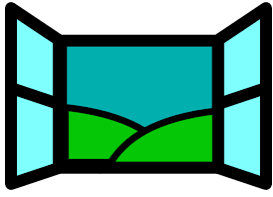


Rackheath Primary School



Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2019

It has been a fantastic week of trips all linked to the “World Outside Our Window” topic. Year 1 and 2 went to Fairhaven on Wednesday, while Year 3 and 4 visited How Hill on Monday and Tuesday. Everyone had a super time despite, in Year 3’s case, some terrible weather. In addition Year 5 and 6 have been out setting bug traps and then bringing their catch back to examine under a microscope.



Year 2 - Fairhaven Trip

“On Wednesday we went to Fairhaven. We did a lot of walking! On the way to base camp we saw a King Oak and a Queen Oak. We did bug hunting and we shook a tree and lots of bugs and spiders fell out of it.” Holly Trabelsi

“The King Oak is 1000 years old and is very wide. I learnt that when a blackbird eats a berry off a holly

bush it goes through it’s body and plants a new holly bush.” Isabelle Avery

“My group went bug hunting. First me and Maxwell found a red centipede. We learnt that it can bite! We also found 2 woodlice, a stag beetle and a very long worm.” Alex Bland

Year 3 – How Hill Trip

“The dyke dipping was so, so fun. Me, Natalia and Polly caught a slimy leech and a slimy water snail.” Honey Wright

“We made a long and very wet walk back to the wooden hut for delicious lunch” Leo Pask

“Everyone made beautiful nature bookmarks” Ralph Moll



Year 4 Trip to How Hill

On Monday the 30th September, we visited How Hill near Great Yarmouth. When we were on the coach all of us were excited!

When we arrived, 2 adults came towards us and led us to a house. They spoke to us about the place and a few of the animals we might see.

When we left the house, we split into two groups. I was with Lawrence. The first place we visited was the dry woodland, where we saw 3 mushrooms. One was spikey, one was brown and one was nibbled!

After that, we saw a brown squirrel on the ground. Then we saw an orange newt under a leaf. Miss Hughes was so excited when she saw the newt, she had never seen one before! The trees were HUGE!

Moving onto the wet woodland, the trees were all twisted. We all jumped around and the lake shook! Then we went dyke dipping. I caught 2 sticklebacks and Jack caught a great diving beetle. The great diving beetle can grow the size of a teaspoon!

In a short while it was lunch time. Then we played a food chain game about birds and when the game was finished, we got on the big bus in the car park. It was an amazing day!



Report by Lennon Baker



Year 6 Bug Hunting in the woods!

Year 4 Persuasive Letter Writing – In their English topic Year 4 have been thinking about ways to improve the school environment. As part of this they decided to write letters to me. I was very impressed with all their ideas and have asked them to move forward with some of their ideas in my reply.



Bombers Pre-School News - Earlier in the week the Bombers phone number changed to the main school one which is 01603 720098. When you call you will have the option to either speak to the pre-school direct or the main school office.

The Bomber's website has also changed as it is now part of the school website which can be found at www.rackheath.norfolk.sch.uk. From the home page you click on the pencil labelled pre-school which will take you to the pages specific to the Bombers.

If you wish to contact the Bombers by email you now have the choice, depending on the nature of your query, to email the Bombers direct on bombers@rackheath.norfolk.sch.uk or email the main school office on office@rackheath.norfolk.sch.uk.

Key Stage 2 Results 2019

We were very pleased with our KS2 results from July 2019. Again our Year 6 cohort achieved really well. Achieving results that were often quite a lot higher than National results.

