

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 22nd January 2016

Norfolk LEA visit – Yesterday we had a visit from an LEA advisor who came in to school to look at the work we do. I wanted to share with you the fact that she was incredibly impressed by the children in our school. She felt their behaviour was fantastic as was their attitude and approach to learning. Well done everyone!

Curiosity Cafés this week - There were 2 cafes this week in Year 4 and Year 5. Both were well attended and lots of creative and exciting learning took place.

Year 5 Curiosity Café!

On Tuesday 19th of January year 5 had their curiosity cafe when parents came in and joined us with our class activity.

In our class we are learning about space in science – during our cafe we used Oreos to explain the different phases of our moon. We learnt that the phases have different names: New moon, Crescent moon, Quarter moon, Gibbous moon, Full moon and Third Quarter moon.

Using plastic knives we separated the Oreos and used the cream inside to represent the moon. We then shaped the phases of the moon into the cream. We attached the Earth to the middle of the paper by using a split pin so the Earth can spin, then we placed the Oreos on the sheet of paper and labelled the types of moons.

It was a fun and tasty way to learn about Space. Here are some photographs of our work:

By Max Penson, Rosie Milligan and Matt Rivett



Cafes next week – The dates for cafes next week are Year 3 on Monday 25th, Year 2 Wednesday 27th, Reception Thursday 28th and finally Year 6 on Friday 29th. Year 1's café will not now take place on Tuesday.

The following is a thank you note from Ms Holmes:

Thank you!

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

Thank you so much for all your compassionate words, cards and flowers and especially for your donations in memory of my partner Chris. I was truly moved by your overwhelming support.

Ms Holmes



Website – We have been working to improve the usability of our website. For example every newsletter can be accessed by clicking the link on the home page.

Clubs – It has been great to get outside this week with football and netball clubs. The children have certainly enjoyed playing football on the field. Please can I remind parents to let the office know if for any reason your child can not attend an after school club, so we can be absolutely sure that everyone at the club is accounted for.

Parking

I know that some of you are making use of the church car park before and after school. Now that the gate is in it is a convenient and safe parking option. I would encourage as many of you as possible to use it to limit congestion around the school and help keep the roads as safe as can be for our children.



The end of the school day – I have always loved the fact that lots of our children and families stay in school after the school day has ended. It is great to see children playing together and I think it is one of the things that makes our school special. On behalf of Mr Grubb please could everyone make sure that when he signals it is time to lock up that you are ready to go.



Pirate Ship – The mulch at the bottom of the slide has been repaired as it was wearing away. We needed to leave it for 24 hours but it is now ready to use.

Good Luck!

Today was the last day for Natalie, our super chef, before starting her maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the best at this exciting time. We look forward to her visiting soon with her new arrival.



School Meals

As of 1st April the price of a school lunch will be increasing to £2.20. This still represents really good value and Vertas (EATS) schools in Suffolk have been paying this amount for a number of years.

Visit from Wes Hoolahan – I know quite a few children (and staff) were disappointed at the start of the week when Wes Hoolahan's planned visit to school had to be called off. We are looking to re-arrange the visit soon. Once we have a date we will let you know. Hopefully Norwich will play well and win the game before his visit!

SATS Briefing for Year 6 Thursday 28th January – We look forward to seeing Year 6 parents at one of the two SATS briefings next Thursday. The briefings start at 2pm and 6pm.



Year 6 Assembly

Yesterday Year 6 kicked off our class assemblies for the term. Unfortunately I didn't get to see it but I heard that it was an interactive extravaganza with lots of audience participation.

Horstead Year 4 Visit – The term is flying by and so next week is Year 4's trip to Horstead. I know Miss Maibaum, Mrs Diaper, Mrs Pilbrow and Mrs Goddard are looking forward to a lovely week. Don't forget to take lots of layers and wrap up really well!

Attendance – So far this year our school wide attendance figure is 97% which is fantastic for this time of year and significantly above the national average.



FORS



Remember to let us know if you have any ideas on how we can spend the monies we have raised over the past few months.



We have bought all classes some class presents (games, etc) which they each requested.



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week's awards go to Corey Carpenter and Ethan Mann.



Well done to Years 3 who had 100% attendance for 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	Connor Read	Jack Unsworth	Ava Woodcock
Year 1	Issey Carpenter	Jacob Lancaster	Gideon Martin
Year 2	Jacob Avery	Nicole Rump	Lewis Mann
Year 3	Lily Stone	Louie Bond	Olivia Ardagh-Ptolomey
Year 4	Maddie Woodcock	Sonny Hurn	Charlotte Warrington
Year 5	Ruby Culling	Matt Rivett	Holly Whayman
Year 6	Luke Mayes	Alfie Mann	Madeleine Jenkins

Have a good weekend.

Chris Ashman