

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Friday 14th February 2020

This letter marks the half way point of the year which as usual seems to have flown by. Well done to all the children who have all worked really well this year so far.

Drop In the Ocean

As mentioned previously, after half term we have lots of exciting learning opportunities coming up!

- **Water awareness week** – Week beginning 2nd March. We will be focussing on the importance of clean drinking water at the start of the week with a sponsored water carry for Water Aid, a charity that provides clean drinking water. Later we will be focussing on the environment and the oceans. We hope that a group of children will take part in a beach clean before we are visited by a marine biologist on Friday 6th March.
- **Science week** – In the week beginning 16th March we are holding a Science Week. On Monday we have Mad Science visiting, before lots of scientific learning takes place through the week culminating in a science fair on Friday 20th March. You should have received a letter from Mr Edwards with more information about this already. If your child hasn't brought one home you can get another copy from the school office.
- **A Drop In The Ocean Water Themed Celebration day** – On Thursday 26th March we are holding a celebration day featuring amongst other things a visit from the Sheringham Shantymen. On the day children can wear their own clothes based on the wide theme of water. Year 1 and 2 have chosen to have a pirate theme to their costumes. There will be prizes for the best outfits!
- **Presentation of our learning** – We finish the term with a chance for parents across the school to come in to watch presentations from the children of their learning. This will be in the morning of Wednesday 1st April.

Walk for Water Sponsored Event

As mentioned, school council are organising a sponsored event in aid of Water Aid. The children will be walking while carrying water to give them an idea of what it would be like to walk a long distance to get water. To help with this we are collecting used plastic bottles so please feel free to bring bottles in if you have them. The school council and Mrs Goddard sent a letter and sponsor form home on Tuesday.



RSHE Parent Meeting

As many of you will be aware, Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education and Health Education (RSHE) will become statutory in all schools, forming part of the basic school curriculum, from September 2020.

We would like to invite you to attend a parent session on Tuesday 3rd March which will start at 6pm and should last about an hour. To enable a full discussion of the topics, we will unfortunately not be able to permit children to attend with parents / carers. A more detailed letter was sent out earlier this week which included a slip to complete if you are planning to attend. This will help us plan and buy the right amount of biscuits!!



School Disco – The disco was a big success last week. Thanks to our super FORS and to Mr Cavender for staying. I hear he had to be dragged off the dance floor!

Girl's Football Norwich City Premier League Stars

Today was the girl's teams turn to take part in the Norwich CSF Tournament. We started with a strong 3-0 win against Wrenningham with goals from Caitlyn (2) and Anise. We then played Firside who beat us 3-0 and then Martham who beat us 1-0. In our last game we drew 1-1 with Avenues thanks to a goal from Caitlyn and some super goalkeeping from Brooke. Throughout, the girls put in some excellent performances in what was a really tough group. Well done to all the team; Brooke, Molly, Anise, Darcey, Millie, Ruby and Caitlyn. Thank you to all the parents for your super support too!



Parent's Evening – It was great to see so many of you sharing in and celebrating the achievements of the children at Parent's Evening on Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

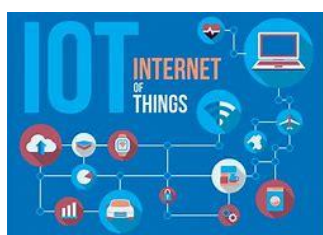


Our Red Flag is missing !!

For the last six and a half years a red flag made by Ms Holmes has denoted that the field is out of use when it is too wet. During the storm last weekend it blew away! So if you find a rather battered strip of red cloth around Rackheath that's what it is!

Amazing Volcanoes

Take a look at some of the amazing volcanoes that Year 3 created as part of their homework this half term. We have had so much fun erupting them in school! A big thank you to all the parents and adults who have helped to make it such an enjoyable activity for the children.



Collaboration with Norfolk County Council

We have been given the opportunity to be the first school in the region to work with an exciting new project with Norfolk County Council which will test and use “Internet of things (IOT)” technology. They are creating a network across Norfolk and Suffolk to accelerate Internet of Things innovation across the region. This gateway can be used to help Adult Social Care in the immediate area, study environmental issues in the area as well as monitoring the NDR. As a school we will be able to use the network to help children with specific projects. Installation will be taking place over the half term. More information can be found in a letter which went out earlier in the week.

FORS

Our lucky winner last Saturday was Mrs Gooch! The next draw is tomorrow. Remember you can join any time you wish!



Disco - We hope all the children enjoyed this event last week. Our profit from the night gave us £186.77 to add to funds.

Bag2school - Thank you for all your donations last week - we made a total of £123.00.



Valentine Cake Sale - Thank you to everyone for supporting us today with both your donations of cakes and purchasing them. We made a fantastic £131.00 which means with your help we have made a grand total of **£440.77 in the last two weeks.**



Well done to Year 4 who had
99%
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	Harvey Cogman	Emil Keshavarz	Emily Smith
Year 1	Jake Hudson	Millie Halls-Nee	Freddie Colk
Year 3	Orlaith Hebron	Lila Ing	Ben Newson
Year 4	Emelia Nixon	Olivia Chandler	Dylan Symons-D'Souza
Year 5	Sadie Pennycook	Chloe Smith	Sebastian Jenkins
Year 6	Jay Barrett	Will Finch / Jake Harris	Charlie Cramer-McConnell

Have a great half term break. We will see you all on Monday 24th February.

Chris Ashman