

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

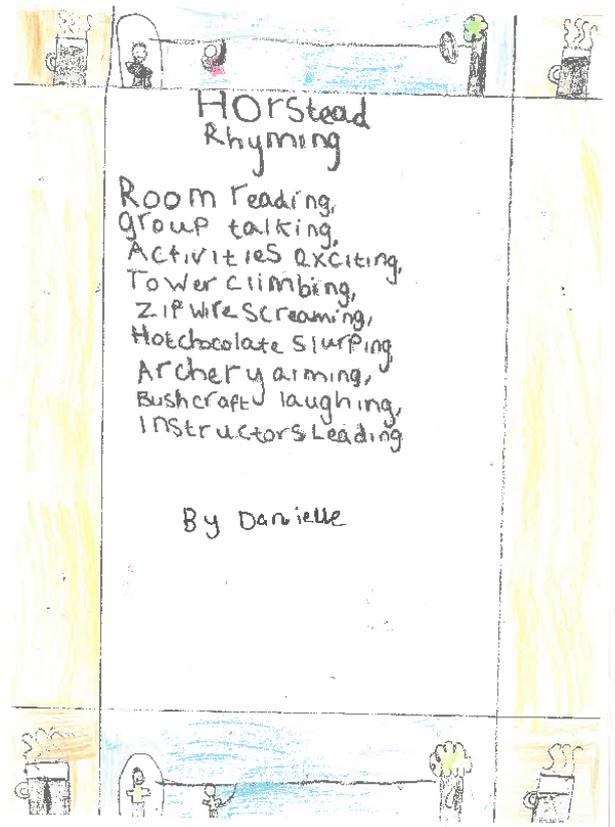
Friday 27th January 2017

I am really looking forward to going with Year 3 on their trip to Horstead starting next Wednesday. I'm sure everyone will have an amazing time. A report and a poem from Year 3's trip follows.

Horstead

"Horstead was really fun. We did Bushcraft, Climbing Tower and zip wire, Archery, Jacob's ladder and Nightline. They were really exciting and the meals were delicious. We were really sad that we could not go back. The instructors were really funny and their names were Sarah, Scott, Ellie, Kai and Chris (Kai was our favourite). Toast and coco pops were everyone's favourites at breakfast. We will always remember it."

By Phoebe and Bethan



Norwich City School's Cup Football – Last Friday the school took part in a mixed football tournament where the girls play the first half and the boys play the second. In our first game we beat Mile Cross 3-0 before beating Munford 2-1, Pilgrim Federation 6-0, West Lynn 5-0 and finally Queens Hill 4-0. As a result we qualify for Champions Day which is on Friday 3rd February. As usual

the children all performed really well, behaved exceptionally and were a credit to the school. The children who played were (goals in brackets) Olivia Crook, Georgie Greenfield, Rosie Milligan (6), Ruby Culling (3), Holly Whayman (4), Ruby Horwood, Marcus Gardener, Oliver Firman, Freddie Ottolangui (2), Finley Betts (3), Aston Culling and Samuel Abramson (2). We will let you know how finals day goes!

The Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick – The Eco Committee and School Council along with Mrs Goddard and Ms Bartlett are organising our involvement in the Great British Spring Clean. During the week of the 27th February children will be using litter pickers to help keep Rackheath tidy. We are going to working alongside Broadland District Council as their main school partner. More information can be found at www.greatbritishspringclean.org.uk

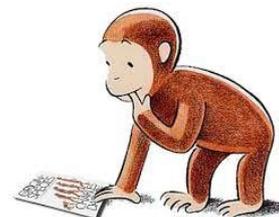


Child Safety

Can I remind everyone that at drop-off and pick-up it is important that parents do not come into school before school starts or finishes. This is to ensure that all our children are safe and that no adult puts themselves into a potentially vulnerable position. Should you need to speak to someone you should

come round to the office or speak to the teacher at the outside door of the classroom. The same goes for dropping something off, the ladies in the office will be happy to help. Again for safeguarding reasons the children's toilets must never be used by any adult or child other than children attending the school. In exceptional circumstances the staff toilets can be used but please speak to the office first.

Cafés – As usual it has been great to see lots of you working alongside your children at one of our Curiosity Cafes. There has been lots of exciting learning going on with Year 2 making bug hotels and Year 3 learning the story of Le Chenille Qui Fait Des Trous (The Hungry Caterpillar in French) while in Year 4 the children and parents made Egyptian pottery. Next week Reception have their café on Wednesday 1st, Year 1 on Thursday 2nd and Year 5 on Friday 3rd February.



SATS Evening

On Monday we held briefings for Year 6 parents about the SATS and what happens in Year 6 after SATS. It was great to see lots of you there and also to hear your views and answer your questions. Ultimately we all know that the children try their best and we hope that none of them worry about the tests in any way. What is really important is that they are all fantastic children and great role-models for the rest of the school.

Assembly – Year 6 started our Spring Class Assemblies with a fantastic whistle-stop tour of Britain and Ireland. It was great to see how well the children worked together to organise an assembly that they wrote and put together by themselves from start to finish.

Parent's Evening

As mentioned last week, our second set of Parent's Evenings take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February (Thursday being the later evening). We will let you know when the sign-up sheets will go up.



Help Please! – We have had reports that there have been people trespassing in school in the evening and at the weekend. Damage to property on the ground suggests they have been climbing on the roof which is very dangerous. Should you see or hear anything please call the Police on either 999 or 101. Our Safer Neighbourhood Team is now based at Thorpe St Andrew.

Parking

From my perspective the parking situation has improved a lot recently with parents using the church car park and I would like to thank the vast majority of parents for parking really thoughtfully and safely. Please can I remind you that for safety reasons you must not drive into the school car park at pick-up and drop-off unless you have a significant reason to do so and have previously spoken to me about it. Furthermore, please respect neighbours driveways and avoid dropping off on and around the roundabout.



Clubs – Next week Mr Edwards will be taking football club on Thursday and Mr Cavender will be taking cross country. Thank you to them both for helping out with these clubs while I am at Horstead. There won't be any football or netball club on the 9th February because of Parent's Evening.

Lunchtime

It has been an interesting week in the kitchen as the ovens were out of action until Thursday! Mandy and Amanda (with a little bit of help) have done an amazing job cooking lunch using the kitchen in the DT room without any drop in quality. They have pretty much been able to cook everything as advertised and I'm sure given the circumstances everyone would understand if the menu had to change slightly.



School Uniform – Following the news that the Schoolwear Centre is to close we have already met a couple of alternate suppliers. Like most companies they are web based. We would hold samples in school and the main way to receive uniform would be for the company to make a monthly delivery to school of your orders which we would then distribute. Should any of you have any views about this way of working please let us know.



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Well done to Year 4 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	Ben Newson	Amber Houston	Isabel Jefferson
Year 1	Ava Woodcock	Harvey Moore	Xane Brister
Year 2	Hannah Rudd	Sebastian Jenkins	Callum Mickleburgh
Year 3	Bethany Dampier	Chloe St Hill	Carys Tomlinson
Year 4	All of Year 4	Rory Watts	Olivia Ardary-Ptolomey
Year 5	Sonny Hurn	Beth Tomlinson	James Nurse
Year 6	Cian McAulay	Ruby Horwood	James Newson

Have a good weekend.

Chris Ashman