

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Tuesday 21st July 2015

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:

- Visited Tesco as part of farm to fork
- Watched pantomimes and other performances
- Been visited by Wes Hoolahan and Danny Lawrence
- Competed in lots of sports events with considerable success
- Involved families in literacy and numeracy cafes and learning journeys in Reception
- Had Circus Ferrell on site for a week
- Visited Banham Zoo as a whole school as well as been on lots of class trips
- Recorded a Christmas CD
- Camped on the School Field
- Created a new library and reading corners in the classrooms
- Improved the Reception outside area and main playground
- Taken part in Make £5 grow with Virgin Money in Years 4 and Year 5
- Improved our website
- Been on 3 residentials
- Held 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.

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 an amazing £1074. FORS have also asked us to thank everyone for their help and support in making this a great success.





Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 children have had an incredible year and we are 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 "Panto Pandemonium".

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Edwards, who continues to do a fantastic job and Miss Holmes who has 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. In addition we have amended our tradition of awarding special prizes for achievement in school. The children will now have their name engraved on a shield kept in school as well as receiving a trophy to keep. These were presented in assembly today to:

- **English Award** – Charlotte Abramson
- **Mathematics Award** – Thomas Moore
- **Sportsman Award** – Oliver Milligan
- **Sportswoman Award** – Lydia Rivett
- **Outstanding Contribution Award** – Maria Braithwaite



Good bye



Other Leavers - Today we also say good-bye to the two Liam's in Year 1, Liam Cowey and Liam Moll as well as Tyler McMullen in Year 5. We wish them all the best for the future. We will miss them all!

Swimming Gala results

On Monday 14th July, 8 children from Year 4, 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 Charlotte Abramson, Daisy Stone, Caitlin Ettridge and Oliver Milligan who all won their races. In the end we were narrowly beaten into second place by Coltishall. A big well done to Maria Braithwaite, Carter Daniels, Tristan Wilson and Tom Elliff who completed our team.



Year 2 Football

On Friday 10th 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 won all 5 games that they played on the day scoring an amazing 35 goals and letting in just 2!



For the girls Hannah Scotton, Emily Addison, Katie Moore, Phoebe Player and Isabelle Mann made up the team. Representing the boys were Caedn Huckle, Mason Parfitt-Bland, Oliver Grimmer, Josh Rivett and Alfie Hughes and Rory Watts.

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 appreciate all the positive comments that you make.

Netball Report

Well done to our Netball Team for winning the Broadland Cluster League this year. The children played so well and for the first time the year 4 children played in one of the games which was against Neatishead. I am pleased to say that we won all of the games we played with some cracking goals and fantastic team work. Well done and thank you to Oliver Milligan, Carter Daniels, Maria Braithwaite, Caitlin Ettridge, Lydia Rivett, Freya Grime, Charlotte Abramson, George Mickleburgh and Daisy Stone - I will miss you all, good luck in High School and I hope you enjoy playing 7 aside Netball.



Well done and thank you to Kiera Braithwaite, Gemma Smith, Henry Adam, Rosie Milligan, Georgie Greenfield, Holly Whayman, Matt Rivett, Ruby Culling, Ruby Horwood, Ellen Hughes and Olivia Crook I look forward to training with you again next year. I am sure we will continue to be a TOP TEAM!!!! Well done and thanks again - Mrs P 😊

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

Reception	Caitlyn Moore	Morgan Scotton
Year 1	Anise Batchelor	Jake Green
Year 2	Phoebe Player	Sonny Adam
Year 3	Luke Royston	Maddie Woodcock
Year 4	Samuel Abramson	Annabelle Horan
Year 5	John Barrett	Gemma Smith
Year 6	Thomas Moore	Daisy Stone



Music Lessons – Our peripatetic music lessons will start in September. We have 21 children signed up for lessons, which is fantastic!



100%

Attendance Gold Awards - The following children were presented with a £5 book token to reward them for their 100% attendance:

Frazer Braithwaite
Isobel Crisp
Hannah Scotton
Kieron Trorey
Lewis Story

Charlotte Ritchie
Bethan Lancaster
Cian McAulay
William Barnes
Kacie Banwell

Brooke Halsey
Abi Peel
Hannah Peel
Kiera Braithwaite
Carter Daniels



House Point Winners – Ranworth were the winners of the House cup this year. Well done to the reds!

Star, Angel and Diamond Certificate Winners – Well done to the following children who got their certificates on Friday.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Liam O’Kane	Sadie Pennycook	Hattie Smith
Year 1	Liam Cowey	Darcey Wright	Liam Moll
Year 2	Rory Watts	Rebecca Burrows	Louie Bond
Year 3	Oliver Moore	Jamie Barrett	Niamh Harris
Year 4	Macy Wickham	Amelia-Mae Evans	Logan St Hill
Year 5	William Barnes	Kiera Braithwaite	Holly Warrington
Year 6	William Grant	Freya Grime	Ben Finch

Attendance Bear
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This week he gets to spend the week with Year 4 who had an attendance of 99.7%.

Well done Year 4

On a personal note it remains an absolute privilege to be head teacher 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.

Have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 3rd September.

Chris Ashman

