

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Wednesday 21st October

Last week was another busy one at school with lots going on. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings we had Parent's Evening. Feedback from parents and teachers was very positive and reflects how well the children have started their new school year.

Registers

On review of our new electronic register system we have made a few changes to our system.

- The bell will ring at 8.45am
- The main entrance doors by Year 2 and Year 4 will remain open until 8.50am allowing any children arriving slightly late to enter school this way.
- At 8.50am these doors will be locked by school staff and any children arriving after this time should go through the front entrance to the school. When doing so parents must sign their children in using the "late book"
- At 8.55am the school gates will be locked.



Thank you for your support and co-operation

First Week Back

There are some important events happening in the school in the first week back. On Tuesday 3rd there are School Council elections and reception and Year 6 have a road safety visit. Reception is looking at being safe near roads while Year 6 is thinking about safe independent journeys.



On Friday 6th we have the school photographer in taking individual and sibling photographs. This year we are using a new company as they do a wide variety of products and also offer the opportunity to buy online. Children in the school with pre-school siblings can have a photograph taken with them at the start of the day at 8.45am.

PE Kit – Just a reminder that children should have suitable PE kit in school all week. With the weather getting colder PE still takes place outside so it would be good for children to have a tracksuit. Just a few children have not been bringing in trainers to wear outside, with the field and playground getting wetter it is important that the children have suitable footwear so please check PE bags to make sure they have well fitting, comfortable trainers to wear.



On Saturday 24th October, Ashfields Care Home are holding a Boogie Night Charity Auction. This will take place at Rackheath Village Hall in aid of Nelson's Journey. If you would like to go along and support this worthy cause with a night of dancing and karaoke tickets can be purchased from Ashfields, Nelson's Journey or Rackheath Village Shop at £7.50 each.



Football Tournaments

At the end of last week the school took part in two football competitions. First of all, on Thursday, we were the only school to take two teams to the Cluster Football Tournament held at St Johns. Whilst on Friday the girl's team took part in The North Norfolk Girl's Cup.

At St Johns both Rackheath teams enjoyed successful mornings. The "B" team won 2, drew 2 and lost 2 games. What was especially impressive was the way the team got better and better after losing their first 2 games to come 4th overall. Well done to Matt Rivett, Charlie Clarke, Oliver Firman, Samuel Abramson, Aston Culling, Nathan Nicholls, John Barrett, William Barnes and Tom Elliff who all represented the school really well, especially as for many of them it was their first school game.

Meanwhile the "A" team enjoyed a fantastic tournament playing some super passing football they won every game, scoring 24 goals and letting in none which meant the school retained the trophy won last year. Winning a medal for their efforts were Marcus Gardner, Finley Betts, Freddie Ottolangui, Alfie Mann, Luke Mayes, Hayden Parfitt-Bland, Joshua Perrins, Dylan Parnell and Lewis Story.

On Friday it was the girl's turn. The team played fantastically well to reach the semi-final against Sheringham before cruelly going out to a last second goal. Before that the girls had played some great football to top their group with wins against Holt 5-0 and Cromer 2-1 as well as a 0-0 draw against Millfield. The team was made up of Kiera Braithwaite (3 goals) Gemma Smith, Holly Whayman, Rosie Milligan (2 goals) Ruby Culling, Georgie Greenfield, Ellen Hughes, Ruby Horwood and Amelia Mae Evans. With 7 of the team in Year 5 the future looks bright!

Girls Football Tournament!!!!

On Friday 16th October, the girls played an amazing performance at Millfield School and the Rackheath girls came 3rd in the tournament!! In the group stages they won two games and drew the third. Their first game was against Holt and Rackheath won 5-0. Their second game was against Cromer which Rackheath won 2-1. Their third game was against Millfield and they drew 0-0. After this they played in the semi-finals against Sheringham which unfortunately they lost 1-0 and Sheringham scored right before the whistle. The weather was not the best but the girls had an amazing afternoon.

Player of the tournament goes to Holly Whayman, well done!!

Well done to all of the girls, thank you to Millfield for letting us use the pitches and finally thank you to Mr Ashman for managing us!!!

WRITTEN BY KIERA BRAITHWAITE AND GEMMA SMITH

Kiera and Luke - Head for the Day!!

On Tuesday 13th October Kiera and Luke took on the headteacher job for the day. During this day we did lots of jobs such as; sorting out emails, a survey on the safety of the new play equipment, a fire alarm drill, sorted the house points out, helped Mrs Pilbrow do her fantasy league team, school inspection ready for parents evening, drink hot chocolate and eat biscuits and last but not least spending money! This day was amazing we really enjoyed it. Thank you to Mr Ashman for letting us have this day!!



Year 1 Assembly

The following report was written by Charlotte Ritchie about their assembly which took place yesterday:

Yesterday was our class assembly. It was very exciting. We learnt a poem off by heart it was called The Marsions have taken my brother. We learnt a lullaby it was called Hush little baby don't say a word. It was marvellous. We showed our baby bottles. I enjoyed it as well as enjoying it I also found it funny especially when George shouted out loud when we had finished clapping he shouted we haven't done the food bit!

Thank you to the groan ups who came to see us.

Charlotte Ritchie

Parent lunch month – It has been great to see lots of you enjoying one of our super school dinners in October. A big thank you to Natalie and her team from EATS who do a great job! We are very lucky to have them.



FORS DONATION

Our Year 6 School Councillors were today presented with a cheque by Leisa Whayman from FORS. This was for £3,000 and has gone towards our recent playground developments and new books for our library. A big thank you to everyone involved with FORS and to everyone who supports their various events.

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK!

We sadly say good-bye today to two of our families. Firstly we have Felicity and Ellen Hughes who are moving house and school. Logan, Sonny and Henry Adam meanwhile are going back to live 'down under' in Australia. We wish them luck in their new lives and schools and hope they will all stay in touch!



FORS

Bag2School – You should all have received a bag this week with details of the collection on Friday 6th November. If you would like to bring in your bags beforehand please leave them in reception, otherwise there will be a section of the car park coned off on the day. Extra bags are available from the office or you can use any other bags you have.



Don't forget to return completed form and payment to be in with a chance to win cash prizes next year. Further forms are available from the office.

We hope everyone had fun at the Discos last night!

Look out for information on our Festive Gift Fayre and Christmas Fayre after the holiday.



Lunchtime MSA Award – Last week's award went to Ryan Daynes

Attendance Bear

Well done to Reception and Year 6 who had 100% attendance and shared attendance bear this week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Theo Orme	Olivia Read	Theo Hallam
Year 1	Gideon Martin	Joshua Hill	Jacob Curle
Year 2	Max Buckingham	Mia Jenkinson	Felicity Hughes
Year 3	Katie Moore	Phoebe Player	Lily Stone
Year 4	Montie Mann	Callum O'Kane	Beth Tomlinson
Year 5	Olivia Crook	Finley Betts	Logan St Hill
Year 6	Henry Adam	Elinor Grimmer	John Barrett

Have a lovely break. See you all on Monday 2nd November!

Chris Ashman