

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter



Friday 17th June 2022

It has been a fantastic week in school. All week there has been a brilliant buzz around the school. We've had sports week, a new parent's meeting, an Edith Cavell day in Year 1 and 2, Father's Day Craft and a School Council / Eco Committee organised Toy Sale.

Teaching Staff 2022 – 2023

In September the class teams will be:

Reception	Miss Brannan / Mrs Petraglia, Mrs Rivett and Mrs Penson
Year 1	Miss Magee / Mrs Pallant and Mrs Spurling
Year 2	Mrs Grogutt and Mrs Crook
Year 3	Miss Hornagold and Mrs Milligan
Year 4	Mrs Watson, Mrs Goddard and Mrs Coull / Mrs Tunmore
Year 5	Mr Cavender and Mrs Bird
Year 6	Mr Edwards, Ms Holmes and Mrs Howes / Mrs Crook

Sports Week



What a week of sport it has been. All the children have given their all and tried really hard for their teams. More importantly the team spirit, great sportsmanship and support of each other has been a joy to behold. In a week of highlights the Year 5 and 6 children high fiving the Year 1 and 2 runners after their races stood out for me as an example of the type of community we have. It has also been lovely to share sports week with so many family members too – we have missed you!

A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Mr Cavender who organised fun sports and KS2 sports. His inspired water relay was a joy to watch (and take part in)!

In terms of results the green team came fourth, the reds third and the yellows second. Meaning the overall champions were the blues!!



New Parent Meeting - On Tuesday evening we held a well-attended meeting for new parents. It was great to have representatives from the FORS and governing body there as well as Retro Alley and lots of school staff. However, the undisputed stars were the Year 6 children who guided the parents to the hall, answered their questions and then spoke fantastically well about their time at the school. A huge thank you and well done to Jack U, Ellie T, Matilda, Ava, Eleanor, Holly, Joseph and Olivia. You were all stars!



Thank you to our fantastic FORS - This week the FORS team have been especially busy and brilliant! They organised Father's Day Craft on Tuesday and Wednesday for lots and lots of children. They've helped at the new parent meeting and organised ice-lollies at sports day. On behalf of everyone in the school can I pass on a huge thank you to everyone who is a part of FORS that has helped this week and throughout the year!



Head for the Day

"On Tuesday the 14th June the two of us were 'head for the day'. We had lots of important tasks but our favourites was helping out on sports day because we liked watching everyone do well. Our other favourite task was the learning walk where we walked around all the classrooms to see what everyone was learning about."

By Joe and Lily

Football v Poringland

The first of three games for different teams against Poringland took place this week. The Year 6 team put on a super display of passing football to win 7-1 across three lots of 15 minute games. Our goal scorers were Joseph, Lennon, Harvey and Charlie (4). Across the games we had 13 players all of whom played well. Well done Theo O, Joe, Theo H, Dylan, Xane, Joseph, Lennon, Luke, Harvey, Rhys, Jack U (on debut), Connor and Charlie.



Next Tuesday the girl's team are playing Poringland.



Next week is busy too. The children are very excited about the Rackheath Talent Show on Friday, which Mrs Goddard and the school council are organising. This follows hot on the heels of the Toy Sale, organised by the Eco-Committee and School Council alongside Mrs Goddard and Mrs Milligan. A huge thank you to all the children and to Mrs Goddard and Mrs Milligan.

Toy Sale

Mrs Goddard and Mrs Milligan would like to thank everybody who donated toys and games for their sale. It was so wonderful to see the School Council and Eco Committee members able to take part in this fundraiser. They were all amazing setting up and selling on one of the hottest days of the week. We raised an amazing £129.56 – thank you!



Rackheath's Got Talent – "Next Friday afternoon is our Talent Show which is very exciting! If your child has signed up for this please could you help them practice over the weekend and next week before the show. I will check in with everybody early next week to see if they are ready." Mrs Goddard



Reception

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Reception had a brilliant week with Fun Sports on Monday and then their very own Sports Day with Bombers on Tuesday. The children competed exceptionally well and showed really good sportsmanship throughout as well. On Wednesday, they thoroughly enjoyed going out to cheer on their Year 6 buddies as well, during the KS2 Sports Day.

Later in the week we learned the story of Jack and the Beanstalk by heart and then the children had a try at writing the story themselves. Their work was absolutely incredible and many children received Head Teacher Awards for their super effort. Well done Reception!

Year 1

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What a fun and busy week we have had in Year 1! We started off with a fantastic Fun Sports morning which we all loved! It was so good to be mixed with the other children in the school and to have so many parents cheering us on. We then watched Reception and Bombers in their Sports Day, and watched some of KS2 Sports Day too.

Then it was time for our own Sports Day with Year 2. We all had great fun in our sprints, obstacle course, egg and spoon relay, beanbag on the head relay, and football-dribbling relay. We all did really well and enjoyed cheering each other on.

We had a wonderful visit from Janet Marshall this week who dressed up as and told us the true story of Edith Cavell (and her trusty dog, Jack). We listened beautifully and could remember lots of information about her.

As it is Sports Week, we learnt about two Paralympians, Kate Grey and Ade Adepitan. Both of them gave us the message of never giving up, even when something is difficult. We made posters to remind us of them. We also had a Maths Olympics, with events such as cotton wool shotput, bowls with dice, javelin with straws and fingers triple jump!

