

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th May

Miss Brannan – After half term Miss Brannan will be on maternity leave. We are really pleased that Miss Hannant will be teaching Year 3 alongside Miss Magee for the rest of the year. We all wish Miss Brannan and her family all the very best. As a very popular member of the school community we will all miss her infectious enthusiasm and her caring and supportive personality. We look forward to meeting her new arrival soon.



Parent Surveys – Thank you to everyone who returned a completed parent survey, altogether we had 67 completed surveys. The governors will now collate the results and once they have done that we will be able to share the results.

Hot weather – In the hot weather we have to keep a careful eye on the children at break and lunchtime to make sure that they are not getting too hot. We encourage children to take rest breaks, sit in the shade and drink lots. Please could you help by making sure the children have a drink, sun hat and when necessary come in to school with sunscreen on.



Bake Off - On Thursday 8th June we will be holding our very first Bake Off for year 3 and 6. This should be a fun and exciting day where our budding bakers can show off their fantastic skills. Retro Alley our new uniform provider has kindly donated 6 special aprons as prizes for the winners. Just to let you know that at 3.00pm on the day the School Council will be selling the bakers cupcakes in the hall for our charity so don't miss out on tasting their delicious cakes.



Geography Day

On Thursday the classes mixed up for geography day and were set the challenge of trying to create a new country from scratch. They had to think about: where in the world their new country would be and how that might influence the weather; what physical features could be in their country; what is needed for a country to have a population; learn about different types of settlements as well as much more. They were then given the task of actually building this new country as a

class in the classroom. This meant creating and building cities, roads, forests, rivers, villages, railways, volcanoes, power sources and many more weird and wonderful things. As you can see from the pictures everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt something new.

Thank you to all of the staff who worked hard on the days leading up to this event to make it such a huge success.

Mr Cavender

Ranworth Fete – Good luck to all of the Rockheath Orchestra when you perform at the Ranworth Fete this weekend. From the weather forecast it should be a lovely day!



Midday Supervisors – we are still looking to add to our team of super midday supervisors. If you are interested in the role either on a set day or as a back-up person we could call on when we are short please let Mr Cavender or the office staff know.

Fidget Spinners – After a period of allowing fidget spinners we have decided that from half term children should not bring fidget spinners into school. We do have a selection of fidget toys in school and if we feel any child would benefit from their use then we can and do provide them for those children. We thank you for your support with this.



On a similar note there have been a few problems linked to **Smiggle Pencil Cases** which I know are quite expensive. As a lot of the equipment is the same this has led to the odd occasion when children have lost something and been upset or times when children are not sure who owns a particular bit of kit. In school we do provide the children with everything they would need in the class so children don't need to bring in their own pencil cases, if they do they are responsible for looking after it.

Cricket Tournament

On a swelteringly hot day two teams from Rackheath took part in the cluster cricket tournament in the beautiful surroundings of Ashmanhaugh Cricket Club. All the children did really well, batting, bowling and fielding excellently. One of the teams lost in the final while the other team also did themselves proud. There were some excellent performances but I must mention Olivia Crook who scored 18 runs off 4 balls to take one of the teams into the final and the two captains – Charlie Clarke and Ruby Culling. As well as these 3 we had 17 other players represent the school; Harry Brown, Calum Buckingham, Matthew Dove and Sonny Hurn from Year 5 and Finley Betts, Amelia-Mai Evans, Oliver Firman, Marcus Gardner, Georgie Greenfield, Ruby Horwood, Rosie Milligan, James Newson, Freddie Ottolangui, Matt Rivett, Joe Turner and Holly Whayman from Year 6.



Photographs - If you haven't seen them yet the photos of various sports teams, the school and eco council and the orchestra are well worth a look. Parents can see the full size versions in the library.

Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew



This week, on Tuesday 23rd May, the Year 6 children were lucky enough to attend Crucial Crew at 'The Space' in Sprowston. Crucial Crew is a series of nine workshops designed to teach children from different schools about safety.

The first workshop was about internet safety and how you shouldn't put things on the internet that you don't want the world to see because, once it is online, you have lost control of it.

The second was about teaching you to keep your personal information (your full name, address etc.) safe and not to share it with anybody whom you don't know.

Next, we learnt about what to do if you smell gas in your home: dial 0800 111 999 and how there is one type of gas called carbon monoxide that you can't smell and is very deadly (don't worry because you should have a gas detector in your house that will warn you of it).

The fourth was coast guards who explained what to do if someone or you are drowning. In fact, most people drown in water that they can actually stand up in so keep calm and try and touch the bottom, whilst keeping your head above the water.

After this, we got to go into a 'Fire Experience Unit' which was where we first spotted dangers in the room and then re-enacted what to do in a fire which was try the windows and doors, get down low, and call help. Most of us really enjoyed this workshop though some found it a little bit scary. When the firefighter came, everyone screamed and then we all laughed!

In the sixth workshop we made our own emergency kit including first aid, communication device, a small game, overnight essentials etc.



Next was an informative team quiz about the dangers of smoking, drugs and alcohol. Did you know that a single cigarette has 4000 chemicals in it including nicotine, acetone and tar?

The seventh was a workshop with some people from the ambulance service which taught us about the recovery position.

The final one was about the dangers of power and electricity and how to be safe around power cables and power stations.

We all really enjoyed it and learnt lots!

By Elizabeth, Aston, Annabelle and Olivia

New Parents Evening – The meeting for new parents for 2017-18 Reception Class is at 6:30pm on Tuesday 6th June. Some of our Year 6 are going to be there to help out and answer questions.



Cycling – Today Year 6 had their bike check. After half term the first group will be cycling on Monday 5th and Monday 12th June.

Norfolk Maths Initiative

Next Tuesday (May 30th) Norfolk LEA are launching a new maths campaign, Count on Norfolk, aimed at supporting children's learning at home.



The campaign is being launched to help boost maths skills in children aged 11 and under, with the long term aim of improving Key Stage 2 maths performance.

From Tuesday onwards, a new section on Norfolk County Council website

www.norfolk.gov.uk/raisinglearners

will give parents and carers top tips and ideas on how to have fun with children using numbers at home, with the aim of incorporating maths into everyday games and activities.

One of the aims of the campaign is for families to be really positive about maths, developing a "can-do" attitude with their children and bringing maths to life through fun activities and play. We hope the ideas and tips on our website will help with that.

Listen in to Radio Norfolk's breakfast show during half-term week (from Tuesday), when Nick Conrad will be speaking to a variety of people from professions across Norfolk for Count On Norfolk about the interesting ways in which they use maths at work, including a baker, a scientist and a firefighter, plus a maths tutor and numeracy expert who will talk about 'maths anxiety' of parents.

Finally, join in by sharing ideas about how you use maths in everyday life on Facebook or Twitter #CountOnNorfolk, which will be running through the summer.



Well done to Year 3 who had 100% 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	Jack Johns	Eden Martin	Jessica Lines
Year 1	Connor Youngs	All of Year 1	Matilda Purton
Year 2	Gideon Martin	Callum Mickleburgh	Jacob Curle
Year 3	The whole of Year 3 !		
Year 4	Isobel Crisp	Lily Stone	Billie Turner
Year 5	Matthew Dove	Dylan Cullum	Janelle Jay
Year 6	Leon Cramer-McConnell	James Newson	Olivia Crook

Have a lovely half term and enjoy the sunshine.