

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 4th November 2022

We ended last half term with our fantastic Horrible Histories day. The day started in dramatic fashion with eerie Viking music drifting across the field combining brilliantly with the misty morning to create a medieval atmosphere! From there the day proved to be a great success. The visiting Roman soldier's training sessions with the children being especially memorable.

This half term is always an exciting one as we build towards our Christmas celebrations. Before that there is lots of exciting learning planned. Already this week Year 1 and 2 have visited Norwich Castle and Year 4 have been getting stuck in to their recycled fashion project in partnership with Broadland High academy. Next week Year 6 are heading off to Aylmerton on their residential.

Parent Lunch Weeks



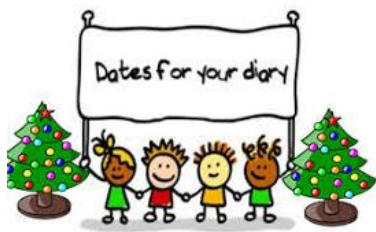
Up until 2019 we held parent lunch weeks every year where parents could come in and eat a school lunch with their children. Covid put a stop to this for a few years so it is great that we can now bring it back! This year we will be running parent lunch weeks between Monday 14th November and Thursday 1st December. For those new to the idea the way it works is that on one of those days a maximum of 8 parents can come and eat a lunch with their children. A sign-up sheet will be out from Monday in the entrance hall for you to sign up. Parents with more than 1 child can sign up more than once as due to timetables it is not possible for all children to eat together. Reception parents should arrive to eat from 11.50am. Parents of Year 1 and 2 should arrive at 12.00pm. Parents of Year 3 should arrive at 12:15pm, Year 4 at 12:20pm, Year 5 at 12:30pm and Year 6 at 12:35pm. You will be collected from the entrance at the right time for your child's lunch. We aim to run to time but all timings are approximate. Meal costs will be invoiced at the adult price of £2.76 (children's meal cost plus VAT).



Friday 18th November is Children In Need day 2022. As usual we will be holding a non-school uniform day, with a voluntary contribution of £1, as well as fun races and challenges over lunchtime (20p a race!).

Year 6 Aylmerton Residential – Year 6 are off on their residential next week. The children are in for a treat. A huge thank you to the staff going with the class. Mrs Howes, Mrs Crook, Mrs Roe, Mr Edwards and Mr Cavender. Mr Cavender will be at Aylmerton from Wednesday evening so Mr Edwards will be teaching Year 5 on Thursday and Friday next week.





Christmas Diary Dates

There is lots happening this term in the run up to Christmas. No doubt more dates will be added to the list below as the term progresses.

Friday 2nd December	FORS Christmas Fayre – 3.00pm
Monday 12th December	Reception Dress Rehearsal AM Year 1 & 2 dress rehearsal PM
Tuesday 13th December	Year 1 & 2 performance AM Reception Performance PM
Tuesday 13th December	KS2 Carols with the Salvation Army - Evening
Wednesday 14th December	Reception performance AM Year 1 & 2 Performance PM
Thursday 15th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



FORS will be sharing more news soon about the Christmas Fayre and the other exciting events they have planned.



New Parents September 2023 – We still have spaces for anyone who wants to have a look round the school with a view to their child starting Reception at Rackheath in September 2023. If you would like to visit please contact the school office on 01603 720098.

Class Assemblies

Year 6's class assembly was a fun and jam-packed 30 minutes celebrating all the learning they have been doing this year so far. The class shared some fantastic work linked to their English text, "Boy Overboard," by Morris Glietsmann and went on to share all their work linked to the Anglo-Saxons, finishing off with an interactive quiz with audience participation! Over the next few weeks four more classes will be holding their assemblies:

- Tuesday 8th November Year 3
- Thursday 10th November Year 2
- Tuesday 15th November Year 1
- Thursday 17th November Reception

As usual it was great to see so many family members in attendance at the assembly. For all class assemblies family members should arrive by 2:25p for a 2:30pm start.



