

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd April 2016



This year we have begun to link up with other schools from different communities in this and other countries. It has been great to see the reaction of our children as they receive letters and make new friends. We have a lovely display of the letters our Year 3 children received from a school in Camden, London in the hall.

In a volatile world where terrible events take place like the bombings in Paris and Brussels as well as the war in Syria and subsequent refugee crisis, as a school we have to decide how we react. I feel it is really important that children feel able to ask, find out and form their own opinions at an age appropriate level. As teachers it is not for us to force our own view on children but to give them a chance to ask questions and discuss things so they can make some sense of events which often defy belief.

In a high-tech, connected and “shrinking” world links like our penpals, events like passport day and PSHE and RE lessons help our children to learn more about the people who share our world. In discussions with the older children I am always impressed by their thoughtfulness and ability to articulate their opinions. Overwhelmingly the children show compassion, kindness, tolerance and willingness to learn about other communities. In their own way they all give me great hope for the future in a world where sadly we see the consequences of hatred and intolerance far too often.



Year 4 Class Assembly - Yesterday Year 4 shared their work for the term. They have certainly packed a lot in. It was great to see the rich variety of learning opportunities they have enjoyed as they shared music, art, poetry and drama with the school and Year 4 parents.

Work Share – Next week sees the start of our first parent book share for all classes except Year 6. You are invited into class between 2:30pm and 3:00pm over the next three weeks. On Tuesday 26th April it is a Reception Book Look and on Wednesday 27th it is Year 4. The week after we have Year 5's book look on Tuesday 3rd and Year 3's on Wednesday 4th May. Finally on Monday 9th it is Year 1 and on Thursday 12th it is Year 2 and. In Year 1 Miss Hughes will follow her book look with a Phonics Meeting at 3.00pm on the same day.

Menu Change

Please make a note of the following changes on your menus:

Week 1	Monday	Margherita Pizza and Chicken Pizza replace Calzone and will be served alongside Macaroni Cheese
	Wednesday	Smokey Joe Chicken replaces Cajun Chicken
Week 2	Tuesday	Margherita Pizza replaces veggie option of Jacket Potato

Year 2 Visit Norwich Cathedral

On Tuesday 19th April Year 2 went to Norwich Cathedral for the day. They took part in a history workshop all about Edith Cavell, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. In the morning they were met by Janet Marshall, the head of Learning at the Cathedral. She was dressed in role as Matron Edith Cavell. The children listened carefully as they toured the Cathedral with Janet and heard the story of her life.

Here are some quotes from the children's thank you letters to Janet and Wendy who looked after them for the day:

"I was so excited when I climbed up to the pulpit. How exciting it was!" Brooke Halsey

"I was shocked when I heard that Matron Edith Cavell was shot for helping the German people." Millie McAuley.

"I found the cockerel which is as big as a donkey very interesting." Charlie Atkinson.

"It was funny when Jack the dog bit the nurse's uniforms and bit their ankles." Jay Barrett.

"Thank you for the lovely day. It was the best day ever!" Ellie Collin



We had a really interesting day and are incredibly proud of the children who listened and behaved perfectly!

Year 1 Visit go on Auntie Dotty's Seaside Adventure

On the 15th of April Year 1 visited the Poppy Line in Holt and had an amazing day learning about how holidays have changed over time. The children (and adults!) loved seeing the steam trains. We played lots of fun games despite the weather not being its best! A huge thank you to the adults that helped us with this fantastic trip.



Terrific Tortoises!



We had a super learning treat in Ruby Reception class this week when Olivia Read's lovely nanny, Cheryl, brought in her pet tortoises! We met three of these intriguing creatures and learned so much. We found out that they have just come out of their winter hibernation. Sometimes Cheryl will use a special UV lamp to keep the tortoises warm. They eat mostly plants such as dandelions and plantain.

