

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Looking ahead this term is already shaping up to be a really busy and exciting one. We have the circus coming to Rackheath in June as well as our whole school trip to Banham Zoo. There is Sport's Week as well as lots of sporting fixtures and cluster events.



Different classes are planning trips, while Year 4 will be able to pass on their business skills learnt on their Virgin Money project to Year 2 who are going to be working on an exciting Enterprise café pilot.

Year 6 have their Camp Out as well as a post SATs treat and their leaver's performance to look forward to. The Friends are busy starting to plan our Summer Fayre as well as Race Night. We are also looking forward to meeting the children and families of our new Reception class at different points during the term.



Author Visit

On the subject of exciting opportunities we are pleased to announce that Jack Trelawny author of the Kernowland series of books will be visiting school on the 3rd June. Jack will be talking to children from Year 2 to 6 about his career as a writer. There will also be an opportunity for the children to buy copies of his books signed and dedicated to the children. More information about his visit can be found in the attached letter. We are excited about Jack's visit and look forward to welcoming him to our school.

We are also hoping to provide something similar for the children in Reception and Year 1 if we can link up with an author writing for their age group.

Parent Survey – The children should have brought home the annual parent survey today for you to complete. We really value your views and look forward to receiving lots of completed surveys by Friday 8th May. There will be a box in reception for you to post them in.



Improving the School Resource Base - Last financial year we invested significantly in many areas of the school which included spending money on re-modelling our library and on new computers and laptops as well as developing our Reception class base. This financial year we are looking to



build on this as we further improve the school and invest in new resources. By September the library will be completed and stocked with lots of new and wonderful books. Across the curriculum staff have made plans to invest in the subjects they lead, while outside the building we also have some exciting plans including re-painting the lines on the playground.

Governor Visits – Our School Governor's play an active and important role in the school. Over the course of this week and the next they are visiting classes to monitor what goes on and develop their understanding of the life of the school.

Year 6 SATs – Year 6 have been continuing to work exceptionally hard in the run up to SATS week which begins on Monday May 11th. They will definitely all deserve their special outing on Friday 15th May. Mr Edwards will be sending out a letter giving more information about this as well as SATS breakfast and the Year 6 'Camp Out'.



EATS Kitchen Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies in the school kitchen for Food Service Assistants. Details are as follows:

Area Relief (initially for short term cover of absence – approx. 2-3 months)

Permanent staff member

Both posts are up to 5hrs per day (Monday – Friday) – term time only £7.11 per hour. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying please telephone Jess Burton on 01473 260939 or if you have any questions please ask Natalie our Kitchen Manager at school.

Year 4 Cycling – On Tuesday the school was full of bikes as Year 4 took part in some safe cycling training on the playground. Simone, who led the sessions, was very impressed by their cycling skills and by the behaviour of the class. Well done Year 4! This week we've been very busy!

Year 4 have been doing their cycle test in two groups, both groups had to have their bikes checked and practiced starting and stopping the way they would on the road. Also both groups cycled from one side of the playground to the other then used their brakes and cycled back to the start.



Group 1

First they cycled round in a snake shape also in figures of eight.

Group 2

First they practised cycling round the playground through cones. Next they did a slow race (the last person to get to the other side, without putting their foot down won).

"I didn't know how to start and stop on the road until then," Freddie Ottolangui aged 9.

By Max Penson and Freddie Ottolangui



Literacy Café dates – Next week there is a full line up of literacy cafes. On Monday Reception have their café, Year 2's café is on Tuesday, Year 1's on Wednesday, Year 4's is on Thursday and it is Year 3's turn on Friday. All start at 9.00am and as usual parents are welcome to pop into the DT Room for a tea or coffee before they start.

Mr Cavender will be back in school on Monday following his paternity leave. In his absence I have really enjoyed teaching his class. Thanks to Year 5 for being such a super class!



Aylmerton Residential - It is great to see that so many of the children have signed up for the Aylmerton Residential. Thanks to all of you for signing up so promptly.

FORS Events

RACE NIGHT - We are holding another one of our popular Race Nights on Saturday 16th May for which you should have had a flyer yesterday. If you haven't been to one of these before and are not sure what is involved you can view clips online on google or you could ask a FORS member.



Tickets are £3 each (Adults only) – bring your own drinks and nibbles. As stated you can also buy a horse for £5 each. Further details can be obtained from Leisa Whayman (07780 796038) or the school office .

Rackheath v Neatishead Netball 7-1



On Thursday 23rd April, Rackheath netball team - Oliver, Carter, George, Gemma, Lydia, Rosie, Matt, Ruby C, Elinor, Holly and Georgie went to play Neatishead. In the first quarter of the game it was 0-0 until the referee blew the whistle then Oliver came along and scored our first goal in the second quarter. In the third quarter sadly Neatishead scored a goal which made the score 1-1. Then in the fourth quarter Lydia scored an amazing four goals and Carter scored two which then made the final score 7-1.

Players of the match: Holly Whayman and Lydia Rivett

By Carter, Oliver and George

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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Zach Dawson	Joshua Hill	Liam O’Kane
Year 1	Lewis Mann	Carys Tomlinson	Sophie Appleton
Year 2	Alfie Hughes	Keegan Mickleburgh	Katie Moore
Year 3	Mackenzie Ettridge	Charlotte Warrington	Beth Tomlinson
Year 4	Georgie Greenfield	Cian McAulay	Freddie Ottolanguì
Year 5	Luke Mayes	Millie-Rose Addison	John Barrett
Year 6	Carter Daniels	George Mickleburgh	Daisy Stone

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This week he gets to spend the week with Year 2 who had an attendance of 100%.

Well done Year 2!

Chris Ashman