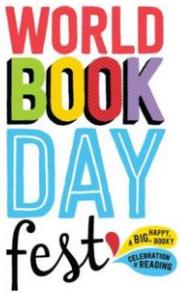


Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2015



This week we have been focussing on activities linked to World Book Day. It has been great to see some super books in a box as well as seeing groups of children stopping staff all around school and asking them about their favourite book to tick off the book on their checklist. Lots of children completed the challenge which is amazing!

On Thursday the school was full of book characters as the children and staff made a great effort to dress up in a rich variety of costumes. The winners of the 'Book in a Box' competition were Phoebe Player for KS1 and Matt Rivett for KS2.

Reading Initiative

We are well on the way to making our school an even better environment for reading. All classes have been busily creating their special reading areas. On **Tuesday 24th March** the children are going to be voting for their favourite book corner. We would also like to invite you in from 2.45pm to have a look for yourselves.



We are also in the process of re-modelling our main library area. Mrs Grogutt has ordered some new furniture and shelving and is in the process of re-stocking our library shelves with new and exciting books. The old shelves are not going to waste as we are creating a Year 5 and 6 reading space in the new build. As part of this our winning mural designer Maria Braithwaite will have her design painted on one of the walls.



Finally we have found a trolley which Mr Grubb has kindly sanded down ready for some of the children to paint so that it can be transformed into our outside book trolley. Once the weather improves the new grass area behind the Year 5 and 6 classrooms will become our regular lunchtime outdoor reading space.

Mother's Day Service – This will be held on Thursday 12th March at 2.30pm in the church. Parents should arrive from 2.20pm.

Pedestrian Training – Year 1 are having their pedestrian training next Monday and Friday. Thank you to all those parents in Year 1 who have volunteered to help with this important initiative. The following week it is Year 2 on Monday and Tuesday.



Aylmerton Residential – In October 2013 we enjoyed a very successful residential trip to Aylmerton so we are very pleased and excited to be returning there in the Autumn Term 2015. This is a joint residential for Year 5 and 6 (our current year 4 and 5 children).

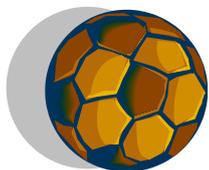
On Friday 27th March there will be a meeting led by Miah from Aylmerton at 9 o'clock for parents of children in the current Year 4 and 5 classes.



Football Quarter Final v Colby

On Thursday the football team went to Colby to play their cup quarter final. On a small pitch, against a good side, the boys produced a super performance to win 7-4. Luke Mayes had a great game in goal making some super saves and catching every cross. In defence Lewis Story, William Grant and John Barrett tackled hard and showed great determination. Further forward there were some great passing moves between Dylan Parnell-Crook, Alfie Mann, Sam Watts and Oliver Milligan. Our goals were scored by Alfie (3) Sam (2) and Oliver (2). A special mention to Luke for being a real team player and to Oliver for putting in a great performance despite feeling less than 100% fit.

“We went to Colby Primary to play a quarter final match because we were top of our CLUSTER. We carried on our winning run until Sam unfortunately deflected the ball into his own net. We were still determined to get back into the game and we soon did with a wonder strike from Alfie. IT WAS AMAZING! Then Dylan played a superb pass to Sam to net in a curler to make it 1-2 to Rackheath. Then a Colby player scored a good quality solo goal to take it to 2-2. Despite Oliver not being 100% he scored a lovely right hand bottom goal making us go 3-2 up. Just on the brink of half time Will conceded a penalty that probably was debatable and they scored it to make it 3-3 at the break. After the break Sam scored a wonderful free kick. With Will, John and Lewis closing down every attack we soon got our reward when Alfie scored his second of the game. A few minutes later Oliver scored a brilliant free kick roughly identical to Sam’s one to make it 6-3. There were 2 minutes left in the game and Colby still believed they could get back into the game with loads of attempts that Luke did really well to stop before they finally got one back to make it 6-4. Then Alfie scored his hat-trick to make it 7-4. We now go to the semi-final.”



By Will Grant and Sam Watts

Website – Our website is going from strength to strength, if you have been on it this week you will notice that on the home page there are now 10 photographs that scroll through and reflect the rich learning environment in the school. Thanks to Ben Orme for sorting this out. Don’t forget each class page has photographs on there too.



Squash Club – The last session for this block of Squash Club is on Wednesday 18th March. Those that attend the club should have had a letter explaining that this session is at Broadland Squash Club. To help make it easier to get the children across to the club we arranged for it to be during the school day. There is no club on the 11th March. A letter will go out soon to see if there is enough interest in another round of squash club starting after Easter.

Comic Relief – Next Friday is Comic Relief Day which is a non-school uniform day with the theme “*Make your face funny for money.*” You should have received a letter today telling you what will be going on around school during that day.



Numeracy Cafés next week – Our regular half termly cafes start again next week. Reception Numeracy Café is on Tuesday, Year 5 on Wednesday, Year 3 Thursday and Year 2 on Friday. All start at 9.00am and as usual tea and coffee will be available from 8.45am. Cafes for Year 1, 4 and 6 are in the week beginning the 16th March.

Jacket Potatoes – Just a reminder that we do need to know jacket potato orders on a Monday for the following week. The only exception to this being if a child is ill on Monday. I understand that this caused a few problems this week but hopefully in future this won't be the case. As I explained last week EATS kindly agreed to cook them as an alternative, which they don't do ordinarily, but the uncertainty over numbers was leading to a lot of wasted food. I'm sure you would agree that this is better than the alternative of no jacket potatoes at all.



March is Parent Lunch Month - This week was the first week of parent lunches. There are still lots of spaces available for the rest of the month, so give your taste buds a treat and sign up in the office for one of our lovely lunches. Parents of children in reception should arrive at 11.50am, parents of Year 1 and 2 at 12.00pm. For children in Key Stage 2 there is a rota explained in the table below.



Week Beginning	Arrive at 12.20pm	Arrive at 12.35pm
9 th March	Year 3 and 4	Year 5 and 6
16 th March	Year 4 and 5	Year 3 and 6
23 rd March	Year 5 and 6	Year 3 and 4

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DISCO - A huge thank you to one of our parents, Andrew Appleton (aka "The Artful Twister") for his wonderful balloon creations that he kindly made and donated for the disco last week. Also thanks once again to Brian Gardner and Callum Lace for providing such a great disco.



Bag2School – There will be another collection on Friday 27th March – bags will be sent home shortly for you to fill with your unwanted clothes, shoes, linen, etc.

SPENDING – From the money raised over the last few months we will be doing the following:

Paying for a Whole School Trip on 8th June 2015
Donating £1000 for books for the New Look Library
Purchasing Stereos for each Class.



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Morgan Scotton	Jacob Lancaster	Charlotte Ritchie
Year 1	Jacob Avery	Liam Moll	Lucy Eglen
Year 2	Billie Turner	Sonny Adam	Olivia Ptolomey
Year 3	Sonny Hurn	Ruby Donnelly	Oliver Moore
Year 4	Logan St Hill	Charlie Hayhoe	Ellen Hughes
Year 5	Elinor Grimmer	Madeleine Jenkins	Luke Mayes
Year 6	Lydia Rivett	Lucy Cowey	Georgia Hammond

Attendance Bear
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This week he gets to spend the week with Year 4 who had an attendance of 99.3%.

Well done Year 4!

Best wishes
Chris Ashman