

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 23rd March 2018

Success at the Eco Awards!

On Tuesday the Eco-Committee, along with Mrs Goddard and myself, attended the prestigious Norwich and Norfolk Eco-Awards held at Blackfriars Hall. Like last year we had made it through to the final two in the primary category. The main question on our table, as we munched through some lovely child and adult friendly canapés, was would we be able to go one better than last year and win the main award.

As the judges went through all the initiatives each school had carried out this year: in our case the Great British Spring Clean, food waste week, a toy sale, a new gardening club and re-cycling materials amongst other things, the tension mounted until at last we were announced as the **“Winner of the Eco Primary School of 2017-18 in Norfolk”**. The children went up to receive a lovely trophy and 3 new Samsung tablets as well as deserved congratulations for their hard work.

As a school we are really pleased to be acknowledged in this way as it shows our wider commitment to raising the profile of eco related issues and challenges. The award is very much a collective community effort but I must make special mention of the children who are part of the Eco-Committee (Brooke Perrins, Calum Buckingham, Phoebe Player, Josh Rivett, Ellie Collin, Jacob Avery, Charlotte Ritchie and Ben Crook) and to Ms Holmes, Miss Bartlett and especially Mrs Goddard who all do so much in this area of the school curriculum. Look out for further coverage in the EDP which covered the event.





Year 3 Teaching Staff

Miss Brannan is returning to school at the end of her maternity leave at the end of May and will be teaching Year 3 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. She will have some keep in touch days before then to get to know the class before she starts. In the meantime we are very pleased that Miss Hannant will still be teaching the class along with Miss Magee.

Teaching arrangements will be slightly different as Miss Hannant has secured a permanent post at Falcon Junior School working three days a week starting after Easter. Happily this still allows Miss Hannant to teach Year 3 for 2 days a week on Thursday and Friday. In addition Miss Magee is able to teach the class on Wednesday's until Miss Brannan comes back to work which means the children's learning won't be disrupted.

Everyone at the school is really pleased for Miss Hannant and I'm sure she will do a great job at Falcon. Obviously we will be sad to see her go but, as she will be working in Year 3 for two days a week until May half term and then for a day a week in June and July, this won't be for a while!

Farm Day

On Tuesday the farm came to Rackheath Primary as part of our maths half term. The children looked fantastic in their farming attire and the tractor on the car park (thanks to the Newton family) added to the atmosphere. We were even treated to some authentic farm smells thanks to the local farm spreading fertilizer!! Some of the activities from the day included designing farms, drawing scaled models of the tractor, creating graphs based on farm animals, baking farm bread and vegetable soup (yum yum) and finding out how many legs from animals could make 20. Over the next few days we will try to get a selection of photographs from the day on the class pages of the website.

Great fun was had by all! Thank you to all of the children for making such an effort with their costumes and to the Newton family for the use of their tractor.



Year 3 Maths Masterminds!

Last week four of our Year 3 children took part in a maths competition organised by Norwich School. Our team of Charlotte Ritchie, Sebastian Jenkins, Ben Crook and Alex Dove had to answer some devilishly tricky questions in the competition which involved 7 other schools. At the end of the event the team finished third and were deserved bronze medal winners. Thanks to Mrs Milligan and Mrs Rivett for taking the team.



Our almost completed Go-Go Hare

Go-Go Hare

Mrs Goddard, Miss Magee and their team of helpers have been busy completing our Go-Go Hare "Plastic Planet" which visually conveys the important message about the damage plastic can do to ocean life. In the next few weeks our hare will be being picked up ready to be part of the Go-Go Hare trail in Norwich.

Football Update – For the third year in a row the school football team have qualified for the league finals. This year the team have qualified before finishing all their games as they have won all games played so far. **There is a match at home on Tuesday 27th March so there is no training** that day.

Class Assemblies – On Thursday Year 6 completed our Spring Class Assemblies. The class put together an interesting, exciting and amusing assembly packed with information on the theme of maths. Well done to everyone involved.



Road Safety Magic Show

This morning years 1 - 6 were treated to a road safety magic show from Olly Day. The show was rather funny although it also carried an important message about road safety. We would just like to take this opportunity to suggest that any child coming to school on a bike or a scooter should wear a helmet for their safety.

NEXT WEEK

Next Monday it is Year 5's South American Day and Year 4 have their Egyptian / Roman day. Also on Monday the choir are performing in an evening concert and finally on Wednesday it is the FORS Bingo which I'm sure will be a good night!



FORS

Charity Status - We would like to inform you that FORS has now become a Registered Charity. If you would like any further information please see Treena Barrett or Suzanne Fleetwood.

Easter Family Bingo - We have a few tickets still available. If you would like to purchase some we will be in school reception from 8.50am on Monday morning. Tickets £2 each.



Attendance Bear

Well done to Year 5 who had 98% 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	Libby Buckingham	Igor Niski	Holly Trabelsi
Year 1	Ben Newson	Jaydn Turner-Morris	Scarlet Curle
Year 2	Olivia Read	Dylan Viner	Kody Addison
Year 3	Callum Mickleburgh	Adam Houston	Ben Crook
Year 4	Molly Jakobczyk	Jake Green	Jacob Avery
Year 5	Isobel Crisp	Theo Tetteh	Aaron Knights
Year 6	Calum Buckingham	Harry Brown	Oliver Moore

Have a lovely weekend.

Chris Ashman