

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

OCTOBER HALF TERM

Friday 21st October 2016

As usual the half term has flown by and has been another busy and successful one. Our new Reception Class have settled in really well and the Year 6 class have shown that they are great role models for the rest of the school. We have had a big focus on art with the 'Big Draw' events and our Mosaic Project. Lots of children continue to enjoy the after school and in school clubs, while our music provision has gone from strength to strength. We have also enjoyed trips and visits and it has been great to welcome parents to class assemblies and curiosity cafes.

Mrs Chapman – On Thursday we said goodbye to Mrs Chapman. Since starting at the school she has been a super teaching assistant and Music Teacher as well as getting involved with clubs and going on trips. We will all miss Mrs Chapman and wish her all the best for the future. Fortunately it is not quite goodbye as she has kindly offered to keep working with the choir and support the Christmas Performances.



Diwali at Rackheath

During the first week after half term, we will be learning all about Diwali in school. Each class will have a chance to try their hand at some Bollywood dancing. Years 6, 5, 4 and 2 will be doing this on Monday 31st October and Years 1, 3 and Reception will be doing this on Friday 4th November. The 4th November is also our whole school Diwali day where we will all get the chance to explore Diwali through lots of different in class activities!

Parent's Evening – It was great to see lots of you at Parent's Evening and hear your views. It makes such a difference for children when home and school work together closely.

After School Club

The club has been a real success so far this year. Any profit that we make from the club will be put back into the club to make it even better and secure its longer term future. As such the staff have been busy planning some special days and weeks. The first of which is a Halloween / Bonfire Night themed week as soon as we come back from half term. A separate letter has been sent out to club members, if you would like a copy please ask at the office.

We are now full on a Tuesday with all 20 spaces filled up by regulars. Numbers for the other days are:

Monday	16 (4 spaces)
Wednesday	16 (4 spaces)
Thursday	13 (7 spaces)
Friday	12 (8 spaces)



Parking Around School - As we head into a colder period of time when more of you drive to school can I remind everyone that the church car park can be used at the start and end of the day. Using the church car park really cuts down on the congestion outside the school. Should you need to park at the front of the school please be mindful of pedestrians and make sure you don't park on the pavement so there is room for buggies to pass by safely. Please help us make sure that all our children have a safe journey to and from school.



Harvest Service – Unfortunately I had to miss the Harvest Service. I did hear that it went very well and that as usual community support was fantastic.



Race for Life

Congratulations to Isabel Jefferson in Reception Class who raised the most money in our recent event! She is pictured here with her certificate and prize.

Football Tournament

On a wet and cold Wednesday morning 2 intrepid football teams from Rackheath took part in the Cluster 7-a-side tournament. The Year 6 team won 1, drew 1 and lost 1 in their group while the Year 5's performed really well to beat Horning and narrowly lose to St Johns and Coltishall. This meant that both teams went through to the Plate Competition, both teams won their semi-finals so then played each other in the Final which the Year 6 team won 2-0. The overall winners of the tournament were Salhouse.

It was great to see the Year 5 team play so well as for most of them it was their first ever school game, as it was for Joe Turner in Year 6, who also played well and scored a super goal. Thanks to all the parents who helped with lifts as well as Mr Edwards, Ms Holmes and Mrs Rivett for helping with the organisation of the tournament.

Year 6 Squad – Aston Culling, Charlie Clarke, Freddie Ottolangui, Matt Rivett, Joe Turner, Finley Betts, Marcus Gardner, Samuel Abramson.

Year 5 Squad – Sonny Hurn, Oliver Moore, Calum Buckingham, Luke Royston, Callum O'Kane, Matthew Dove, Jamie Barrett, Harry Brown, Mackenzie Ettridge.

This week was also meant to be the **girl's football tournament**, before it was postponed. Unfortunately the new date clashes with the Brancaster Residential. I will endeavour to see if we can get a game sorted for the girl's team to make up for it.



Year 5 Anglo Saxons – Year 5 had a fantastic day when they dressed up and experienced life as Anglo Saxons including cooking a typical meal for lunch. Today they have been to Suffolk to visit Sutton Hoo which is an ancient royal burial ground where an undisturbed ship burial was discovered.



Science Trip - Yesterday Years 3 - 6 enjoyed a science trip to the Forum where they learnt all about the solar system with the highlight being a planetarium which was set up.

Mosaic

Carolyn Ash has brought in the mosaic after putting the finishing touches to it. As you can see it looks amazing. If you want to have a look, at the moment it is in the entrance hall until we decide where to put it!



Big Draw - over the last few weeks the school have been working on big pieces of art, many of which are on sheets, as part of the National Big Draw. After half term we will display them - the plan being to hang them all up outside - weather permitting!

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Spree - thank you to everyone who has purchased a book. We have raised £195 through this.



Bag2School - Your child should have brought home a bag and letter today. Please fill your bag and return to school for our collection on Thursday 17th November @ 9am.

Disco - As previously mentioned we will be holding a Christmas disco on Friday 9th December.



Festive Fayre - we will be starting to sell tickets after half term & all family & friends are welcome!!!



Parent Lunch Month – Places for Parent Lunch Month are filling up. There are still lots of spaces if you would like to try a lunch. The sign-up sheet is in main reception.

House Captain's Award



Ranworth Skyla Downing

Hickling Lily Ardagh-Ptolomey

Oulton Jessica Lines

Barton Ruby Cozens



Well done to Year 1 who had 100% attendance last week!

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Oliver Durrant	Carly Thompson	Olivia Hough
Year 1	Josie Solomon	Lily Key	Theo Orme
Year 2	Callum Mickleburgh	Evie Cleminson	Sophie Atkinson
Year 3	Sophie Appleton	Brooke Halsey	Charlie Atkinson
Year 4	Lola Wickham	Billie Turner	Daniel Cropley
Year 5	You have all been Stars this week!!		
Year 6	Ruby Horwood	Rosie Milligan	Annabelle Horan

Next half term is shaping up to be another exciting one with lots of trips planned, the Brancaster Residential and the build up to Christmas!

Have a great holiday and see you all on the 31st October.

Chris Ashman