

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 28th November



Pantomime – The school week started with a bang as the school were treated to a super performance of Sleeping Beauty from the Panto Company. All the children got fully involved and made a lot of noise! Thank you to FORS for paying for this.

Cluster Cross Country – On Wednesday we braved the wet conditions and headed over to Coltishall for the Cluster Cross Country Competition. Our children competed really well winning 3 of the 4 races and narrowly being beaten into second place by Coltishall in the team competition. In the Year 3 and 4 girls race **Rosie Milligan** ran superbly to win she was followed into the top ten by Holly Whayman who came 6th and Georgie Greenfield who came 8th. Our success continued in the Year 3 and 4 boys race which was won by **Sonny Hurn** from Year 3 who ran an amazing race. There were also top ten finishes for Samuel Abramson who finished 4th and Charlie Clarke who came 6th. **Charlotte Abramson** then ran a fantastic race to win the Year 5 and 6 girls race. In the Year 5 and 6 boys race it we were consistently strong with Oliver Milligan 4th, Alfie Mann 5th, Lewis Story 6th, Carter Daniels 8th and Dylan Parnell-Crook 10th.

The other children who ran for the school were Mia Westley, Ruby Donnelly, Molly Broadwater, Harry Brown, Montie Mann, Macy Wickham, Amelia-Mai Evans, Marcus Gardner, Oliver Firman, Kiera Braithwaite, Gemma Smith, Nathan Nicholls, Caitlin Ettridge, Maria Braithwaite, Lydia Rivett, Freya Grime, Tristan Wilson and George Mickleburgh. All the children who took part did themselves proud and it was lovely to see how supportive all the team were of each other.



Head for the Day – On Tuesday Sam Watts and Daisy Stone were the first pair of Year 6 children to be ‘Head for the Day’. They both did a great job – I will be looking over my shoulder from now on!

Head Teacher for the Day!!!!

On Tuesday the 25th of November Year 6 house Captains for Barton (Blue) were Headteachers for the day. We had to arrive at school at 8.25am for a staff briefing. First we showed a visitor around the school. Next we got Year 5 parents feedback from their Numeracy Café, then came assembly and the children said good morning to us before the church did an ‘Open The Book’ assembly. After that break time duty was one of the best things because we got to play with reception and after that we got a cuppa! Next was the cloakroom inspection; Reception won because they got 10 out of 10 Well done. At lunch we sat with the younger years - Year 1, Reception and Year 2. In the afternoon we decided to spend a £100 pounds on playground resources which we guarantee the children will enjoy using. It was nearing the end of the day so we typed the report. Overall we loved it and it was an amazing experience!

Report by Miss Stone and Mr Watts
(aka Daisy and Sam)



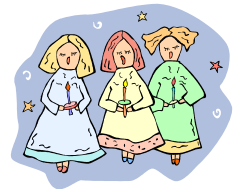
Year 4 Trip to Norwich Castle

On Tuesday 25th November Year 4 went to Norwich Castle. We were all clear to go, with lunches and coats we then boarded a Smith’s coach. We had a lovely ride on the coach as it was nice and clean! When we arrived at the Castle we climbed up some slippery steps and travelled over an enormous bridge. After we reached the top we walked around the whole Castle. When the huge wooden door opened we all went inside and found our place for the trip. We went to our first activity, handling Roman objects or looking at Egyptian objects. They were very old objects, 2 or 3 thousand years old. Then the 2 Groups swapped over. After our activities we had our lovely lunch made by our mums or dads (Thank you). In the afternoon we went and saw the Egyptian Gallery along with the Roman and Boudicca Gallery. After that we all looked around the stuffed animals, quickly, then we finally we returned to school having learnt more while having fun.

Stanley and Matt



Christmas Performances – Today the stage is going up so Christmas must be on its way. Next week Reverend Sandy Dutton is visiting school as we enter Advent and leaving behind some special guests.



Rehearsals will also start in earnest. Costume information for Reception and Year 1 and 2 has gone home in a separate letter. Children in Year 3 to 6 should wear a combination of black and red with optional extra sparkles. Your help and support at this time whether it be through helping children learn their scripts or by making costumes it is very much appreciated.

Year 6 and SATS – The Year 6 children take their SATs tests in May. To help them achieve their potential in these tests support from home is really important. On Monday 26th January Mr Edwards and I will be running SATs briefings for parents during which we will:

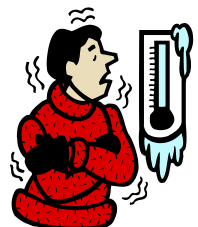
- Explain the format for the tests
- Look at the type of questions in the test
- Look at how we support the children in school
- Most importantly look at how you can support your child at home

We will also look at resources you could use on line and books that the school provides or you could buy. There will be two sessions lasting around an hour firstly at 2 o'clock and then repeated at 6 o'clock. We really help that at least one person from each family is able to attend on the day as children make best progress when home and school work together for the benefit of every child. Mr Edwards will send out more information about this nearer the time.



Additionally the children will spend a small part of the week working in small SATS booster groups. Last year we found this really helped the children to make progress and become confident answering SATs style questions.

Cold Weather – The cold weather has crept up on us a bit this year as it has been quite warm until recently. Unless it is raining children still go outside at break and lunch so it is really important that they all bring and wear a coat.



School Closure due to bad weather - We very much hope that the school will not need to close due to bad weather. Should we ever have to, a text would go out on the School Text Service and the information would be on the Norfolk School Closure's Website.



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Christmas Fayre - Raffle tickets have gone home with children this week. If you require any more please speak to the ladies in the school office.

Festive Fayre – Thank you to everyone that everyone that supported this event last night. It was a great success. We will let you know how much was raised in total next week.

Calendars – We have produced our popular calendar again this year which features drawings of all the children in their birthday month. They will be on view in Reception or at the Christmas Fayre next week and will be available to order.

100 Club – We still have some numbers available so don't forget to send in your form. Extra forms available from the office.

Christmas Post Box – These will be available from Monday 8th until Thursday 18th December.



*Christmas Bingo - A BIG thank you to everyone who came along or helped on the night. We raised an amazing £484.00!!!
Mrs Goddard*



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Evie Cleminson	Sophie Atkinson	Ben Crook
Year 1	Felicity Hughes	Lucy Eglan	Molly Burdett
Year 2	Oliver Grimmer	Hannah Scotton	Alfie Hughes
Year 3	Sonny Hurn	Jamie Barrett	Mackenzie Ettridge
Year 4	Annabelle Horan	Finley Betts	Freddie Ottolangui
Year 5	Lewis Story	Luke Mayes	Ethan Mann
Year 6	Kacie Banwell	Daisy Stone	Oliver Milligan

Chris Ashman