

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 25th April 2014

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. It has been great to see all the children back in school and full of enthusiasm. After a long wait most of the children have taken the opportunity to try out the tunnels and the amphitheatre. We are expecting the area outside Year 5 and 6 to be turfed any day now; when that is done we will see the school grounds in all their glory.



EATs catering – Before the week started, although I was fairly sure we had made a good decision, I was a little nervous about changing caterers. Having eaten school dinners all week, I am happy to say that the decision was the right one, the food that we have eaten has been fantastic. All the food is fresh including a salad bar, there is a great variety of choice for main course and dessert and the food is beautifully presented. From talking to the children it is clear that they have been really impressed too. Alfie in Year 4 said *“It was lush. You get to choose what you want and fill up!”*



Inset Day Tuesday 22nd April – On Tuesday the staff spent time preparing for the new National Curriculum which comes in from September 2014. It is important that we are prepared for the new curriculum and its expectations, so that we can continue to support the children to learn to the best of the abilities.

German Students – From next Monday two German Trainee Teachers will be joining us for the month. They will be based in Year 5 but will also spend time with other classes in the school.



Science Inventions Competition



Budding inventors from the school entered a science competition organised by Mrs Pulford. The judges chose:

- 1st Caedn Huckle – Reusable ice-cream cone! Prevents you having a soggy wafer cone as it's waterproof.**
- 2nd Madeleine Jenkins – The Food-Ucer 8000 uses solar energy to produce and even cook food.**
- 3rd Bethan Lancaster – “Oust” A machine to make dish washing (even in the dishwasher) more efficient!**

Sports Week – This year we have planned a Sport’s Week from Monday 30th June. On Monday we will have a fun sports morning involving all our children. On Tuesday afternoon it will be Year 1 and 2 sports day. On Wednesday morning Reception will have a joint sports day with the children from Nursery. On Wednesday afternoon it will be the turn of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Thursday and Friday are being kept spare as reserve days in the event of bad weather. **Parents will be able to attend all sports days.**



Year 6 Cycling – After half term Year 6 will be taking part in cycling training. The class will be split into two groups, with each course taking place over two days. Before the course starts there will be a day when the children bring their bikes in to be checked. Further details to follow soon from Mr Edwards.

Eco-Committee Waste / Litter Competition

As we haven't yet received many entries we are extending the closing date by 2 weeks to Friday 10th May:

- KS1 Colouring poster to complete. (Copies available from office)
- KS2 Design a poster about not dropping litter and why we shouldn't
- KS1 / KS2 Model made from junk



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

	STAR	ANGEL	DIAMOND
Reception	Chloe St Hill	Darcey Wright	Liam Cowey
Year 1	Caedn Huckle	Ruby Gabell	Alfie Hughes
Year 2	Grace Spurling	Beth Tomlinson	Mia Westley
Year 3	Samuel Abramson	James Newson	Georgie Greenfield
Year 4	Luke Mayes	Tom Elliff	Freddie Smith
Year 5	Lucy Cowey	Aaleyah Ramm	William Grant
Year 6	Katie Nurse	Ben Lace	Kai Wickham

Best wishes
Chris Ashman

Summer Term Dates

April	28 th	German PGCE students starting in Year 5
May	5 th	Bank Holiday
	7 th	Year 3 to Gressenhall
	12 th – 16 th	Year 6 SATs week Monday to Thursday
	12 th	Reception, Year 6 and team photographs in the afternoon
	20 th	Cluster Cricket Tournament Reception to Gressenhall
	22 nd	Rackheath Bombers Official Opening
	23 rd	Last day of half term
	31 st	Year 3 prize trip to rugby at Twickenham
June	16 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
	17 th	New Reception Open Evening Year 6 to Broadland High School for Maths/ICT day
	19 th	Year 2 to Castle Museum
	20 th	Canary 5's Football for Year 3 and 4
	26 th	School INSET day
	30 th	AM - Fun sports day all school
July	1 st	PM - KS 1 sports day Induction Day Year 6 at Broadland/ Transfer Morning for rest of the school
	2 nd	AM - Sports Day for reception and nursery PM - KS2 sports day
	3 rd	Reserve Sports Day
	4 th	Reserve Sports Day
	10 th	Year 6 Parent's Evening at Broadland High School
	11 th	Reports to parents
	15 th	Performance Evening Year 6 and other KS2 Children
	16 th	Performance Evening Year 6 and other KS2 Children
	23 rd	Last day of term

To be confirmed are dates for Leavers & Parents Event and Summer Fair.

There will be more details as the term progresses. As other events are added to the diary we will inform you as soon as possible.

Assemblies – Thursdays

All assemblies will start at 2.40pm. Parents and other family members from the class welcome:

May 8 th	Year 5
May 15 th	Year 4
June 5 th	Year 3
June 12 th	Year 2
June 19 th	Year 1
July 3 rd	Reception

Literacy Café dates

Monday 28 th April	Year 3
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 2
Thursday 1 st May	Year 1
Friday 2 nd May	Year 4
Tuesday 6 th May	Year 5
	Reception

All cafes run between 9.00am and 10.00am. See you for a cup of tea or coffee at 8.45am in the DT room. Year 6 will have their café later in the term.