



Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 10th June 2022

It has been a super first week back in school at the start of what promises to be a very exciting and eventful half term ahead! Some of the key dates are:

Sports Week

Monday 13th June All details on next page

FORS Events

Saturday 16th July Summer Fair

Other Events

Friday 24th June Talent Show
Friday 1st July Passport Day

Year 6 Leavers

Friday 8th July Camp Out
Tues 19th Weds & 20th July Leavers performances
Friday 22nd July Leavers assembly

Transition

Thursday 7th July Transition Morning
Weds 6th & Thurs 7th July Year 6 Transition days to Broadland

Annual Reports

Friday 15th July Reports to parents

Year 2 assembly – On Thursday, Year 2 finished off our summer class assemblies in style with a fantastic assembly enjoyed by a big audience of children and family members. The children shared their recent learning, which included some amazing Superhero poems and their plans for future careers. Well done everyone! Thank you to Mrs Grogutt, Mrs Bird and Mrs Hill as well as to all the family members who came to see the assembly and helped with costumes and lines.

Football matches – Football club may have finished but we do have three games, all against Poringland. The boy's team are playing on Tuesday 14th, the girls on the 21st and the Year 5's will play their first school game on the 28th.



Ice Pop Friday - Remember that every Friday after school FORS will be selling lollies and ice creams! Prices range from 20p for an ice pop to 80p for Cone / Ice Cream.

Sports Week Information

Next week is sports week which I'm sure will be very exciting! We have sporting events taking place over 3 days starting on Monday. Details as follows:



Monday 13th June – Fun Sports Day - 9:15am - 11:45am. All children from Reception to Year 6 will compete in teams in a fun sports event. Parents can stay at school from the start of the day and then follow their children round and cheer them on. Children to wear their PE Kit for school.

Tuesday 14th June – Reception Sports Day – 10:30am -11:30am. Our youngest children will compete in a special sports day where parents of children at Bombers, who are due to start school in September, are invited to bring their little one to join in with some races too! Parents to arrive from 10.20am. Children to wear their PE Kit to school.

Wednesday 15th June – Key Stage 2 Sports Day – 9:30am - 11:45am. Year 3 to 6 will compete in a series of races in the morning. Parents to arrive from 9:15am. Children to wear their PE kit to school.

Wednesday 15th June – Key Stage 1 Sports Day – 1:20pm - 2:45pm. Year 1 and 2 will compete in a series of races in the afternoon. Parents can arrive from 1:10pm. Children to wear their PE kit to school.

General Information:

- * On the days the children are taking part in sports days they should come into school in their PE kit and can wear it all day. Hopefully as many of the children as possible will be in their team colours.
- * Please ensure children bring plenty to drink and have sun cream and a hat
- * Should the British weather intervene in any way we will let you know the reserve date as soon as possible.

Clubs

There are still a few spaces left in some of our clubs this half term:

Monday – Tennis Club Year 3 & 4 (16 children maximum) – starting Monday 13th June

Monday – Rounders Club Year 5 & 6 (24 children maximum) – Monday 13th June

Wednesday – Multi-skills Club Year 1 & 2 (16 children maximum) - starting Wednesday 8th June

Thursday – Athletics Club Years 3 to 6 (32 children maximum) – starting Thursday 9th June

Friday – Cross Country Club before school Year 2 to 6 (no limit) – starting Friday 10th June



Please check with the office if your child would like a place to see if there are any spaces left.

New Parent's Evening – Our evening for new parents of children in Reception class 2022-23 is on the 14th June at 6:30pm. The reception team will be there along with some other staff, a group of Year 6 children and our uniform supplier Retro Alley. At the meeting we will share plans for further transition events including our transition morning and stay and play sessions.



More Bombers sessions – From September the Bombers pre-school will be open for 10 sessions rather than 8. The 2 extra sessions being on a Thursday and Friday afternoon. Also from September there will be no 2 years old session on Thursday so that the 3 and 4 year olds can attend every morning. We are taking 2½ year olds who can join any of the morning sessions subject to availability. If you are interested in your child joining the Bombers or attending for more sessions please let either the Bombers Managers - Denise Coe and Dannie Webb – or the school office know.



Reception

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The children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm and it has been a pleasure to see how hard they have worked this week. We have covered number bonds to 10 in maths and the class now have a super understanding of this. In phonics, we have also recapped the 'ou' and 'oy' sounds and their sentence writing goes from strength to strength.

We have also learnt about our bodies this week and in particular our skeletons and teeth. The children have been fascinated to see what their bones look like and were excited to know that they have 206 bones in their body! We also practised brushing teeth, to help keep them clean and healthy.

Year 1

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This week, we have completed our Phonics Screening – we are so proud of the improvement the children have shown over the last few weeks. Thanks for all your support at home as well.

In English, we read a story from Germany called 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. We retold the story to see if we could remember all the important parts in the right order. Can your child remember and tell you? We then moved on to a story from India, 'Monkey See Monkey Do'. Can they retell this story to you? We focussed on making sure we used capital letters and full stops, and made interesting word choices.

In Maths, we have been reading, writing, comparing and ordering numbers to 100. We looked closely at tens and ones and how we know which number is bigger or smaller. We recapped finding one more or one less using a 100 square to help us.

We have done two RSHE lessons this week, one about people who help us and how to ask for help; the second about names for body parts, including external genitalia. We carried on with our artwork unit on weaving and started weaving baskets.