FORS NEWS

Bags2school – As per the schooling sent out yesterday our collection will be on 17th November from 34 Luscombe Way. If anyone has any bags ready and would like an earlier drop off please contact Tonya Colk who can arrange for storage.

Lots of events are returning this year:

Christmas Family Movie night – this will be on Thursday 1st December. Details will be sent next week.

Non Uniform Day - Details to follow

Christmas Fayre - Friday 2nd December at 3.00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help with this, if you can help in any small way please contact FORS.

Christmas Raffle – Details to follow



Reception

Reception enjoyed a spooky start to the week with a Halloween focus. We read through 'Room on a Broom' by Julia Donaldson and re-enacted the story with puppets and instruments, as well as making our own wands out of sticks and creating spooky potions by reading recipes using our sounds.

For the remainder of the week we concentrated on learning about Bonfire Night and how to stay safe with sparklers and fireworks. Then we finished the week with a lovely time around an open fire in the outdoor area.

Year 1

Year 1 have had a very exciting week! We loved our trip to Norwich Castle Museum. We did a 'Magical Creatures' workshop in the morning and then had time to look around the exhibits in the afternoon. We loved going on the coach and eating our packed lunches!

We have learnt the new sound 'a-e' which is a split digraph, we call them 'split e' in class. The rhyme is 'a-e make a cake'. We compared it to the sound 'ay' (may I play) that we already know. In English, we have started a new book, Pattan's Pumpkin. We thought about all that we knew about pumpkins before we started reading it (and lots of us designed a pumpkin face or made a paper pumpkin!) We found out about Kerala, India where the story is set. We described the location and the two characters.

In Maths, we have been looking at subtraction. We have used part-whole models that have also helped us to see how addition and subtraction are linked. We've learnt how to record our number sentences using the subtract symbol, '-'.

Our topic work this week has been Geography based. We have looked at the 7 continents of the world (and remembered our work on the UK) and the 5 oceans. We sang songs to help us remember them – you can search for these on YouTube if you would like to sing them at home! We coloured maps to show the continents and found out a little bit about the different continents.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fabulous week back at school. On Monday we had a pumpkin themed day. The children watched most of Winnie and the Amazing Pumpkin and then made up the ending to the story. In the afternoon they looked carefully at mini pumpkins and drew them.

On Tuesday, we continued the pumpkin theme by sharing some pumpkin poems and rhymes, collecting words to describe pumpkins and then writing about them.

Our trip to the Castle Museum on Wednesday was the highlight of the week. The children absolutely loved all of the activities joining in with enthusiasm. They took part in one workshop looking at pattern, colour and materials and another exploring and creating magical creatures. Some of the artwork that they produced is on our classroom window.

On Thursday the children wrote fact files or stories about the hybrid, magical creatures which they created at the Castle Museum. Today we have had a Bonfire Night themed day.

The children have also enjoyed a PE lesson with Mr Ashman and been reinforcing their knowledge and understanding of number bonds in maths.

Only 21 out of our 30 children read three times or more this week. Hopefully, more of you will reach the target next week – remember it only needs to be a couple of pages each session.

Year 3

We have had a lovely first week back in year 3. I have been really impressed with how well everyone has retained the learning we did from last half term, including all of our work on adding and subtracting and their quick mental maths. Even though we have finished our Roman topic, I could not resist doing one more week of it in English, so we have been reading and performing the poem 'I am a Roman Soldier'. The children worked in groups to perform a stanza each, then planned, and wrote their own versions of the poem.

In the afternoons, we have been getting ready for our class assembly next Tuesday. We cannot wait to see you all there! Have a lovely weekend, Miss Hornagold.

Year 4

Welcome back after half term Year 4! You have come back ready and determined to learn - we have had another great week together.

Our week started on Halloween and there was plenty of spooky happenings going on in class. We wrote some amazing free writing stories about a pumpkin patch. I know you loved this and the effort you put into your stories was amazing!

In Maths this week we have been exploring subtraction - we are definitely ready to explore column subtraction next week and I am excited about it.

