

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016



**Breakfast & After School Club** – I am pleased to say that the school's governors have given the go ahead for After School Club to start from September 2016 and have committed to the club running for at least the school year. At this current time we can't commit to a breakfast club but the idea is still under consideration.

A letter containing details of how the after school club will run will come out in early June. This will contain information such as timings, costings, activities and payment systems. There will also be a form to return to secure your child's place.

### Year 6 Post-SATs Trip

Last week (on Friday), the Year 6's got treated to an astonishing trip to Great Yarmouth, to congratulate us for our hard work in SATs. Firstly, we got on the coach and set off for the Marina Centre. When we arrived, we queued up and eventually got in the pool. In the pool we played with floats as well as enjoying the wave machine! It was very fun! After an exciting time in the pool, we went down to the seafront to get fish and chips and ate them near the beach. They were delicious! After our lovely fish and chips and a lot of screaming due to the seagulls (particularly Hayden), we went inside the arcade with our money from home. There were loads of fun games and machines to play on and we all had a great time. Many people however thought that the highlight of the arcade was when Mr Edwards thrashed Mr Ashman at air hockey, 7 – 5 ( Mr Edwards demanded to have this put in the newsletter!).

Written by Alfie and Maddie



**Quick Meet** – On Monday afternoon we held our first quick meet session in the school hall. Five staff sat around the outside of the hall and asked the school council questions as they moved from table to table at 5 minute intervals. They answered questions linked to English and maths teaching as well as PE, SEND and their overall view of the school.

All staff involved were very impressed by the answers given. The children were positive and articulate and also came up with some super suggestions to make our school even better. Following its success we plan to make this a regular event in the school calendar, with a different focus and a different group of children each time.



**Parent Surveys** – Mrs Dampier is currently collating the results and they should be ready to share with you before the end of the half term. Thank you to everyone who completed one of the surveys. Your views help us to keep improving our school.

**Year 6 Science Sample Test** - We have been randomly chosen as one of the schools to take part in a national science sampling test. This has been in place since the Science SAT was discontinued some years ago. Results are not published and the tests are not passed on to anyone, they are only used to check how well science is being taught across the Primary Phase.

The tests will take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> June. Only some of the class will take the test and the names are chosen at random. We find out the names of the children chosen to take the test on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. The tests will be very low key and there will be no extra learning involved.



**Year 6 Cycling** – Next Friday the children need to bring in their bikes to be checked before starting their on-road training after half term. The children have all been given letters and consent forms which also give details on when the training will be. If you can volunteer to help out on these dates please let us know.

#### Year 4's Trip to the Broads

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May we went to the Wroxham and the broads, there were 25 children and 6 adults. We travelled by coach and then we got a boat across Wroxham Broad to Hoveton and had a nature walk. We saw some thatch roofs and reed and sedge roofs. Barbara was our guide for our trip on the boat and for half of us around Hoveton. She explained all about the wildlife and animals. Elaine who works for the broads was our other guide around Hoveton. The person who was driving our boat through the broads was Giles. At the wildlife place it was interesting and fun. We smelled lots of flowers including mint and saw lots of amazing and fascinating creatures. Mackenzie's favourite creature was the spider that crawled up his arm, Freya's favourite was the frog she spotted that jumped of a leaf into the water and Oliver's favourite was the dragonflies because they looked cool and incredible.

By Freya, Oliver and Mackenzie



### **North Norfolk Small School's Cup**

Yesterday the football team rounded off an amazing season by winning the North Norfolk Small School's Cup following a mini-tournament involving the last 4 schools left in the competition. The boys played some super football on the way to beating Overstrand 3 - 1, Colby 2 - 0 and Wells 1 - 0, with goals from Josh Perrins (3) Freddie Ottolangu, Dylan Parnell and Alfie Mann.

The result means the team finish the season undefeated – a great achievement! For me what has made it extra special has been the attitude of all the boys, their team spirit, enthusiasm and positivity. Well done to Marcus Gardner, Luke Mayes, John Barrett, Lewis Story, William Barnes and Hayden Parfitt-Bland as well as Freddie, Alfie, Dylan and Josh who made up yesterday's squad.



### **Rackheath Primary School Football Roll of Honour 2015-16**

- Broadland Cluster League Winners
- Broadland Cluster Cup Winners
- North Norfolk Member's Cup Winners
- North Norfolk Small School's Cup - Winners
- North Norfolk Girls Spring Cup – Runners-up
- North Norfolk Girl's Cup – Semi-Finalists
- Norwich City CSF Mixed Football Tournament – Runners-up
- North Norfolk Year 5 Cup – Runners-up



## FORS



**Father's Day Craft** - please return slips by Thursday 26th May if your child would like to attend. If your child does after school activities and would still like make our Father's Day gift then please indicate on your slip and we can arrange an alternative time.

### Netball v Coltishall

On Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May the netball team which included: Alfie Mann, Gemma Smith, Luke Mayes, Kiera Braithwaite, Ruby Culling, Georgie Greenfield, Maddie Jenkins and Elinor Grimmer went to a netball match at Coltishall. Alfie scored an amazing 5 goals, Kiera scored 1 and so did Luke. At the end the score was 7 - 5 to us! Well done to everybody who played and thank you to Mrs Pilbrow for organising it.



By Ruby Culling and Georgie Greenfield



**Lunchtime MSA Award** – This week's award goes to Gemma Smith and Elinor Grimmer.

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

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Xane Brister	Ellie Trabelsi	Charlie Crisp
Year 1	Sadie Pennycook	Hanna Rudd	Jacob Lancaster
Year 2	Max Buckingham	Charlie Atkinson	Chloe St Hill
Year 3	Bethan Lancaster	Rory Watts	Emily Addison
Year 4	Eloisa Orme	Mackenzie Ettridge	Molly Broadwater
Year 5	Marcus Gardner	Max Penson	Stanley Bond
Year 6	Joshua Perrins	Alfie Mann	Hayden Parfitt-Bland

Have a great weekend.

*Chris Ashman*