Year 2

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Year 2 have had a fabulous week preparing for, and then presenting, their class assembly, which they found very exciting! The children have thought about people who help them in their lives, compiling a long list. They went on to find out about possible jobs that they could do, discovering unusual ones such as oceanographers and wind turbine technicians. In our assembly, they shared the jobs that they would like to do. We have several aspiring vets, gymnasts and professional footballers as well as a YouTuber, a DJ and two princesses!



Earlier in the week, we learnt a poem about superheroes that we put actions to. The children then thought about the superpowers that they would like to have and how they would put them to good use to help the world. The children also created fabulous artwork of themselves as a superhero.

We have had our usual guided reading sessions and in maths the children have been measuring accurately in both cm and m. Next week promises to be a busy sporting week which we are looking forward to.

Year 3

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I cannot believe we have only been back one week! Having taken a day or two to get back into the routine of school, we are now fully into the swing of things and are enjoying our new topics. In English, we have been having some fun with Dr Seuss poetry. At the start of the week, we read Green Eggs and Ham and then had a go at writing our own versions. Here are a couple of examples: 'Yellow Pork and Peas', 'Red Fish and Bread', 'Orange Pears and Milk' and 'Pink Corn and Rice'. In Maths, we have been looking at time and the children have really impressed me with their knowledge of both the analogue and digital time. We will be continuing with this next week, so please keep practising at home, as I can see it is really making a difference to the children's learning. Finally, in topic we have started our Science sessions, learning about nutrients and the importance of having a balanced diet.

Next week will certainly be busy with all the wonderful sporting activities going on, so please make sure your child has the correct uniform, PE kits, comes to school with water bottles, hair tied back, earrings taken out etc. I look forward to seeing you all and having some fun during our Sports week!

Year 4

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Welcome back to the second part of the summer term - how did we get here already?!

I have been well informed that the children had a wonderful break and they were all very excited to be back together on Monday morning!

We have had another great week with lots of amazing learning! Maths has been particularly exciting as we have been learning all about money. We have looked at converting between pounds and pence, finding change and today we tackled some challenging word problems. I have been very impressed by the resilience and eagerness of the children to master this learning!

English this week has been all about the Trojan horse. This was a story that the children were desperate to study and they really enjoyed our story telling session on Monday. We have used the iPads to complete research and next week we will be starting our own non-chronological reports.

You will have noticed that I haven't sent any homework home this week. Instead, I have asked the children to spend a few minutes on hit the button across the weekend practising their times tables. We are doing our times tables quiz next week- I know they are feeling excited about this!

Well done for another great week! I hope you have lovely weekend!

Year 5

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This week in maths, we have been looking at decimals and the links that they share with Fractions and percentages. We also started to look at tenths, and how to find a tenth of a number.

In English, we have been looking at vocabulary and how important it is to set the tone of a story. Our focus has been on working in groups to turn a section of Monsters, Inc. into a mystery / suspense story. Here is a section from Oliver B and Yuan:

"As the gentle wind tiptoed in through the window it pushed the curtains; this was Thomas' favourite place to be... he felt calm and relaxed cuddled up in his bed. Suddenly, without warning, the cupboard door slowly creaked open causing the boy to gasp in fear, sending red hot shivers down his spine. Full of apprehension, he scanned the darkness looking for what had opened the door. That's when he saw it... an unearthly purple tentacle reaching out and latching on to the chair."

In topic, we have planned a trip to an area of Brazil! Some of us went on an Amazon excursion to see the rainforest, whilst others planned a trip to the famous Coco cabaña beach for a sun holiday.

In RSHE, we have been looking at puberty, in particular, what are the changes that happen to boys. You will all be pleased to know that the whole class were fantastic! They listened well, asked interesting questions and were sensible. Next, we will be discussing the changes that happen to girls.

Year 6

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It's been a fantastic first week back and our end of year performance rehearsals are well under way! In Maths lessons, the children have looked at a variety of problems and have put their reasoning skills to good use. One of our morning starter activities involved looking at Maths-related anagrams. Can you rearrange these words to make new (Maths) words? SITETEAM, LIBLION, MOLERKITE and CAGEDON. No pressure, but the children did extremely well with this and had twelve to solve! We also used additional Maths skills by planning a summer vacation. In pairs, the children were given a budget and had to calculate the cost of flights, hotels, clothes and toiletries - as well as work out how much money they had left over.

In Literacy, we recapped some previous grammar 'challenge cards' before moving on to answering a variety of new ones. We then began planning some creative writing (linked to a shipwreck) whilst remembering to include a wide range of punctuation and vary sentence lengths for effect. Parts of the mornings (and some of the afternoons) were used to rehearse for our Treasure Island performance. The children are becoming more confident when reading their lines with expression and are becoming more familiar with all of the songs. Thank you for supporting the children with practising their lines at home too! On Tuesday, we had French lessons linked to clothing and on Wednesday, we had our second RSHE lesson - which focused on body image and the media. As well as having our first swimming lesson at Broadland High School on Thursday, Mr Gardner also kindly gave up his time (on two afternoons) to begin filming for our Leavers' DVD. Well done Year 6 for a brilliant first week back!

Well done to Year 5 who had the highest attendance the week before half term with:

97%

Attendance Bear will spend next week with them again!

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

	STARS, ANGELS AND DIAMONDS
Reception	William, Henry, Finley
Year 1	Teddy, Max, Tyler
Year 2	Bonnie, Whole Class, William
Year 3	Dolcie, Rosa, Jake
Year 4	Harlow, George F, Tommee
Year 5	Natalia, Olivia, Ellie, Archie
Year 6	Kody, Joseph, Amy-Leigh

Have a lovely weekend!

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