

# Rackheath Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

**Parent's Evening** – This term parent's evening will be held remotely across 4 evenings which are Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. If you haven't yet booked an appointment for a zoom meeting or phone call you still can. Over the next few days teachers will send out the information you will need to join the zoom meeting.

We will endeavour to keep to time through the evenings. To help with this please join the waiting room a few minutes before your allotted time. To avoid any potential confusion it would be useful if your zoom name could be '**parent of NAME OF CHILD**'.

### Next week is Inventors Week!

In our staff meeting this week we put the finishing touches to our week linked to famous inventors that changed the world. We have decided that each class will have an inventor and use this as the basis for their learning for the week. We will also have a DT element/challenge for the children at the end of the week!



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



**School photographer** - We are pleased to announce that Wendy from Tempest is able to come in on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October to take individual school photographs. Sadly it isn't possible to take photos of the children with their siblings or for pre-school children to come in before school as normally happens.

### Paying for School Lunches

As you will know we have been having an ongoing problem with getting our SchoolPing payment system up and running. SchoolPing are trying to resolve the problem and we hope that it will finally be sorted soon. If this isn't resolved in the next few days we will invoice everyone instead as we are aware that the amounts of money involved are going up.



## After School Club



**Open**

We will be starting After School Club again after half term. A more detailed information letter about this went out on SchoolPing and via email to those concerned yesterday.

**Remote Learning Technology Survey** – Thank you to everyone who has completed the survey about access to technology at home. This helps us understand your circumstances and helps us to plan for any period of remote learning. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey it will only take about a minute. The link is below:



[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM\\_8mowLU-yDq7UATSAsd71ahEnGFtLqGTKDrZnX1UQ1IWVDIPUVdTWjFJV0dVMkIJSktIMEpBMS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IOM_8mowLU-yDq7UATSAsd71ahEnGFtLqGTKDrZnX1UQ1IWVDIPUVdTWjFJV0dVMkIJSktIMEpBMS4u)

**Year 5 and 6 Football Club** – It was great to see how much Year 5 and 6 enjoyed football club this week. It was lovely to get out on the field!

### New Parent Visits

Last 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.



### Roald Dahl Day – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November



This year we are choosing to celebrate Roald Dahl Story Day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November with an opportunity to dress up! As Roald Dahl is a literary hero who writes about various heroes and heroines, we felt it would be a good opportunity to combine the day with our current Heroes topic. As such, we are asking children to come in dressed up as a hero – this could either be

from a Roald Dahl story or a hero from real-life such as a nurse, supermarket worker, delivery driver or historical figure.

During the day we will be sharing Roald Dahl stories in class and taking part in related literacy and craft activities.



## Reception

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Reception have had another super week, despite the fact that all the children are feeling very tired after four big weeks at school. They have now mastered eight new sounds and begun to learn how to blend those sounds to read simple words. We have also been ordering by size in maths this week and then using that knowledge to order objects in the classroom, as well as ordering numbers by size using Numicon.

We have also LOVED dancing to Go Noodle and building very complex obstacles courses outside using all of the equipment. It has taken lots of concentration and good balance skills.

## Year 1

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As we are now in October, we have been thinking about Black History Month this week. We have learnt about the heroes Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr. and Mary Seacole. We made our own 'I have a dream...' posters. We were very impressed with the children's discussions about being fair and equal. In Literacy we have been talking about, acting out and writing about Little Red Riding Hood. We have been continuing to practise ordering numbers and finding out which numbers are greater than or less than one another in maths. In Phonics, we practised writing words and sentences with the sounds 'air' and 'ir'. We had another great 'Chance to Shine' cricket session on Wednesday – thank goodness the rain stopped for long enough!

## Year 2

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Another hard working week for Year 2! It has been really lovely to continue with our guided reading groups. The children are enjoying the books we are reading and becoming more confident too. Please do hear them read at home at least 3 times a week. Most mornings the children have worked hard at their maths and phonics. They also enjoyed a cricket session on Wednesday and have learnt about Rosa Parks and Wilma Rudolph, both of whom they found fascinating. Do ask them to tell you about these amazing ladies.

## Year 3

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I cannot believe how much year 3 have matured in the last few weeks! Not only were they brilliantly behaved during swimming again this week, but their attitude and behaviour during our exciting English lessons this week has also been fantastic. At the beginning of the week, we became story tellers and recited a mythical adventure to each other from memory and ended the week creating freeze frames and writing some speech to match the characters feelings in preparation for our newspaper writing next week. In maths we have been continuing our work on addition and looking at adding two 3-digit numbers – it hasn't been easy but we all got there in the end!

I am really looking forward to inventor's week next week where we will be studying Elizabeth Magie. If you have time over the weekend, see if you can find out any interesting facts or pieces of information about her that will help you next week 😊

## Year 4

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Year 4 have had another amazing week and continue to make all of the grown-ups in class SO proud! Today, they have worked tirelessly on an extended piece of writing about the night a wolf attacked an Icelandic village.

The pieces of writing they have completed are amazing, they included speech, fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases. Well done Year 4! In Maths this week, we have been learning to count in our 6s and also using number bonds to solve trickier problems. Don't forget, you have been set the challenge to learn as many of the names of the bones of a human skeleton by Wednesday ready for our pop quiz. If as a class you get 300 points (1 point for the name, 1 point for the correct spelling) then we will give you TEN CLASS POINTS!

### Year 5

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In year 5 we can't quite believe that it is still raining. Especially always at pick-up!

In maths this week we were using a Chinese menu to order food (yum-yum) as we were practising our decimal addition and subtraction. We also had a big focus on our times-tables as this is still an area we need to improve. In literacy, we have almost finished The Midnight Fox. We were writing letters to a character in the book trying to persuade him not to kill the black fox – Jack Brown wrote a very convincing letter! In our topic work we have been linking heroes to Black History Month by studying Nelson Mandela and Rosa Parks. Go Noodle dancing has also become a daily ritual to our afternoon sessions – you have to ask to see it at home!!!

### Year 6

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Year 6 have had another super week and they should all be very proud of their fantastic attitudes and progress. For Maths, we moved onto short division after completing numerous units linked to place value. We also had a very exciting Boys v Girls Times Table Challenge where the children had to work out and fill in missing numbers. Although the boys won, it was a very close battle and I am confident the girls have a great chance of winning next time! In Literacy, the children produced a poem linked to being a refugee as well as finding key pieces of information linked to our class book, 'Boy Overboard'. Ms Holmes and I were very impressed with the children's incredible Pop Art too, which was inspired by Roy Lichtenstein. Also, the children researched the lives of Martin Luther King Jr and Rosa Parks as part of Black History Month. Well done Year 6!



Well done to Years 3 & 4 who had  
**100%**  
Attendance last week!

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

	<b>STAR</b>	<b>ANGEL</b>	<b>DIAMOND</b>
Reception	Mila Pask	Matilda Sweatman	Teddy Lamb
Year 1	Poppy Rice	Nathan Brink	Cara Rayner
Year 2	Emily Thoulass	Isaac Rynn	Leon Symons-D'Souza
Year 3	Tommee Watts	Harlow Baker	Trinity Beck
Year 4	Lucca Hallam	Leo Pask	Isabel Jefferson
Year 5	Ellie Trabelsi	Connor Youngs	Luke Burrows
Year 6	Alex Dove	Sadie Pennycook	Sebastian Jenkins