

Rackheath Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 4th July 2014

Wow what a busy week we have had!

Sports Week

Sports week got off to a great start on Monday in our fun sports event. There was a lovely atmosphere around the event with parents playing a big part in that. Once again I was so pleased to see how well our children mix and work together. The older children were really supportive of the younger ones and everyone encouraged everyone else.



On Tuesday the fun continued with a very enjoyable sports day for Year 1 and 2 and on Wednesday morning it was lovely to see our youngest children share sports day with the children from Rackheath Bombers. We finished off in style with an excellent sports day for Key Stage 2 children yesterday. At the end of all 3 competitive events the points were tallied up and it was **Blue Team** who triumphed winning the Rackheath Sports Day Cup

A massive thank you to all the staff involved with Sports Days. It is a particularly busy time of the year for staff with reports to write as well as everything else that goes on in school. Events like Sports Days and Passport Day take an enormous amount of effort and organisation to go as smoothly as they do.



I would also like to say a big well done to the children in Year 5 and 6 who helped on the day with the younger children's sports days and a big thank you to those ladies from FORS who organised ice pops for the children. Finally a big thank you to all parents who attended any of our events this week for your generous support of all the children taking part.

We have had some positive feedback about Sports Week and also a few parents who preferred one sports day for all children in terms of atmosphere and to make it easier to get time off work to attend. I appreciate that it can be difficult to get time off to attend school events. I for one would love to see my children compete in their sports days! This was one of the reasons for opening up fun sports day to parents when in the past parents were not invited in.



However, my feeling was that as the school has grown in size rapidly since moving site ten years ago (next year for example we gain 10 more children) having one sports day means that the children can only compete in one or two events. This year they have competed in at least 3 races and in many cases a lot more with much smaller gaps between races.

I do always appreciate listening to the views of parents and would like to know your thoughts on the subject. One thing we can change for next year would be to put Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports days on the same day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.





Passport Day – Last Friday's Passport Day was a fantastic day. At the start of the day all the children arrived in their departure lounge waiting for their flight to be called. Before going through one of the departure gates and making their way onto the plane. Once they landed the children went through passport control before heading into their country.

Again all the children mixed across the age groups so well. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the day go so well. It was lovely to hear lots of positive comments from the children and parents too.

Transition Day – This Tuesday all the children moved up a year to be taught by their new teachers. It was great to meet our new reception children along with their parents. At the same time Year 4 met Mr Cavender their teacher from September. I know that they along with everyone else had a really good morning. A big thank you to the ladies from the Friends who gave up their time to welcome the new reception parents into our community. It is something we all really appreciate.

Reports – The children will be bringing their reports home with them on Friday 11th July. Any parents who would like to talk to me or a teacher about any aspect of their child's report is more than welcome to do so. Please make an appointment through the office for the week beginning the 14th July. We really appreciate your comments on the report too, it would be great if you could find the time to complete the parental comment and return to school.



Governor News – I would like to welcome Mrs Claire Dampier, mother of Bethany in Reception, on to the Governing Body of the school. Mrs Dampier was elected to be the new parent governor replacing Mrs Moll. I wish her all the best in the role and thank her for volunteering for this important role in school.



Summer Fair News – Earlier in the week a letter went home explaining about the summer fair and the fact that school would finish at 2.00pm on Friday 18th July. The fair will run from 2.00pm until 5.00pm. Please fill in the slip at the bottom of the letter if you can't make it along for 2.00pm so we can arrange for school staff to look after any children who may be in this group until 3.00pm.



Year 6 performance – Year 6 are hard at work rehearsing for their end of term production which will be performed on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th July from 6.00pm on both evenings. More details will follow soon.

Year 6 Leaving Event – On Monday 21st July we would like to invite all year 6 children and their families to a leaver’s party. There will be some food and drink provided as well as the opportunity for some fun sports events for example there could be a children versus staff and parents rounders game or friendly football match. This will start from 3.15pm and continue until around 5.00pm.

Clubs - Next week (week beginning the 7th July) will be the last week of football clubs on Tuesday and Thursday. Cross Country club will finish on Monday 14th July.

House Points

With two weeks to go the total are as follows:

FIRST	HICKLING HOUSE	1 st	2089 <i>points</i>
SECOND	RANWORTH HOUSE	2 nd	2026 <i>points</i>
THIRD	BARTON HOUSE	3 rd	2022 <i>points</i>
FOURTH	OULTON HOUSE	4 th	1989 <i>points</i>



	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Rhianna Dashwood	Chloe St Hill	Jonah Tibbs
Year 1	Rebecca Burrows	Isobel Crisp	Hannah Scotton
Year 2	Luke Royston	Matthew Dove	James Nurse
Year 3	Ruby Horwood	Georgie Greenfield	Charlie Clarke
Year 4	Tom Elliff	Hayden Parfitt-Bland	Kiera Braithwaite
Year 5	Tili Cutting	Lucy Cowey	Daisy Stone
Year 6	Reuben Dorling-Winterbourne	Kai Wickham	Georgia Bayes

Best wishes
Chris Ashman