

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Library Update** - Each class has now ordered their new furniture to help create a new exciting reading area in the classrooms. Staff and, in some cases, children are busy planning for their themed reading area. Staff are playing their cards close to their chests but it does seem that there are some amazing themed ideas being created. On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March all the children will get the chance to go round the classes and pick their favourite reading area. The class with the most votes will get to spend some money on books.



### Gymnast Assembly

On Wednesday the children watched a DVD of our Sport for School Ambassador, Danny Lawrence the Gymnast, in readiness for his visit on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. The Sport for School scheme normally operates through a sponsorship system. In this scheme Sport for School take the first £200 raised and then any more money raised is split 60:40 between them and school. We are aware that you are often asked to support charities and other initiatives and we really appreciate your generosity. As such we are not expecting anyone to complete a sponsor form and the school will meet the cost of the visit as we feel it is a good opportunity to be inspired by Danny's experience.



We have attached the sponsor form purely to give you that choice but I would re-iterate there is no expectation from us that anyone gets sponsored. Any sponsor forms would need to be returned with money by Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Year 3 Horstead** – Year 4 have been at Horstead this week. Next week it is the turn of Year 3 who will be going with Mrs Grogutt, Mrs Howes, Mrs Chapman and Mrs Goddard, with Miss Brannan visiting on Friday. Please remember to pack lots of warm clothes – let's hope it isn't too cold!

I would like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all the staff who volunteer to take the children away on residentials and help give them such a wonderful opportunity. A special thank you to Mrs Chapman and Mrs Goddard who have gone away twice this year!

## Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been anti-bullying week at our school. The children have been looking at the different types of bullying and what they can do to prevent it. The children have learnt that bullying is unwanted behaviours towards someone that is repeated and is difficult to stop. During this week the children have completed 'pupil surveys' and we are pleased to report that incidents of bullying at Rackheath are few and far between. However, we do encourage you to report any incidents to your child's class teacher to ensure that this continues as Rackheath Primary School strives to become a 'Bully Free Zone'!



It was also good to see so many children in non-uniform today to support our chosen anti-bullying charity. Below is a message from Miss Brannan

"Firstly, thank you for all the kind donations for our anti bullying charity, we raised £108. This week we have all been busy finding out how to beat bullying and how to be a good friend to one another. Children have been designing posters, performing drama, reading stories about sharing and how to beat bullies. We have been learning poems, making bully-proof shields and designing anti-bullying superheroes. A very busy Anti-Bullying week!"

Miss Brannan



**Reception trip to the Dinosaur Adventure** - The children in Reception are off on an adventure to the Dinosaur Adventure on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February. This follows on from some amazing work linked to dinosaurs that the class have been doing this week. Parents should have received a letter with details of this during the week.

**Pedestrian Training** – In March Year 1 and 2 have training delivered by Norfolk Council linked to being a safe pedestrian. They should all have had a leaflet and covering letter all about the **Step On It** training during the week explaining this in more detail along with a form to fill in consenting to the training.



**Football** – Next week the school are taking part in two County Finals. The mixed team play in Champions Day on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> at the FDC and the girl's team are off to Dereham St. Nicholas Junior School to take part in their County Final. Good luck to everyone involved and well done on such a super achievement!

### Cool Milk

If your child is not in school and has missed their milk you are welcome to come in and collect it from the office.

We now have 36 children in the school enjoying milk each day!



**Parent's Evening in February** – Year 1 Parent's Evening will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone else will have Parent's Evening on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>. Thursday is the late day, going on to 7pm. A text will be sent when Sign-up sheets will be outside classrooms.



### Rackheath Youth Talent Show

Our popular event, organised by the School Council, will take place on the afternoon of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February. If they haven't already entered and wish to do so children can sign up on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> or Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at breaktime, outside Miss Maibaum's class. There they will be given more information about the show. On the day there will be 3 adult judges who are waiting eagerly to see the show! There will be trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places for both KS1 and KS2.

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Callum Mickleburgh	Frazer Braithwaite	Chloe Smith
Year 1	Sophie Appleton	Chloe St Hill	Anise Batchelor
Year 2	Rory Watts	Katie Moore	Phoebe Player
Year 3	Beth Tomlinson	Harry Brown	Montie Mann
Year 5	Ella Poole	Charlie Pilbrow	Alfie Mann
Year 6	Daisy Stone	Caitlin Ettridge	Charlotte Abramson

*Jim Cavender*