Another group has been selling face painting and temporary tattoos before the circus this week to get children into the circus spirit. As this has been a success this group may continue this into next week. Next Friday the Pizza Pan group are offering parents the chance to buy pre-made pizzas for you to take home and cook for the family. Ask the office for an order form if this is something that interests you!

As well as this, one group of children will be selling sweets after school during the week of the 22nd June; and the 'MotoPhoto' group will be offering children the chance to have a photograph of them sat on a REAL motorbike for only £1.

Scooters & Bikes - Just a reminder that scooters should be placed in the rack provided so that bikes can be put in the cycle rack. Please be careful whilst you are doing so to ensure that property belonging to others is not damaged.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Adam Houston	Charlotte Ritchie	Evie Cleminson
Year 1	Felicity Hughes	Logan Adam	Ellie Collin
Year 2	Ethan Royston	Caedn Huckle	Abi Peel
Year 3	Charlotte Warrington	Eloisa Orme	Callum O'Kane
Year 4	Matt Rivett	Cian McAulay	Charlie Hayhoe
Year 5	Luke Mayes	Charlie Pilbrow	Henry Adam
Year 6	Thomas Moore	Aaleyah Ramm	Tristan Wilson

Chris Ashman