For the remainder of the week in English we have been studying 'Escape From Pompeii' where we are exploring story writing, setting description and the amazing true story of Pompeii!

Your new homework grids will be sent home on Monday. Have a great weekend everyone 😊

Year 5

Welcome back after a lovely half term – I hope you all managed to get a little rest!

In class this week, we have been a little off timetable as we have started (and almost finished!) our 8 Billion Ideas project, sponsored by Wroxham and Hoveton Lions. This project is designed to improve teamwork, creativity and to get the children thinking outside of the box. The aim of the project is for the children to think of an idea that could solve a problem either for them, for their community or for the world. It is split into 5 parts: Problems, Ideas, Designing, Advertising and Presenting with the children working in small groups to create one product. Once completed, the children will present their work to a panel of judges from school (which will take place on Monday), and the winning idea will be entered into a regional and national competition, with final winners being announced in December. As you can see from the photographs below, the children have had a fantastic week and have ended up creating some rather interesting ideas. Good luck to all the children – I know you have worked your socks off!

Team	Product name	Use
Reid, George F & Darla	<i>Vision-X</i>	Helps to see things that you have lost
Libby, Isabelle, Holly & Lexi	<i>Roby</i>	Automatic litter picker
Cody & Tommee	<i>Surprise Drawers</i>	Drawers that open up to give you a surprise
Finn & Freddie	<i>Pelan & Murley's Metallic Goals</i>	Football goals that are more reusable
Alex, Josh & George H	<i>Scam Chip</i>	SD card for phones that automatically declines scam calls
Mia, Maxwell & Layla	<i>BinBots</i>	Picks up rubbish that people drop and fines them for dropping litter
Kira	<i>Dog Lover</i>	A portable habitat for animals
Lacey, Harlow & Nola	<i>RoboClean</i>	Drives along the beach and cleans up litter
Izzy, Jasmine & Tallulah	<i>SolarSpeed</i>	Solar powered car
Austin & Connor	<i>Game-A-Go</i>	VR headset that allows you to play all games with friends
Oscar & Jayden	<i>Shock-a-knob</i>	A door knob that only allows in the people who know the passcode.
Olive & Trinity	<i>Ocean Drone</i>	Collects rubbish from the ocean



Year 6

I would like to start by saying a huge well done to the Year 6s for a fantastic class assembly linked to our class book and the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings! With only a couple of days to rehearse, and the fact they suggested lots of ideas themselves, all of the children should be proud of themselves.

In addition to preparing for our assembly, we tackled a variety of Maths challenges – many of them linked to subtraction with either missing digits or numbers. In Literacy, we moved on to learning about newspaper reports. This included understanding orientation paragraphs, formal language and the difference between direct and reported speech. We then ‘up-levelled’ the nursery rhyme of Humpty Dumpty to a Year 6 standard! We discussed whether or not Humpty was deliberately pushed off a wall instead of accidentally falling - and then planned how a newspaper reporter would write this into a gripping report!

In Science lessons, we discussed the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how we can define them. We then moved onto understanding words to describe properties such as ‘permeable and opaque’.

A new homework grid has been given out, but the first hand-in date is not until Thursday 17th as we are at Aylmerton next week. I know the children are going to have a fantastic time on the residential and I am keeping my fingers crossed for dry weather!



Read at Home for a Star

Reading Bear will spend time with:

Year 2 who had **21 out of 30** and
Year 6 who had **29 out of 31**

of their children read to their family at
least 3 times at home this week!

Well done to Year 5 who had
98%
attendance before half term.
Attendance Bear will spend next week
with them.

Attendance Bear

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

	STARS, ANGELS AND DIAMONDS
Reception	Zach, Ivy, Jordan
Year 1	Sonny, Jackson, All of Year 1
Year 2	Louis, Vienna, Ella
Year 3	Darcy, Hugo, Erin
Year 4	Rosa, Maxwell, Freddie
Year 5	George H, Max, Tallulah
Year 6	All of Year 6, Elsie, Yuan

Have a lovely bonfire weekend.

Chris Ashman