One of the tortoises was nearly 50 years old! They were so friendly and Olivia was able to tell us lots about them too. We all got to try and feed them and hold them. The biggest one was very heavy and their shells were hard and cold. We loved our experience today and we are even writing an information book about tortoises now!! **A huge thank you to Olivia's nanny and Olivia for their super visit!**



Rackheath History Week – In the week after half term the school is looking at the history of Rackheath, with the final aim of producing a Rackheath Museum. Miss Maibaum is co-ordinating this, I know she would appreciate any artefacts or information linked to the village or the Queen in Norfolk.

School Council Fundraiser

At breaktime every day next week School Council will be selling the multifunction scarves that have been donated and that the children saw modelled in assembly on Wednesday. They will be on sale for £1 each, in the Year 5/6 building, and are available in either black or red. All money raised will go towards EACH which is our chosen charity.

Mrs Goddard

Rackheath's Got Talent 2016

The talent show was a great success, an event which is now in it's 3rd year!

The show included over fifty pupils sharing their unique and wonderful talents that ranged from singing, dancing, joke telling, gymnastics, juggling and instrumental music.

The purpose of the Talent Show is to provide the children with a chance to show off their talents, build their confidence and to allow them to shine, which is exactly what they did. The winners were: KS1: 1st - Evie Cleminson, 2nd - Sophie Atkinson & Charlotte Mann, 3rd - Jacob Avery & Lewis Mann. KS2: 1st - Hannah Scotton, 2nd - Charlie Clarke & Macy Wickham, 3rd - Gemma Smith.



Sports Update

Football V Tunstead – On Tuesday we played a friendly game against Tunstead. In a close and very good game our team showed great determination to come from behind 4 times and then go on to win 5-4. All the team played really well and should be really proud of themselves especially as for many of them it was their first school game. Our team were; Matt Rivett, Samuel Abramson, Leon Cramer- McConnell, Oliver Firman, Charlie Clarke, Aston Culling, Kiera Braithwaite, William Barnes, Nathan Nicholls and John Barrett. Our goals were scored by John, Kiera, Aston, Oliver and William.

Year 5 Football Tournament - On Thursday the Year 5 team took part in a tournament held at Stalham. There were 2 groups with the top two teams in each group going through to the semi-finals. We started really well against Cromer playing some super football and scoring 2 good goals through Aston Culling and Freddie Ottolangui. We then played a strong Sheringham team. Despite Marcus Gardner, Oliver Firman and Samuel Abramson defending really well Sheringham took the lead but the boys battled back to equalise with a great goal from Aston Culling. In our last group game against Holt we knew a draw or better would take us through. Charlie Clarke, Leon Cramer-McConnell and Matt Rivett shone as we won 1-0 with a goal from Finley Betts.

At the end of our group we had the 7 – the same points as Sheringham – as they had scored 1 more goal than us we played the winners of the other group, Millfield. Millfield were a very good side and our boys raised their game to match them. The game went to extra time and Millfield scored a very good goal to win through to the final. The boys were disappointed but shouldn't be as they played fantastically well and showed a great attitude.



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Competition!! – The children have all been given a letter regarding this today

House Captain's Award



- Ranworth** Issey Carpenter
- Hickling** Bethan Lancaster
- Oulton** Oliver Moore
- Barton** Keegan Mickleburgh



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's award goes to Ruby Culling and Charlie Cramer-McConnell.



Well done to Year 1 who had 99% 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.

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Dylan Viner	Isabella Crowther	Olivia Read
Year 1	Gideon Martin	Charlotte Mann	Charlotte Ritchie
Year 2	Nicole Rump	Molly Burdett	Connie Snowden
Year 3	Caedn Huckle	Abi Peel	Katie Moore
Year 4	James Nurse	Matthew Dove	Charlotte Warrington
Year 5	Samuel Abramson	Olivia Crook	Taylan Harris
Year 6	Kiera Braithwaite	Luke Mayes	Millie-Rose Addison

Chris Ashman