

Rackheath Primary School



Newsletter

Wednesday 20th July 2016

It is hard to believe that another year at Rackheath has passed. It certainly feels that we have achieved a lot again this year and that most importantly we continue to provide exciting learning opportunities for our children.

It is far from a complete list but during the year we have:

- Opened up the Rackheath museum
- Watched pantomimes and other performances
- Started music lessons and held our first Music Concert
- Been visited by 2 authors, scientists and Wes Hoolahan
- Been crowned North Norfolk Football Champions
- Competed in lots of other sports events with considerable success
- Involved families in literacy and numeracy cafes, book looks and learning journeys
- Celebrated the Tour of Britain with our own special event
- Enjoyed an activity day on the school field
- Held an Olympic Sports Week
- Linked with the community for the Queen's 90th birthday
- Camped on the School Field
- Improved our website
- Been on 3 residentials
- Held lots of special curriculum days and events
- Performed Christmas plays, concerts and end of year plays
- Held Christmas, craft and summer fairs

On top of all this the staff have to carry out their "main" job of planning and delivering stimulating and exciting lessons. Our school performance data clearly shows how successfully they are doing this as in nearly all measures our children are performing above and often well above the national averages. This is really important as it shows that the staff are combining exciting extra opportunities with academic progress and achievement and I thank them all for it.

WE WILL MISS YOU



Mrs Pulford - On Friday we said goodbye to Mrs Pulford. The lovely gifts and morning visit to reception class from the parents in the class showed how well thought of Mrs Pulford is across the school community. She is a super teacher and a great and kind friend to all at Rackheath. We wish her well and look forward to her visiting us as a supply teacher next year.



Musical Success – Last Saturday 4 of our guitarists took their Initial Grade Exam. Amazingly as they have been playing for less than a year all 4 passed with a merit. A massive well done to Cian McAulay, Kiera Braithwaite, Stanley Bond and Matt Rivett. I know Mrs Brown is very proud of all of you!

Year 6 Leavers – Our Year 6 children have had an incredible year and we are all so proud of them all. They have been fantastic role models for the rest of the school and we will all miss them. I know they will all go on to do great things at high school and I hope they come back to tell us all about it. Through the year they have risen to every challenge with determination and good humour. Last week was no exception as they put on a great performance of singing, dancing and acting in their play “The Keymaster”



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Edwards, who continues to do a fantastic job and Ms Holmes and Mrs Chapman who have both played a big part in the success of the Year 6 Team.

Leaver's Trophies

All children in Year 6 received an award medal today. After a lot of deliberation we also chose the children to win our special awards. They have their name engraved on a shield kept in school as well as receiving a trophy, which were presented in assembly today:



English Award

Mathematics Award

Sportsman Award

Sportswoman Award

Outstanding Contribution Award

Madeleine Jenkins

Lewis Story

Alfie Mann

Kiera Braithwaite

Gemma Smith

Summer Fair - We were certainly blessed with fantastic weather on Friday. It was great to see all the children having so much fun on the school field. Well done to all the children that performed and ran a stall. A massive thank you to everyone who attended and especially to all those that helped organise and run stalls. In total the fair raised a profit of £853.



Squash

Our 6 week coaching block ended with a very successful trip to Broadland Squash Club last week. Thanks to Jake and everyone at the club for organising free coaching.

Cycling – Well done to all of the Year 6 children who have passed their on road cycling over the last few weeks.



Swimming Gala

On Monday 11th July, 8 children from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Cluster Swimming Gala. Everyone represented the school to the best of their abilities. Our best results came from Samuel Abramson, Tom Elliff and the boys relay team (Samuel, Tom, John Barrett and Alfie Mann) who all won their races. In the end we came third overall. A big well done to Elinor Grimmer, Gemma Smith, Ella Poole and Kiera Braithwaite who completed our team.



Year 2 Football

On Friday 8^h July a mixed team of Year 2 children took part in a football tournament organised by Norwich City. We certainly have some future stars in the children that took part as they all played really well and had a lovely day.

For the girls Molly Burdett, Ellie Collin, Chloe St Hill, Darcie Wright and Anise Batchelor made up the team. Representing the boys were James Clarke, Jacob Avery, Jay Barrett, Lewis Mann and Jake Green.

Thanks to Mrs Rivett for taking the team and to all the parents who helped on the day.



Report replies – thank you to everyone who has sent in their parent comment slip. It is always good to hear your views and I know staff really appreciate all the positive comments that you make.

Celebration Assembly – Well done to all the children who won this term's Celebration Award. The names are listed below:

Reception	Connor Read	Eleanor Royston
Year 1	Gideon Martin	Sadie Pennycook
Year 2	Nicole Rump	Charlie Cramer-McConnell
Year 3	Bethan Lancaster	Josh Rivett
Year 4	Grace Spurling	Calum Buckingham
Year 5	Cian McAulay	Taylan Harris
Year 6	Joshua Perrins	Ethan Mann



Attendance Gold Awards

The following 17 children were awarded with a £5 book token for achieving 100% attendance this year:

Ava Woodcock, Frazer Braithwaite, Jacob Lancaster, Jay Barrett, Millie McAulay, Bethan Lancaster, Josh Rivett, Hannah Scotton, Lola Wickham, Samuel Abramson, Marcus Gardner, Rosie Milligan, Lottie Allison, William Barnes, Kiera Braithwaite, Charlie Pilbrow and Ella Poole.

Attendance Bear
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Well done to Year 6 who had 100% attendance last week and were visited by Attendance Bear!

On a personal note it remains an absolute privilege to be Headteacher at Rackheath. I would like to say a massive thank you to all sections of the school community for everything you do to make our school the special place we all want it to be.

Good luck to everyone going to High School. Have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 5th September.

Chris Ashman