Indicator	2019 Result	National 2019	% Difference
Reading, Writing and Maths (% expected standard)	71	65	+6
Reading, Writing and Maths (% higher standard)	11	10	+1
Reading (% expected standard)	86	73	+13
Reading (% higher standard)	25	27	-2
Writing (% expected standard)	82	78	+4
Writing (% higher standard)	25	20	+5
Maths (% expected standard)	89	79	+10
Maths (% higher standard)	21	26	-5
GPS (% expected standard)	89	78	+11
GPS (% higher standard)	46	34	+12

*GPS = Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling



Parent Teacher Evening – Our first Parent Teacher Evening of the year is on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October. This is a great chance to meet your child's teacher and find out how well your child has started the year. Tuesday is the late day until 7pm and Wednesday runs until 5pm. If you haven't signed up already the sheets are now outside the office. A reminder that Mrs Grogutt isn't in school on Wednesday as she is attending First Aid Training. As such

Year 2 Parent's Evening will be on Monday and Tuesday with Monday running until 5pm and Tuesday until 7pm. If anyone would like to meet with me then either let the office know or catch up with me on the day.

Sports Fixtures – The start of the season has been badly affected by the bad weather with our first 2 games being called off. The games against Coltishall have been re-arranged for Monday 14th October and we are looking to re-arrange the Stalham game too. In addition we now have a home game v Cromer on Thursday 17th November which does unfortunately mean there will be **no Year 2 and 3 football on Thursday 17th**. Next week **Year 4 to 6 football will be held on Monday 7th rather than Tuesday 8th due to parents evening.**

Flu Vaccinations

As emailed earlier in the week - if you haven't already done so please can you make sure that you complete the process below as soon as possible.

Please follow this link to consent or decline: <https://tinyurl.com/y2zjf6re>

Session Date: 19/11/19

The link will close on: 11/11/19

If you are unable to click on the above link, please type it into your Web browser rather than a search engine.

If your child has **asthma**, please read this **Important Medical Information** <https://tinyurl.com/y24gtqoa>

The vaccine contains **gelatine**; <https://tinyurl.com/y3itjyc6> there is no suitable alternative for healthy children.

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE PERSON WITH LEGAL PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CHILD (EITHER BIRTH PARENT OR AGREED THROUGH COURT).

Clubs - There will be no clubs taking place after school on Tuesday 8th or Wednesday 9th of October as it is Parent's Evening. The only school club will be After School Club.

Curiosity Cafes – It was lovely to see lots of you sharing learning with your children at our cafes this week in Year 3, 5 and 6. The first set of cafes for the year are always well attended and it was great to see many parents and other family members in attendance.



New Intake 2020 – It is the time of year when parents of children who will be Reception age in September 2020 are starting to think about school places. For the next 4 weeks we are running tours of the school for prospective new parents. Anyone who would like to visit the school to look round can make an appointment through the office.

Aylmerton Residential – Our Aylmerton residential for Year 6 takes place the week of the 4th November. In preparation there will be a meeting for parents at 2pm on Monday 14th October.



Year 2 Class Assembly

Year 2 kicked off our class assemblies this year with an assembly all about their work so far this year including their trip earlier in the week to Fairhaven. All the class spoke really clearly and shared their work impressively. On National Poetry Day it was appropriate that the children shared some of their own super poems. Next

Thursday 10th it is the turn of Year 1 and then on Tuesday 15th it is year 3 assembly followed on Thursday 17th by Reception.

Harvest Service – The school will be going to the church for a Harvest Service on Tuesday 29th October. The whole school are going together so there is no space for parents unfortunately. Any gifts of tinned and packaged food for the Norwich Food Bank would be gratefully received. Please could you bring them in on Monday 28th or Tuesday 29th.



Attendance Bear

Well done to Reception and Year 2 who both 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	Amelia Hill	Freya Key	Sophia Seymour
Year 1	Harlan Halsey	Maxwell Sweatman	Mia Richards
Year 2	Harlow Baker	Holly Trabelsi	All of Year 2
Year 3	Leo Pask	Olivia Hough	Ralph Moll
Year 4	Isabella Crowther	Jack Brown	Lily Key
Year 5	Charlotte Ritchie	Zach Dawson	Josh Hill
Year 6	Lewis Mann	Lily-Mae Wright	Chloe St Hill

Have a super weekend

Chris Ashman