Year 2

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What a busy and exciting week we have had with the children experiencing many different things for the first time in their lives at Rackheath Primary School. On Monday morning, they had a fabulous time outside enjoying lots of different fun sports. The water challenge with Mr Ashman was a very firm favourite!

Tuesday was a very different day as we welcomed Janet Marshall to school. She came in role as Edith Cavell and shared the story of this famous World War 1 nurse who came from Swardeston and, sadly, was accused of treason and killed because she took in and cared for wounded allied soldiers. The children listened carefully, enjoyed hearing all about Edith's dog Jack and learnt a great deal.



Wednesday was another active and busy day as we welcomed lots of you to watch our sports day races. Every single child competed in every race. We are incredibly proud of them.

During the rest of the week, the children have continued to learn about measuring length, started a new story in English "The Paper Bag Princess", and compared the size of a baby as it grows inside its mother to different fruits in our SRE lesson today.

Year 3

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Wow! What an incredibly busy and exciting week we have had in Year 3! On Monday, the children had a wonderful time during our whole school fun sports day; on Tuesday, we watched the Reception and Bombers sports day and on Wednesday, the children took part in both theirs and my first KS2 Sports Day! Firstly, I just want to say how impressed I was with all of the children's behaviour, attitude and sportsmanship throughout the events, cheering on their siblings, friends and team mates constantly. I had several teachers come up to me after to say how impressed they were with Year 3's behaviour and attitude and I am incredibly proud of all of them 😊

In maths, we have continued with our time topic, moving onto the 12-hour and 24-hour digital clock. The children are beginning to pick it up, although it can be a tricky concept to grasp, so all the support you can give them at home will be much appreciated. In English, the children have been reading poems and answering questions about them. We have been thinking about the meanings of the poems in a bit more detail and studying the poet's choice of words. In Science, we have started to look at the digestive system, which the children really enjoyed and next week we will continue to look at this in a bit more detail.

Year 4

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This week seems to have been even more packed than normal in Year 4! The children were absolutely amazing during both of our sports days this week and it was so wonderful to be able to welcome families in to school to share this with us too!

Between all of the sports, we have also completed our Multiplication check. The children were absolutely incredible, very positive and determined during all of this time. I know that they are eager to know their scores but we don't get copies of them just yet!

Finally, this week we have been working on our non-chronological reports on The Trojan Horse. We are almost finished and I'm very proud of all of the hard work that has gone into these.

Thank you and well done Year 4 - I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Year 5

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What an amazing week we have had! The whole class have been shattered as a result of all of the sport we have taken part in – and my voice is gone! But it was certainly worth it.

In the few literacy lessons that we have had, we have finished off our group writing based on Monsters Inc. and their work has been amazing! We also finished the week by watching a short clip called Alma that our writing will be based on for the next two weeks.

In maths, we have been looking at how to find 50%, 25% and the 75% of a number. We had to change our lessons slightly after we realised that many in the class could not confidently find half of a number.

In French, the children have been looking at sports and saying whether or not they like those sports – why not ask them if they can tell you any!

Finally, in our RSHE lesson we have been looking at what girls might go through during puberty and how they may change. We also look at a range of period products. You will all be pleased to know that the entire class were thoughtful and asked excellent questions. Next, after recapping the changes for boys and girls during puberty, we will be looking at relationships.

Year 6

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It's been a brilliant week in Year 6 with lots of different activities taking place. Firstly, on Monday morning, we had Fun Sports. This is where 12 different sporting activities were set up on the field and each group spent 10 minutes on every activity. As the groups ranged from Reception to Year 6, it was great that our class got to help their buddies and be fantastic role models to the rest of the school.

In English lessons, we continued our story planning about a shipwreck and produced a creative piece of writing linked to it. I was amazed by the quality of the vocabulary choices used and the suspense that the children were able to build using an appropriate structure and punctuation. In Maths lessons, we completed even more problem solving tasks and reasoning questions. As well as being able to answer a wide range of questions, the children's understanding and explanations were super!

On Tuesday, Lily and Joe were Head Teachers for the day and did a brilliant job running the school with Mr Ashman. They attended a teacher meeting, got to check what the other classes were learning, completed a Maths survey and another survey for Reception class, helped out at KS1 break time, organised Phonics books, helped prepare for Reception's Sports Day and bought items linked to the camp out. I know there will be a separate piece about this in the newsletter but a big well done also needs to go to the Year 6 football team for beating Poringland (on Tuesday) in three 3 mini matches with an aggregate score of 7-1! On Wednesday, we had Sports Day and yet again, the Year 6s thoroughly enjoyed themselves in a variety of different races. The water relay definitely seemed to be their favourite! As well as further Topic, swimming and RSHE lessons, the children have continued to rehearse for Treasure Island. Ms Holmes has worked extremely hard (as always) to begin organising the costumes and props. We've had rehearsals in both the classroom and the hall where the children have become fluent with a lot of their lines and louder with their singing. Well done Year 6!

Well done to Year 1 who had the highest attendance last week with:

98%

Attendance Bear will spend next week with them!

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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	Sonny, Archie, Ben
Year 1	Jacob, Edie, All of Year 1
Year 2	All of Year 2
Year 3	Kayden, Millie, Mya
Year 4	All of Year 4, Jasmine, George H
Year 5	Yuan, Lila, Oliver B
Year 6	Theo O, Helpers at New Intake Eve, Joe

Have a lovely weekend!

Chris Ashman