

Rackheath Primary School



Newsletter

Tuesday 24th July 2018

I find it hard to believe that we have reached the end of another year (my fifth) at Rackheath. The year has flown past! As usual it has been an absolute honour and privilege to work within such a fantastic school community. The list of people to thank is just too long so instead I'd like to say thank you to all facets of the school community; you the parents, the FORS, the Governors, the staff and the amazing children.

It is far from a complete list but during the year we have:

- Held a pyjama themed reading café in the evening
- Held our first ever Science Fair
- Had a whole school snowball fight
- Been on three residential visits and lots of trips
- Visited other countries on Passport Day
- Raised money for Nelson's Journey, Macmillan and the NSPCC
- Held an open air Christmas Concert
- Had musicians perform at various live events and shows
- Won Norfolk Eco-School of the Year
- Won through to the regional final of Quiz Club
- Won the North Norfolk Football League and Cup
- Competed in lots of other sports events with considerable success
- Involved families in literacy and numeracy cafes and book looks
- Seen ducks hatch and grow
- Performed Christmas plays, concerts and end of year plays as well as watching performances
- Held Christmas, craft and summer fairs

On top of all this on a day to day basis the staff teach exciting and stimulating lessons. Once again our school performance data in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 6 was very pleasing. In nearly all measures our children are performing above and often well above the national averages. This is really important as it shows that the staff manage to combine exciting extra opportunities with academic progress and achievement and I thank them all for it.



Year 6 leavers

Our Year 6 children have had an incredible year and we are all so proud of every one of them. They finished the year in style putting on a fantastic performance of Robin Hood last week and it was lovely to share an afternoon with them and their families yesterday at the Leavers Social. They have been fantastic role models for the rest of the school and great buddies for Reception class. Through their kindness they have made such a positive impact at the start of the Reception children's' time in school. I know they will all go on to do great things at high school and look forward to hearing about all their future success. We will miss them all very much.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Cavender, Ms Holmes and Mrs Goddard for the fantastic work they have done this year.

Leaver's Trophies – All children in Year 6 received an award this week. After a lot of deliberation, we also chose the children to win our special awards. They get to have their name engraved on a shield kept in school as well as receiving a trophy, which were presented in assembly today:



- **English Award** Niamh Harris
- **Mathematics Award** Matthew Dove
- **Sportsman Award** Sonny Hurn and Luke Royston
- **Sportswoman Award** Freya Henderson
- **Outstanding Contribution Award** Charlotte Warrington

Goodbye Mrs Diaper

We also said goodbye to Mrs Diaper today. Mrs Diaper has worked in the school for an amazing 24 years. Since I have been here she has worked closely with Miss Maibaum and done a super job working with children in Year 4. Mrs Diaper is thoughtful, kind, hard-working and always wants the best for the children she works with. It was great to see lots of staff who used to work at the school return for a surprise coffee morning on Monday. We will miss her and wish her all the best in her retirement!



Swimming Gala – Last Monday we took part in the cluster swimming gala. The children all put in good performances as we finished 4th out of the schools. Our best performances came from Callum O’Kane who came third in freestyle and Eloisa Orme who came second in her freestyle. Well done to them and the rest of the team Molly Broadwater, Ruby Donnelly, Charlotte Warrington, Calum Buckingham, Matthew Dove and Mackenzie Ettridge.



Reading Stars – We finished our reading challenge for the year with a draw in assembly on Friday with the prize of a scooter. The lucky reading star winners were Bethan Lancaster and Jack Unsworth.

Summer Fair

The Summer Fair was a great success on Friday it was lovely to see everyone having such a good time. Well done to all the children that performed and ran a stall. A massive thank you to everyone who attended and especially to all those that helped organise and run stalls. In total the fair raised a profit of £965.

Yet again the FORS did an amazing job. An enormous thank you from me to all our fabulous FORS and a special thank you to Treena Barrett and Suzanne Fleetwood who have done an amazing job as the two new FORS in chief!

Report replies – Thank you to everyone who has sent in their parent comment slip. It is always good to hear your views and I know staff appreciate all the positive comments that you make.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the children who won this term’s Celebration Award. This term the awards went to:

Reception	Igor Niski	Trinity Beck
Year 1	Ben Newson	Scarlet Curle
Year 2	Isabella Crowther	Kody Addison
Year 3	Tyrone Tetteh	Chloe Smith
Year 4	Amy Hitcham	Max Buckingham
Year 5	Mason Parfitt-Bland	Isobel Crisp
Year 6	Niamh Harris	Luke Royston





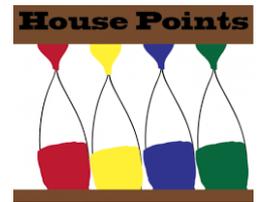
Attendance Gold awards

The following 22 children were awarded a certificate and £5 gift token for achieving 100% attendance this school year:

Libby Buckingham, Lucca Hallam, Polly Ottolanguì, Logan Phoenix, Alice Tandy, Joe Barrett, Corey Carpenter, Skyla Downing, Theo Hallam, Ellie Trabelsi, Frazer Braithwaite, Issey Carpenter, Ben Crook, Ewan Poole, Hattie Smith, Tyrone Tetteh, Jay Barrett, Isobel Crisp, Bethan Lancaster, Josh Rivett, Hannah Scotton and Calum Buckingham.

A huge well done to them all! An additional 41 children were awarded Bronze and Silver certificates.

Team Point Winners – The Reds of Ranworth were our team point winners this year. Well done to them!



FORS

Thank you to everyone who helped, attended and supported our Summer Fair on Friday. Together we raised a massive £969.76.

Our 100 Club Winners for August are:

1st Prize - (No 53) Agnieszka Stankiewicz, 2nd Prize - (No 1) Sara Cleminson and 3rd Prize (No 23) Mrs Barrett.

The Trustees and myself would like to thank everyone for their support in our first year in our new roles and we hope you have enjoyed some of our new events we've held. Together we have all raised an amazing £5196.26 so thank you all. We look forward to the new school year in September with possibly more exciting events to come but we are also looking forward to a well earned summer break.



We wish you all a happy, warm summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Thanks again Treena and the FORS Trustees

Good luck to everyone going to new schools. Have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday 6th September.

Chris Ashman

