

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2017

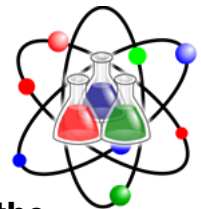


Yesterday we received and then sent home paper copies of our OFSTED report. As a school community we are pleased that the report is a very positive one which captures many of the attributes that makes the school

what it is. Most importantly the report clearly indicates how wonderful the children are at the school. On a personal note it means an enormous amount to have the support of the community and the fact that every parent surveyed would recommend the school says a great deal about the links between the school and the community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff, parents and governors for making the school a special place for our children.

Should any of you want to read the report online it should be available by next Wednesday 29th November.

Science – Last Friday saw the culmination of our conker challenge and also the naming of our stick insects. This week Year 4 have had the chance to visit Norwich School and take part in some special science workshops in their laboratories. Next week we have our Science Fair on Thursday 30th November. A separate letter with more information went out about this on Tuesday. We look forward to seeing all the amazing science projects completed at home at the Science Fair on Thursday.



Staffing – This week we interviewed for the Pastoral Support Worker post previously held by Mrs Wooltorton. I'm very pleased to say that we have appointed Mrs Claire Cookson. Claire will be starting at the school in January. I know she is really looking forward to starting and I'm sure she will be a valuable addition to the staff team.

Cluster Cross Country – Next week 32 children from Year 3 to 6 will be taking part in the Cluster Cross Country at Coltishall. The children taking part took home a letter yesterday.





NORWICH SCHOOL

Year 4 class trip to Norwich School

On the 22nd November year 4 went to Norwich school. Norwich school has their very own coach! When we got to Norwich school we met Miss Brugger. When we got to the science lab we had to put our coats on top of the cooker (do not worry they did not get burnt).

Then we sat down at a desk and then we had to put on a science lab coat. Then Mr Warton told us a lot of instructions. Our first experiment was where we had to see if a finger rockets would go up to space (but they did not). Then the teacher, Miss Crook went first, then Miss Maibaum and then Mrs Diaper had to have a bigger rocket to shoot in the air. Next we had to put on science glasses because we were doing an explosion, we had to pour less than one centimetre of water into a small pot then we had to break a tablet in half. Then we had to put half of the tablet into the small pot of water then we had to quickly put the lid on until it clicked and then we had to stand back!!! Then had to wait a few seconds then it popped!!! (It kept making us jump!)

Next we went into a class room to have a giant cookie and a drink. Then we went back into the science lab and sat down. The next experiment was where we had to blow up a balloon and attach it to a straw which was attached to a bit of string and then we had to let the balloon go and see if it could get to the end of the string (and it did). Then we did another experiment which was where we had to go outside for it. The experiment was where we had to use coca cola and mento's then we had to wait for it to explode so we had to stand back. Our next experiment was where Mr Warton had to keep pumping a bottle with water in and then we had to stand back and then it exploded (Connie and Anise got wet). Then we stayed outside to do another experiment that was a pump rocket. It was fun (Connie and Anise had a go at pumping it up and it went very high!!!). At the end we put our coat on and went to the coach and went back to school.

By Connie and Anise.



The festive season has arrived! - Yesterday we had the Festive Fayre while next Friday it is the Christmas Fayre which starts straight after school. Two very different events but both great fun and both great examples of the way the community works together. Thank you to the fantastic FORS and everyone else who helps with either event.

Christmas Performances – We are just beginning our Christmas preparations.

Our performances are a big part of our Christmas Celebrations. The dates and times of performances are below. Parents and other family members are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal if they cannot make another performance. Like last year we would ask anyone who wants to take photographs or record the performance to sit or stand at the back. Similarly if pre-school children come to watch could they sit in a place where they can quickly take a break if they are unsettled.

Dates and times for performances are listed below. For school based performances please arrive 10 minutes before the performance starts. Children should arrive at the church for 5.45.

- Monday 11th December– Reception Dress Rehearsal 10.00
- Monday 11th December– Year 1/ 2 Dress Rehearsal 1.50
- Tuesday 12th December Year 1/2 Performance 10.00
- Tuesday 12th December Reception Performance 1.50
- Wednesday 13th December –Reception Performance 10.00
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Our Key Stage 2 Carol Concert is at 6pm on Wednesday 13th December. This will be held outside on the school grounds.



Christmas Lunch Friday 15th December – Our Christmas Lunch is always a lovely occasion. The staff and children eat together in two sittings with staff taking the food to the children. It will also be **Christmas Jumper Day** in school when all children and staff can come in to school wearing a Christmas jumper.

Gingerbread Trail -Last year we had Rackheath's Mosaic Gingerbread Boy this year Mrs Goddard and her team of willing helpers are putting the finishing touches to "Supportive Santa" as we once again take part in Wroxham's Gingerbread Challenge. The event itself takes place in a couple of weeks. The big question is can we repeat the success of last year and be voted as the winning entry?



Parent Book Look – It has been lovely to see lots of parents in school sharing learning and looking at books with their children. Next week we have Year 6 book look on Wednesday, Year 2 on Thursday and Year 5 on Friday.

FORS NEWS

Disco Slips need to be returned by Monday 27th November!

Bags to School raised £160!! Thanks to everyone for your kind donations.

School Calendars are on sale for £2 from School Office or at Christmas Fayre on Friday.

100 Club Forms need to be returned as soon as possible, more available from the office.

Festive Gift Fayre raised an amazing £740.56 which is amazing!! Thank you to Sharon Collin, Louise Hebron and Hannah Halsey for all of their hard work and a big thank you to the school choir and Mrs Grogutt for their beautiful singing. The choir alone raised £20 for the schools chosen charity which is the Norwich Foodbank.

Don't forget!! the Christmas Fayre on Friday 1st December from 3pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.



Attendance Bear
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**Well done to Year 2 who had
100% attendance last week!**

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Stephanie Dutu	Nola Moll	Reuben Wilson
Year 1	Eden Martin	Deanna Read	Oliver Durrant
Year 2	Ava Woodcock	Joe Barrett	Xane Brister
Year 3	Chloe Smith	Hattie Smith	Josh Hill
Year 4	Brooke Halsey	Lily-Mae Wright	Amy Hitcham
Year 5	Rebecca Burrows	Rory Watts	Will Ottaway
Year 6	Matthew Dove	Callum O'Kane	Harry Brown

Have a super weekend!

Chris Ashman