

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

It has been a busy end to a busy half term. On Tuesday Year 5 enjoyed their Anglo-Saxon day while on Wednesday Year 4 to 6 worked with children's author Billy Bob Buttons. During the week Year 3 visited Stranger's Hall and reception went to the theatre to see The Gruffalo. Also on Wednesday two of our teams took part in a cluster football tournament and brought back the cup to Rackheath!



**Reading Update** – To finish off our reading week we enjoyed a return visit from the children's author Billy Bob Buttons on Wednesday and then on Thursday morning we held a Roald Dahl themed cinema experience.

### Anglo Saxon Day

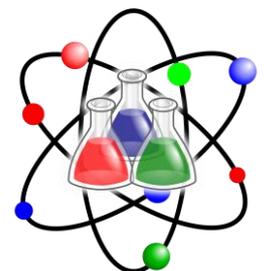
On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Year 5 had their exciting Anglo-Saxon day. The children dressed up in some fantastic costumes and had to draw their 'title' out of a hat, ranging from a King down to a serf! Throughout the day, the children produced some



artwork linked to Anglo-Saxon jewellery, a symbol and sign for their tribe and made shields. Some children cooked an Anglo-Saxon feast of chicken stew and fresh bread which was eaten at lunch time. During the afternoon, Year 5 made their own coins out of clay and it was lovely to see parents and other family members visit for the last part of the school day.

### Science Focus

As mentioned in the last couple of newsletters our focus after half term is going to be on Science Teaching and Learning. Ms Petraglia, our science lead, and the staff are already planning exciting events, visits and visitors. Should any of you have any links to science, for example through your job, and would be able to work with the school please let us know.



**School and Eco Elections** – On Tuesday we found out which children were voted by their peers to represent their class on School Council and the Eco-Committee.

Our School Council 2017-18 are:

- Reception – Alex Bland / Holly Trabelsi
- Year 1 – Logan Phoenix / Maisie Hunt
- Year 2 – Lennon Baker / Olivia Read
- Year 3 – Sebastien Jenkins / Ruby Cozens
- Year 4 – Jay Barrett / Millie McAulay
- Year 5 – Mason Parfitt-Bland / Lola Wickham
- Year 6 – Jamie Barrett / Niamh Harris



Our Eco-Committee 2017-18 are:

- Year 3 - Ben Crook / Charlotte Ritchie
- Year 4 – Jacob Avery / Ellie Collin
- Year 5 – Josh Rivett / Phoebe Player
- Year 6 – Calum Buckingham / Brooke Perrins

Thank you to the children who made up last year's School Council and Eco-Committee – you did a great job!

## **Cluster Football Tournament**

On Wednesday two of our teams took part in the Cluster Football Tournament at St John's alongside a team each from all the other cluster schools. The tournament was organised into 2 groups of 4 with the top 2 going through to semi-finals. In their group Rackheath Team 1 beat Tunstead 5-0, Neatishead 5-0 and then drew 0-0 with St John's which left them top of the group. At the same time Rackheath Team 2 were putting together some very impressive results: beating Horning 3-0, Coltishall 2-0 before drawing with Salhouse 0-0, all of which meant they also topped their group.



In the Semi Finals Rackheath 1 beat Coltishall 1-0 while Rackheath 2 were unlucky to lose 2-0 against St John's. In the final Rackheath had lots of chances but just couldn't score against a very determined defence before with nearly the last kick of

the game Oliver Grimmer finished off a great move to win the game and the tournament for Rackheath.

In total we had 19 children represent the school across the two teams Team 1: Sonny Hurn (2), Luke Royston (1), Callum O’Kane, Harry Brown, Mackenzie Ettridge, Matthew Dove (3), Josh Rivett (2) Oliver Grimmer (2), and Caedn Huckle (2). Team 2: Oliver Moore (2) Calum Buckingham, Jamie Barrett, Rory Watts, Jamie Tye (1), Mason Parfitt-Bland (2), William Ottaway, Keegan Mickleburgh, Archie Fiddy and Daniel Croyley. (Goals in brackets).

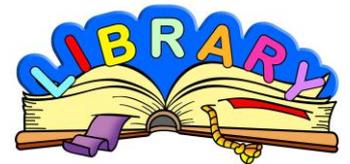
All the children were a real credit to the school and it was great to see how supportive and happy all the boys were towards each other across both teams.



**Betty Bus PSHE** – On Monday we were joined in school by the Betty Bus and its staff. They worked on PSHE topics linked to growing up and changes with Year 5 and 6.

### School Library

**Mrs Grogutt and Ms Holmes will be opening up the school library on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October between 10.30 and 12pm. Pop in to get some new books for the holiday and to share a drink and food treats.**



### Parent Lunch Month



For the last few years we have held a parent lunch month where parents can come in and eat a school lunch with their children. This year we will be running this between Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. For those new to the school the idea is that on any day in November 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 12.00pm.

Parents in KS2 should arrive for either 12.20pm or 12.35pm depending on the lunch rota. All timings are approximate.

	12.20pm	12.20pm	12.35pm	12.35pm
Week of 6 <sup>th</sup> November	3	4	5	6
Week of 13 <sup>th</sup> November	4	5	6	3
Week of 20 <sup>th</sup> November	5	6	3	4
Week of 27 <sup>th</sup> November	6	3	4	5



**New Intake 2018-19** – After half term we have visits for prospective parents of children starting in Reception in September 2018. If you know anyone who would like to look around the school who either lives in Rackheath or further afield please let them know that appointments can be made via the office.

**Parents Evenings** – It was lovely to see so many of you at parent's evening across the two days this week. Thank you for all the kind and constructive feedback you gave me over the two evenings.

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Don't forget our 'Clothes Only' Jumble Sale on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October from 10.00am to 12.00pm.



**Well done to Year 5 who had 100% attendance last week!**

Have a lovely half term. See you all on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

*Chris Ashman*