

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 20th march

This morning proved to be a triumph of perseverance. At 9.30am we went out on to the playground to be part of the solar eclipse. Apart from it feeling a little colder and darker there wasn't much going on so we went back inside. Then suddenly we heard that you could see the sun partially eclipsed by the moon down by the Reception Class. Everyone rushed over to see this wonder of nature and sure enough we all got to see the sun partially covered by the moon, from behind the clouds which meant that we could all look at it safely. A truly magical experience. We will all be looking out for the 'Super Moon' tonight as well.

Carnival – On Tuesday the carnival came to Year 5 and 6. There were some amazing costumes and the children really enjoyed their creative day of art, music, cooking and dance. I can personally say that the Brazilian Stew was lovely! Check out the website for lots of photos from the day.



Book Corners -Next Tuesday is the big day when our class book corners are revealed in all their glory for the first time. This is all part of our plan to ensure that our school promotes the importance of reading and for all our children to grow up with a love of books and reading. On the day the children are going to look round the school at all the book corners and then vote for their favourite. You can join in from 2.45pm by popping in to classrooms to see the brilliant book areas for yourself.





Staffing

For the next week Mr Cavender will not be in school as he is having a knee operation and quite soon after Easter there will be an exciting new addition to the Cavender family meaning that Mr Cavender will be away on paternity leave for 2 weeks. We wish him and his family all the best at this exciting time.

To minimise disruption to the class over these weeks Mr Ashman will be teaching the class alongside Mrs Goddard and Mrs Chapman as well as Mrs Woollorton and Mrs Rivett for some afternoons. After Easter Mrs Chapman will also be away following back surgery. We all wish her a speedy recovery. The majority of Mrs Chapman's lessons will be covered by Mrs Watson.



School Council visit the Food Bank – The school council visited the food bank to see how the food is sorted and distributed. The children thought it was fantastic and said they were glad they were able to help. They had the opportunity to pick food off the shelves according to a list and pack boxes ready for distribution.



Pedestrian Training – Year 1 and 2 have successfully completed their training with Simone. Following the training it was great to hear how impressed Simone was with the listening and general behaviour of the children. As she visits lots of schools it reflects really well on our children. Well done Year 1 and 2. As usual parents showed great support and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered to take the children out.

Reception Assembly –Yesterday the children put on a super class assembly with dancing, music, drama and lots of lovely work on show. It was great to be joined by children from the Rackheath Bombers Nursery, many of whom will be joining the school next year.

Nepal In Need – Mrs Goddard is soon off on her travels to Nepal. She has been interviewed for the Year 5 Newspaper which you can buy for only 10p and has details of how you can sponsor her if you wish.

Rackheath win the Cluster Football Cup

On Wednesday two teams from Rackheath represented the school in the cluster tournament held at Wroxham FC. As the only 'B' Team in the tournament the team of William Grant, William Barnes, George Mickleburgh, Ben Finch, Carter Daniels, John Barrett and Hayden Parfitt-Bland won one game beating Neatishead thanks to a super goal from Hayden and performed really well throughout the tournament.

The 'A' Team of Luke Mayes, Lewis Story, Alfie Mann, Dylan Parnell-Crook, Thomas Moore, Sam Watts and Oliver Milligan played some fantastic football, passing the ball quickly and positively and creating chance after chance with their 'total football'. The boys won their first 3 games scoring 7 goals without conceding. The highlights being an amazing overhead kick from Oliver and a thumping volley from Sam into the top corner. Against Coltishall we created lots of chances but just couldn't score before conceding a goal completely against the run of play right at the end of the 9 minute game. This meant that we had to win our last game against Salhouse to win the competition, again the boys dominated, we hit the bar and post but couldn't score. With time running out Sam's corner was met perfectly on the volley by Oliver who scored the winning goal to clinch the tournament for Rackheath.

Well done to all the children that took part and a big thank you to all the parents for their support and for helping with transport.

The report from the children is below:



"Salhouse, St Johns, Coltishall, Neatishead, Rackheath A, Rackheath B were the teams that took part.

The Rackheath A team players were Oliver Milligan, Sam Watts, Lewis Story, Luke Mayes, Alfie Mann, Dylan Parnell-Crook and Thomas Moore.

The first game was against St. Johns and we won 1-0 from a goal from Oliver, from a slow start we got under way. A short break saw us start another game against Neatishead we beat them 2-0 Oliver scoring a goal and Sam scoring one. Next we played our other Rackheath team Rackheath B and defeated them 3-0 the goals were from Sam who scored 1 goal and Oliver who scored 2 goals. After that game we played Coltishall who we lost by the most luckiest goal ever from the half way line. Going in to the last game we knew that we had to win we all played are best and a cross from Sam saw a lovely volley from Oliver saw the ball go full pelt in to the net. That meant we on the tournament so everyone saw Oliver Milligan and Sam Watts lift the trophy."

By Sam and Lewis

Outside Clubs - We are always striving to give our children lots of exciting opportunities before and after school. This term we have worked with Premier Sports, Slanted Dance, Broadland Squash Club and Young Filmmakers Club. As a school we do monitor the clubs but we are reliant on the clubs providing a good calibre of teacher and providing a good service in terms of value and organisation. I know the children involved with Squash Club have really enjoyed it and we finished off our 6 weeks with a very enjoyable session at Broadland Squash Club. We very much hope that the Squash Club will continue if there is enough interest after Easter. Premier Sport Start Active has also been going well with Aaron and will continue after Easter. Premier Sports will carry on with a club on Friday after Easter but the theme is likely to change to Dodgeball. Slanted Dance will also be carrying on next term. Unfortunately there have been some problems with Young Filmmakers Club this time around. As it stands the club will not continue after Easter as we do not feel the club has offered value for money this time.

FORS

Thank you to the Church for their donation to buy the Mother's Day favors last week and also to the parents that helped out at the craft sessions.

Bag2school – The collection will be made on Friday 27th March but you can bring in your filled bags before this day if you wish. If you have enough to fill more than one bag they will take donations in any other type of plastic bag.



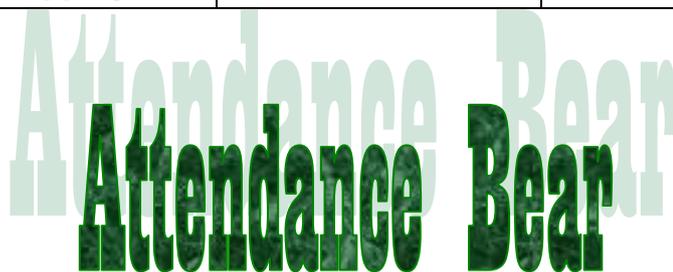
Easter Hunt – We will be holding our annual event next Friday after school. Cost to enter is 50p, siblings are welcome and all participants will get a chocolate treat.

Race Night – This popular event will take place on the evening of Saturday 16th May further details of which will follow. If you are unsure what happens at one of these please speak to the office or any FORS member for more information.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Sadie Pennycook	Ben Crook	Issey Carpenter
Year 1	Rebecca Hill	Ellie Collin	Jay Barrett
Year 2	Isobel Crisp	Oliver Grimmer	Josh Rivett
Year 3	Niamh Harris	Calum Buckingham	Maddie Woodcock
Year 4	Holly Whayman	Samuel Abramson	Max Penson
Year 5	Tom Elliff	Kiera Braithwaite	Alfie Mann
Year 6	Ben Finch	Maria Braithwaite	Thomas Moore



This week he gets to spend the week with Year 4 who had an attendance of 100%.

Well done Year 4!