

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 22nd May

It is hard to believe that 5 of the 6 half terms of the year are now complete. It really doesn't seem too long since Christmas! Maybe I am just getting older and they say time speeds up!

Next half term promises to fly by in a blur as there is so much going on. In addition to the normal exciting learning taking place we have our whole school trip to Banham Zoo, Circus Ferrel visiting school, an author visit from Jack Trelawny, cycle training, sports events and outdoor learning with Adrian Hall all in the first 3 weeks of half term. In the second half of the term we have sports days, transition activities and lots of Year 6 leaver's events.

Year 1 Phonics Screening

For the last three years children in Year 1 have been tested on their reading skills. In the week of June 15th each of the children will sit down and read the listed words with Miss Hughes. The test is carried out in a very informal and friendly atmosphere to make sure the children don't worry. I know Miss Hughes has held a couple of sessions for parents to explain in more detail how the screening takes place. Should you have any questions please let us know.



Circus - We are very much looking forward to our circus visit. Tickets for Circus Ferrel will be available after half term.

Jack Trelawny Visit – Children's author Jack Trelawny is visiting school on Wednesday 3rd June. You can still order books to be signed and dedicated by Jack.



After
School
Activities

Clubs – Choir is re-starting after half term. Other clubs run by school staff are continuing. Slanted Dance and Premier Sport clubs are also carrying on. Squash club may carry on depending on interest.

SATs Treat

Last Friday Year 6 enjoyed a well-deserved day out in Great Yarmouth following the completion of their SATs. All the children had a lovely time at the Marina Centre, especially enjoying the waves and the water slide. We then had some lunch, ate an ice cream on the front and visited the arcade at Wellington Pier. It was a pleasure to take them and as usual their behaviour was fantastic.

“On the 15th May, year 6 children travelled to Great Yarmouth to celebrate their success in the SATs week.

When we arrived at Great Yarmouth, we started off the day with a splashing, swimming session at the Marina Centre where we had a fun swim and, thanks to the manager, she let us on the waterslide and even let us experience the thrilling wave machine.

When our 2 hours were up, we made our way over to KFC! where we had multiple bargain buckets, popcorn chicken, chips and a drink of Coke or Tango. When our luxurious meal was over, we walked to Wellington Pier. When we arrived, we put our bags on a table and entered the arcade. The arcade was huge with loads of mini rides and 2p machines that made a great end to the day. We all had a great time (well worth all the tests.)”

“It was epic; my favourite part was going on the amusements.” Tristan

“The wave machine was amazing.” Carter

“The water slide was the best part of the trip.” William

“I enjoyed my ice cream and enjoyed the amusements.” Maria



Parent Surveys – Thank you to everyone who completed a survey, we had just under 80 returned which was a 40% return rate. Mrs Dampier has been working hard on behalf of the governors to collate all the results. The full results of the survey are being sent out today.

As a staff your views are very important to us and as such we were extremely pleased to receive such positive feedback from parents. Some of the responses are detailed below:

- 100% agreed or strongly agreed that their child is well cared for at school
- 100% agreed or strongly agreed that their child feels safe at school
- 99% agreed or strongly agreed that their child is happy at school
- 99% agreed or strongly agreed that their child is taught well at school
- 100% agreed or strongly agreed that the school is well led and managed
- 100% would recommend the school to another parent



It is very important that we carry on doing the things that have resulted in such positive feedback and look to address certain areas to improve further. There were some useful and thoughtful comments which we will take into account as we strive to improve what we do further still.

Football and Cricket Reports

It has been a funny old week for our school teams. I can't remember ever feeling so proud and yet so disappointed for the children after a week of sport. On Tuesday the football team played their cup semi-final against Overstrand. Despite dominating the game and playing some super football we ended up losing 3-2. A combination of bad luck (we hit the post 8 times!) and some good and at times desperate defending meant that despite all our best efforts Overstrand went through to the final. Well done to the team of Luke Mayes, Charlotte Abramson, John Barrett, William Grant, Alfie Mann, Oliver Milligan, Sam Watts, Lewis Storey and Dylan Parnell-Crook.



It has been another very enjoyable and successful season for the football team. We won the Cluster League and Cup, reached Champions Day at the FDC Cup and lost the semi-final of the North Norfolk Cup. Just as importantly everyone involved has played with determination but at the same time with great sportsmanship. You have all been a great credit to the school.

On Wednesday the cricket team took part in the Cluster Cricket Tournament held at Barton Turf. The Rackheath team captained expertly by Sam Watts played two group games against Tunstead and St John's. Against Tunstead Oliver Milligan, Tom Elliff and Lucy Cowey stood out for their batting and excellent bowling from amongst others Carter Daniels, Lydia Rivett and William Grant gave us our first win. Against St John's the team continued their good form in the field with Dylan Parnell-Crook and Maria Braithwaite standing out. We started slowly with the bat but great batting from Alfie Mann and Sam Watts took us through to the final against Salhouse. Again we gave it our best but Salhouse were just too good on the day so we finished as runners-up.

Year 4 Crafty Creators Visit Virgin Money Lounge

Year 4 have been very busy this term working on their business plans with Virgin Money. This week it was the turn of Crafty Creators to visit the Virgin Money Lounge and they sold out of their sandwiches. Well done to them and a big thank you to the mums who helped make the sandwiches and take them into Norwich.

"On Thursday 21st May, Crafty Creators (Olivia, Hannah, Annabelle, Elizabeth, Max, Cian and Charlie) were lucky enough to experience selling sandwiches in the Virgin Money Lounge.

They arrived in school at 8:30am and headed straight to the DT room to begin making sandwiches. With the help of Mrs Horan and Mrs Crook, the group created cheese and pickle, ham and cucumber and egg mayonnaise sandwiches.

After we had our large snack, we collected Mrs Penson from Year 1 and along with Mr McAulay; we all got into the cars and set off for the Virgin Money Lounge.

When we arrived, we were shown into a small room which was where we put down our stuff and tied our aprons. There was a circular table downstairs where we placed our trays. Some of us stayed downstairs while others went upstairs.

To start with it was nerve racking asking people whether they would like a sandwich but it got easier and we all felt more confident by the end.

We are not sure exactly how much money we made but we do know that we SOLD OUT and that quite a few people gave us extra money for being polite and cute.

It was a wonderful, memorable, experience and we all enjoyed it, thank you to all the grown-ups who helped."



By the Crafty Creators



Lunchtime MSA Award – This week’s award goes to Felicity Hughes and Tili Cutting.

We hope you like our new certificates designed by Mrs Pilbrow.

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Frazer Braithwaite	George Solomon	Hanna Rudd
Year 1	Jay Barrett	Millie McAulay	Nicole Rump
Year 2	Lola Wickham	Olivia Ardagh-Ptolomey	Billie Turner
Year 3	Jamie Barrett	Niamh Harris	Mia Westley
Year 4	Joe Turner	James Newson	Logan St Hill
Year 5	Charlie Pilbrow	Gemma Smith	Madeleine Jenkins
Year 6	Maria Braithwaite	Freya Grime	Charlotte Abramson



This week he gets to spend the week with Year 6 who had an attendance of 100%.

Well done Year 6!

On behalf of all the staff I would like to wish you all an enjoyable, happy and safe break. Good luck to Norwich on Monday. I know quite a few of you are heading down to Wembley – I might see you there!

Chris Ashman