

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th March 2016



It has certainly been a colourful and exciting last few days of term. On Tuesday the sights and sounds of Brazil came to Year 5 and on Wednesday Year 4 walked like an Egyptian as they explored Ancient Egyptian life.

Today we finished the term with our Celebration Assembly and our annual Rackheath Talent Show. At time of going to press we don't know the winners but I know all the children will have put on a fantastic show.

Class 4 - Egyptian Day



Yesterday, Wednesday 23rd March, it was our Egyptian and Roman day. We had to dress up as a roman or Egyptian, we had some great costumes. We all enjoyed dressing up for the day. There were 3 Cleopatra's! It was fun doing our canopic jar making but frustrating because they did not stay together and came apart. After lunch we painted our cartouches blue and the writing black or gold. We tried different foods such as grapes, flat bread, celery, dates, hummus and goats milk.

'I really liked when Ruby, Jamie and I made hummus. It looked really good but didn't taste very nice.' Grace

'I really enjoyed Egyptian day because we got to try out new things.' Eloisa

'We all had a fun time and I came as Tutankhamun.' Jamie

By Niamh, Callum O'Kane, Mackenzie, Charlotte

School Lunches

A reminder that the cost of a school lunch will rise to £2.20 per day as of the start of the new term. You should have all received a new menu home this week! You will see that on several occasions the veggie option is Jacket Potato. Could we ask you to still pre-order, as per usual system, if your child would like one on those days.



Music Update – Next term we are launching our Rackheath Orchestra, led by Mrs Brown, there are still places available if you are in Year 3 to 6 and wish to join. At the same time we are going to start having our young musicians perform as children come into assembly as part of our rewards assembly on Fridays.

Rio Carnival comes to Year 5!

On Tuesday 22nd March year 5 had a little taste of the Rio Carnival as they took part in their own South American Carnival day to finish their geography unit!

All of the children dressed up in bright and loud 'carnival' clothes to get in the mood for it...with some children, Finley Betts in particular, going all out with their outfits!

Activities the children took part in:

- Rio Carnival mask making,
- Samba dancing
- Samba music
- South American rainforest art
- South American food tasting (Locra - Butternut squash and Chorizo Stew)

A great day was had by all!! A massive thank you goes out to all involved that helped to make the day a HUGE success!

Here are a few photographs to show how much of a success was: (more can also be found on the website...along with a video!)



Sports Update



It has been another busy and successful sporting week at Rackheath.

Last Friday our mixed team took part in the finals of the Norwich City CSF football competition. With all 12 schools who had made it through dreaming of winning the chance to represent Norwich City at a Premier League Tournament at the home of Everton, Goodison Park.

On an amazing day of football the 13 children who represented the school all performed fantastically to compete against some very strong teams. With the format being that the girls played the first half it was key that they got us off to a good start and the girls did not disappoint. Gemma Smith in goal and Georgie Greenfield in defence formed an almost impenetrable barrier while further forward Ruby Culling, Kiera Braithwaite, Holly Whayman and Rosie Milligan attacked with skill and energy. The boys then took over the baton with goalkeeper Marcus Gardner pulling off some heroic saves. In front of him Alfie Mann, Luke Mayes, Lewis Story and Hayden Parfitt-Bland never stopped running and played some fantastic football, while upfront Dylan Parnell and Josh Perrins were a constant threat.

Going in to our last group game it was all to play for, whichever team won between us and Firside Junior would go through to the Semi-Finals. In a tense and exciting game Kiera scored the only goal, which put us through, as runners up in our group we played Corpusty Primary who had won their group. Again a super team effort including one incredible save from Marcus and goals from Kiera, Dylan and Alfie saw us through 3-0. We were in the final!

We knew it would be a tough game as Woodlands had been the only team to beat us earlier in the day. Again everyone gave their all but we were narrowly edged out 2-0. At the end the children were very disappointed not to make it through to represent Norwich at Goodison Park, but I know now that they are very proud of the fact that out of the 72 schools that entered we made it to the final 2 schools.

Members Cup Quarter Final – On Tuesday the school team played Millfield Primary School. In a very high quality game the boys showed great spirit to come back from 1-0 down to win 2-1, with our man of the match, Dylan Parnell, scoring 2 fantastic goals. The win means the team are through to 2 semi-finals a great achievement.

Netball Tournament Wednesday 23rd April 2016



“Well done to the Netball Team who came 2nd in the Cluster Tournament, it was so close, originally we finished joint 1st with Neatishead and a decision was made on goal difference. Everyone played so well and I am very proud of you all. “ Mrs Pilbrow

“Yesterday, the netball team attended a very intense tournament at St. John’s Primary School. The teams were: Neatishead, Coltishall, Salhouse and finally St. Johns. The team played extremely well in all their games, especially in their first. In this game we won against Salhouse 3-0! Then, the good scores kept on coming. On the second game we went up against St. Johns, beating them 2-1! After that, our third opponent was Coltishall. We won 2-0! Things were looking good for

us...Until Neatishead showed up. Unfortunately, even though we tried our best, they still beat us 4-1. Due to this, we drew joint 1st with Neatishead and Coltishall. So the umpire decided that the final scores should come down to which team scored the most nets. According to this, we came second as we had only scored 8 goals whereas Neatishead had somehow gained higher. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Pilbrow, Ms Holmes and everyone who came. Also a great deals of thanks to St. Johns for letting us play at their school."

By Madeleine Jenkins and Gemma Smith



Celebration Assembly

The following children were chosen by their teachers to receive this term's Special Award:

Reception: Rhys Davison and Ellie Trabelsi, Year 1: Evie Cleminson and Jacob Lancaster, Year 2: Max Buckingham and Molly Burdett, Year 3: Lola Wickham and Keegan Mickleburgh, Year 4: Montie Mann and Eloisa Orme, Year 5: Joe Turner and Max Penson, Year 6: Ella Poole and Lewis Story.

Attendance Bronze and Silver Certificates – Today we gave out 27 Bronze Awards to children with 100% attendance for this term and 31 Silver Certificates for children who have had 100% attendance since the start of the year. Well done everyone!



FORS Easter Egg Hunt – Yet again our Fantastic FORS organised a lovely Easter Egg Hunt, which our children really enjoyed. Once again I would like to pass on my thanks to all the FORS for the active part they play in the life of our school.

We raised £108 from the sale of Sport Relief Wristbands and £176 from our non-uniform day and races!!



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Well done to Year 1 who had 97% attendance and were visited by Attendance Bear!

Next term we have lots of exciting activities and events planned for including our Rackheath Museum Week, Celebrations for the Queen's Birthday, Sports Days and Passport Day as well as all the events linked to Year 6 transition like the Camp Out to look forward to.

Have a fantastic Easter Break. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 11th April.

Chris Ashman