

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2017

Despite the weather Friday's bedtime reading café was great fun! It was great to see so many children coming back to school in their pyjamas enjoying the stories and activities planned by the staff. Activities included making George's Marvellous Medicine, creating puppets, designing Roly Poly birds, telling and hearing stories and creating stones with special powers!



The café and Roald Dahl day certainly combined to provide a fantastic and varied week. After all there aren't many jobs where you come to school dressed as Mr Twit one day and in a onesie the next!

It was great to have the help of lots of parents on Friday and as usual the staff deserve our thanks for putting on such a great week of activities. Even finding the energy to put on a brilliant event like the reading cafe on a Friday night!



Visits to Norfolk Children's Book Centre

This week Year 3 to 6 have enjoyed visiting the Norfolk Children's Book Centre for a storytelling session along with the chance to browse and buy books. Today Tom from the Book Centre visited school to do some reading activities with the younger children and is holding a book fair after school. So if you are reading this in the playground at the end of the day don't forget to pop into the hall to see the books.



Reading Dog



On Tuesday we welcomed a lovely Sheltie dog called Gem, and her owner Sue, into school for the first of a regular weekly spot. Gem is a specially trained dog that sits and listens to children read (although as yet she doesn't fill in the reading records!). Studies have shown that reading to a dog can be really supportive and beneficial; certainly the children who read to Gem loved the experience.

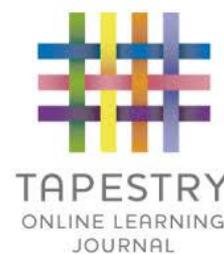
Curiosity café dates – As mentioned last week these events linked to reading start next week and run for the next two weeks. These offer a great opportunity to enjoy working in class with your children. All cafes start at 9.00am and finish at 10.00am and as last year you are welcome to join us for a drink before-hand in the DT room. Café dates are as follows:

- Wednesday 27th September – Year 6
- Thursday 28th September – Year 4
- Friday 29th September – Year 3
- Tuesday 3rd October – Year 2
- Wednesday 4th October – Reception
- Thursday 5th October – Year 5
- Friday 6th October – Year 1



Reception Parents introduction to Tapestry

As mentioned previously, after school on Wednesday 4th October the Reception team will be holding a session for parents introducing Tapestry. Tapestry is a great way for parents to not only see their child's learning journey through Reception but also to contribute to the online platform with news from home. We ran this last year for the first time and it was very popular with parents and children.



Clubs - It has been great to see so many children enjoying our After School Clubs this week. I loved getting back on the football pitch and I know all children and staff enjoyed their first club of the year.

Football Matches – The school football team have 3 matches arranged on the next 3 Tuesdays. On the 26th September we are away at Bure Valley, on Tuesday 3rd October we are home against Coltishall and the following week we are home again on Tuesday against Cromer. On the 26th Mr Edwards will take the club while I take the team to Bure Valley. Unfortunately, there will be no practice for Year 4, 5 and 6 on the 3rd and 10th of October.

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AGM – We would like to welcome all new committee members and thank everyone who left the committee for their help over the years.



Spree Books – These will be sent home with your child next week.

Bag2School – Our next collection will be on Wednesday 15th November at 9.00am. Bags will be sent home before half term.



Defibrillator Code – A reminder that we have a defibrillator on the school gate and the number for this is 3456 if this is required.

Fundraiser for Callum - Tomorrow, Saturday 23rd September, there is a fun event organised by Carl Webb one of our parents, for Callum in Year 3. You will all have received a flyer with further details but there will be loads of stalls and live music. This is taking place on Jubilee Park starting at 12pm.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Don't forget to join the School council for their annual coffee morning next Friday. This will take place in the school hall from 9.00am to 10.00am where you will have the chance to enjoy tea / coffee and a cake. Raffle tickets will be available on the day. If you would like to donate a raffle prize to this worthy cause please hand in to the school office. Any items would be gratefully received.



We will also be holding a non-uniform day for the children on that day. The cost of which will be £1.

Many thanks from Mrs Goddard and the School Council

Attendance Bear

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 |
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| Reception | Trinity Beck | Freddie Pelan | Alex Bland |
| Year 1 | Polly Ottolangui | Lila Ing | Carly Thompson |
| Year 2 | Matilda Purton | Holly Addison | Skyla Downing |
| Year 3 | Ewan Poole | Chloe Smith | Callum Mickleburgh |
| Year 4 | Jake Green | Jay Barrett | Lucy Eglan |
| Year 5 | Bethan Lancaster | Rebecca Burrows | Rory Watts |
| Year 6 | James Newson | Sonny Hurn | Mackenzie Ettridge |

Have a super weekend!

Chris Ashman