

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2014

This week we have been thinking about Harvest in school and we ended our week with a Harvest Service in the Church. Thank you to everyone who supported our collection for the Norwich Food Bank and the MacMillan coffee morning. Both events demonstrate the generosity of our community and help give our children a better understanding of the world and the good they can do.

This week our Whole School Focus has been to “set ourselves a challenge.” The year 6 children have the job of deciding the focus and it was William Grant who came up with this focus. Well done William because this is a really important part of what we do in school as we encourage children to take more and more responsibility for their own learning.

Year 6 assembly – Our Year 6 children did a great job performing their class assembly on Thursday. They chose World War I as their theme which as you know is going to be a whole school focus for our work in November. It is the turn of Year 5 next Thursday.



Parent lunches – There are still lots of spaces for parent lunch month which starts on Monday 29th September. Sign up for a lovely lunch at the office.

Kingswood Trip for Year 5 & 6 - Thanks to everyone who attended the Kingswood meeting on Wednesday, Mrs Grogutt will be sending out a letter and consent forms next week.



Parent Coffee Mornings - Mrs Wooltorton will be holding the first of her coffee mornings next Friday at 8.45am. This is open to all parents and pre-school siblings and will take place on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month. Please join her for coffee and biscuits / cake.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - A massive thank you to those of you who helped support School Council's Coffee Morning by attending, donating raffle prizes and buying raffle tickets if you could not make it. We raised a grand total of £138.54 for this worthwhile charity. I would like to thank the School Councillors for all their hard work which helped the morning run smoothly. I would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity with raffle prizes:

- Sole and Heel
- Fish and Chip Company
- Castle Carvery
- Anya's Flowers
- Purple Stars Hair Clips
- The Poppy Room
- Rackheath Swimming Pool



Literacy Cafes – The first literacy cafes of the year start next week. On Tuesday 30th it is Year 3's café, on Wednesday 1st it is the turn of Year 4 and finally for the week it is Year 2's café on Friday 3rd. All cafes run from 9.00am until 10.00am and we invite you to join us for a cup of tea or coffee in the DT room from 8.45am.

In the following week Reception have their café on Tuesday 7th, Year 5 on Wednesday 8th followed by Year 6 on Thursday 9th and finally Year 1 on Friday 10th. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Football Match v Coltishall

Last Friday the football team played the first game of the new season. On an incredibly warm afternoon the team got off to a shaky start and soon found themselves 2 – 0 down. However, rather than let their heads drop the team came back into the game with a goal from Sam Watts after a great passing move involving Thomas Moore and Alfie Mann, followed by a second goal scored by our captain Oliver Milligan with a thunderbolt of a shot. As the game progressed Luke Mayes in goal with Charlotte Abramson and Lewis Story in defence kept the Coltishall attacks at bay. Going forward Rackheath looked good and were passing the ball really well with William Grant regularly involved. As the game moved into the second half Alfie scored a great goal before Dylan Parnell-Crook finished off another great passing move to make the final score 4 -2 to Rackheath.

Well done to everyone who played and a big thank you to all the parents for their great support. Our next game is at home against Cawston on Friday October 3rd, any spectators are more than welcome.



Year 3 Trip to Norwich and Bridewell Museum



On Wednesday 17th September Year 3 visited Norwich linked to this term's topic. We had a walking tour of Norwich with our very own tour guide, Mrs Cockaday! We then stopped off at Memorial Gardens, after a quick snack we sketched our view of the market, the Guildhall and City Hall. We then ventured through the lanes to the Bridewell Museum. What a fantastic place, so much to see and do. All the children were impeccably behaved and represented the school wonderfully. Thanks to our class governor Mrs St Hill, Mrs Cockaday, Mrs Newton, Ms

Warrington and Mrs Thomas for giving up your time to help out on the day. We had a great time and have been using lots of the knowledge we learnt in our lesson.



Schools Football Fantasy League is back!! - Do you think you have what it takes to be a top football manager and beat Mr Edwards, last year's winner? Can you pick a team that will score more points than your friends or teacher's team? If so you should register a team on the School Fantasy League website (www.schoolsfl.com) this is a free resource which is really fun to use. Once you are on the site it should not take too long to register, name and pick your team. Then you can join the Rackheath Primary School League using the Pin Number 5955220. It is open to everyone in the community so children, parents, governors and staff can all pick a team.

The basic idea is that every manager has £110 million to spend to pick a team of 11 players. You can pick up to 3 players from one club. Through the season you can make substitutions and throughout the season managers can win certificates and other prizes depending on how well you are doing. It is good for developing literacy and numeracy skills too. Teams need to be **registered by Saturday October 18th** to start scoring points in the first week. Last year we had 40 teams it would be great if we could have even more this year. Please see Mr Ashman if you are having any problems.



Football Club and Shin Pads– All children attending football clubs on Tuesday and Thursday must wear shin pads as some of the children wear football boots and as it gets wetter more of the children will do so.





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On 11th November we will be having another Bag2School collection. If anyone would like to bring in their bags now please feel free to do so.

Halloween Disco – This will be held this year on Friday 17th October. Halloween dress is optional. Tickets will be sent home at a later date.



AGM – Please join us next week for our Annual General Meeting on Friday at 9am at school. Everyone welcome! For more information on what we do please see the school website.

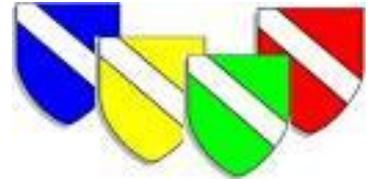
Governor Visits – This year each class has a governor allocated to them. This week the governors have been visiting the school to get to know their class. The governors play an important role in the school and it is great that they are linked to different classes. I know from chatting to the governors that they have really enjoyed their visits and been hugely impressed by all our children.

Horstead Residential - letters about the residential for Year 3 and 4 went out this week. If for any reason you have missed the letter please visit the office and they will be happy to give you a letter.

Team Points

Our latest team point scores are:

Ranworth (Red) - 267
Oulton (Yellow) - 252
Hickling (Green) – 244
Barton (Blue) - 206



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Ben Crook	Chloe Smith	Sophie Atkinson
Year 1	Nicole Rump	Liam Cowey	Rhianna Dashwood
Year 2	Isobel Crisp	Emily Addison	Louie Bond
Year 3	James Nurse	Montie Mann	Dylan Cullum
Year 4	Oliver Firman	Macy Wickham	Cian McAulay
Year 5	Gemma Smith	Tyler McMullen	Madeleine Jenkins
Year 6	Ben Finch	Sam Watts	Charlotte Abramson

Have a lovely weekend

Chris Ashman