

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2020

Parent's Evening – This term parent's evening will be held remotely across 4 evenings. Tuesday 13th, Thursday 15th, Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October. Further information including how to book an appointment has been sent out on School Ping.

Drop off and Pick up



Thank you all for supporting our staggered drop off and pick up times. At the start of the process at 8:45 please could those parents dropping off Year 1 queue on the park side of the path rather than down the side of the path to the church. This will allow parents and other pedestrians to pass easily and safely.

Inventors Week – As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the week beginning the 12th October is Inventor's Week. Each class is studying a different inventor. They are:

Class	Inventor	
Reception	George Stephenson	Seen as the father of railways
Year 1	Garrett Morgan	Invented the 3 positioned traffic light
Year 2	Nancy Johnson	Invented first wooden ice-cream machine
Year 3	Elizabeth Magie	Created the game of Monopoly
Year 4	Louis Pasteur	Made breakthroughs which led to vaccinations
Year 5	Lewis Latimer	Created the filament which led to the lightbulb
Year 6	Tim Berners-Lee	Invented the World Wide Web



PE Kit – It has worked really well having the children come to school in their PE kits this week. We will keep this plan moving forward. Where possible children should have another pair of trainers or shoes with them on PE days so they can wear one pair outside and one pair inside.

Remote Learning FAQs

Today you will have received another frequently asked questions document on the subject of remote learning. This details our plans if sections of the school have to enter a period of remote learning at home. We have also sent a link to a survey about remote learning to give us a better understanding of some of the issues households may face over a period of remote learning.



Cricket – The weather stayed dry on Wednesday which meant that Kevin could come in and teach Year 1 to 4 through the day. It was great to see all the children having a super time.



Football Club – Next Tuesday football club starts for Year 5 and 6. I am very much looking forward to getting back out on the football pitch with the children.



Swimming - On Thursday Year 3 had their first swimming lesson at Broadland. From talking to the children it sounds like they had a lovely time and loved getting in the pool and swimming.

New Parent Visits

Earlier in the week a flier was sent out inviting prospective new parents of children starting in September 2021 to visit the school. Like most things these will be done differently to normal. The visits will take place outside of the times when children are in school and with visitors only looking round the school from the outside of the building. These visits will take place at various times over a period of a month beginning on Monday 12th October. If you would like to look round or know someone who would like to an appointment can be made through the school office.



Dogs in school – Please can we ask that you do not bring dogs onto the school grounds (other than guide dogs) at pick up or drop off time. I know that the dogs are friendly but some children are scared of dogs and there is always the possibility of a situation where even the friendliest dog may bite.



Reception

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In Reception we started learning our phonic sounds and we have already mastered m, s, a, d in one week. Today we also started learning how to use those sounds to sound out simple words such as 'sad', 'mad' and 'dad'. The children have loved the idea of being able to tell their grown-ups that they can now read words.

In maths we have been learning to write numbers 0 – 4 and have also focused on number recognition by going on treasure hunts to find the correct number of items.

It has been a pleasure to see the children get to grips with the daily routines this week and they have worked very hard. They may well need a good rest this weekend!

Year 1

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In Year 1 this week we have been practising the sounds 'ar' and 'or'. We have started to look at the book 'If All The World Were...' which looks at the changing seasons and the lovely relationship between a girl and her grandfather. We have written postcards about our favourite summer memories and we all did it independently! We have started to look at 'greater than' and 'less than' and introduced the crocodile symbols of < and >! We looked at local heroes this week, including Edith Cavell, Elizabeth Fry and Lord Nelson. We really enjoyed wearing our tracksuits to school on Wednesday for our 'double P.E.' day – cricket with Kevin in the morning and P.E. with Miss Farrow in the afternoon.

Year 2

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Year 2 have had another busy, hardworking week and a happy one too! We have moved the children from rows into groups which they have loved. This has enabled us to start our guided reading and it has been really great to be able to hear every child read during the week. The children changed their reading books yesterday and borrowed some library books too. Please do spend time hearing your child read and talking about the books they have chosen with them. In phonics we have revised the sounds: sh, ch, th, ng and nk, whilst in maths we have worked on quickly recalling addition and subtraction facts. On Wednesday morning the children had their first cricket session with Kevin which they really enjoyed. We learnt a little about Edith Cavell and Florence Nightingale. The children might like to find out some more about these two amazing nurses at home.

Year 3

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We have had an extremely exciting week in year 3 this week, with the start of our swimming lessons at Broadland High School. Mrs Milligan and I were incredibly proud of how mature, sensible and determined all of the children were during the afternoon and how well they represented the school. In English, we have been looking at a mythical adventure story, creating our own story maps and finished off the week by becoming story tellers and performing this to each other. In Maths, we have started our unit of addition and subtraction and have been focusing on using a number line to add 2-digit numbers. We are continuing to practise our times tables and any support you could give your child at home with this would be great!

Year 4

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I have been so proud of Year 4 this week. We have had such a fun week in English, we have been storytelling, performing and taking part in freeze frames too! We finished the week by writing some speech sentences ready for some newspaper report writing next week. In maths, we have been looking at column addition, which we have almost mastered. Well done Year 4 for another great week, I wonder if you will earn enough class points next week to get your extra play time!



Year 5

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Luckily, it has been a little warmer in the year 5 classroom!

In maths this week we have been looking at addition and subtraction using money. To start off with we found the formal subtraction method a little tricky but by the end of the week nearly all of us had cracked it. In literacy, we have been writing poetry based on the Midnight Fox – similes and metaphors were a key focus for us. In the afternoons, we started the week by discussing our life goals (both big and small) and

then we spent time creating a list of them to take home, pin up and try to work through. A highlight of the week was our class 6xtable battle, with Jack Brown and Theo Hallam going head to head in the final – Theo just came out on top 4 – 2. Finally, to keep us all active in the afternoons, we have been dancing to various Go Noodle songs. At first they were a little reluctant, but by the end of the week they were loving it!!!

Year 6

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During Maths lessons this week, we have focussed on ordering numbers up to 10,000,000! We then moved on to ordering decimal numbers as well as tackling some reasoning questions linked to place value. In Literacy, the children produced some amazing diary entries where they discussed their experiences of life in Afghanistan as a character from Boy Overboard. One of the highlights of my week was taking part in a range of non-competitive (although slightly competitive) mini games on the playground in P.E. I have to point out that I beat Ewan at basketball shooting! Also, it was lovely to hear the children recall numerous key facts about Chris Lubbe (who is the former bodyguard of Nelson Mandela) following on from the Zoom call with him last week. Finally, the children discussed and wrote down their future aims and goals. Well done, Year 6!

Attendance – So far this academic year our attendance figure for the whole school has been 97.96% which with everything going on is amazing. Great job everyone.



Well done to Year 1 who had
99.67%
 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	Willow Hunt	Isla Walker	Stanley Purton
Year 1	Sophie Norman	Freya Key	Lola Pelan
Year 2	Mya Moss	Harlan Halsey	Jake Hudson
Year 3	Jasmine Dawson	George Hogarth	Connor Bush
Year 4	Olivia Hough	Polly Ottolangui	Yuan Staley
Year 5	Theo Hallam	Jack Brown	Isabella Crowther
Year 6	Ben Crook	Ruby Cozens	Tyrone Tetteh

Chris Ashman