

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2014

Today we said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Pulford who starts her maternity leave. In assembly today each class gave Mrs Pulford a card and flowers, while in class Year 1 they had their own baby shower. I know the whole school community will miss Mrs Pulford as a teacher, colleague and friend. We all wish her and her family all the best for all the excitement of the coming weeks and months. It is good to know that in Miss Barnett we have an excellent replacement.



SATS week - Year 6 have their SATS week commencing on Monday 12th May. Each day the staff are organising a SATs breakfast starting at 8.30am for all children in Year 6. This will be in the DT room with Mr Edwards, Ms Holmes and other staff too. Mr Edwards has sent out a separate letter to Year 6 giving more information about SATs week and other upcoming events.

Go Go Gorilla – Elizabeth Ritchie and Maddison Woodcock won the competition and as a prize got to paint half the gorilla each. As you can see the results are spectacular. I would like to pass on a big thank you to Mrs Magee who organised the competition and to Mrs Culling and Miss Warrington for giving up their time to help the girls paint the gorilla. Maddie and Elizabeth have decided to name our gorilla **“Underwater Sweetie”**



New Governors – Our School Governing Body play a key role in the school. The Governors are made up of Parent Governors, Community Governors and Staff Governors. For a period we have been short of Community Governors so we are very pleased to welcome Mrs Mandy Cockaday and Mrs Andrea Spooner onto the Governing Body. We also have two new Staff Governors joining the governors, Mrs Woollorton and Mrs Grogutt who will be replacing Mrs Paul from September.

At the same time we are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Anita Moll who has been a Parent Governor for the last 4 years. In the time I have been in the school Anita has given up a lot of her time for the school and been a very supportive member of the Governing Body. Anita has reached the end of her term and decided not to continue which means that there will be a space for a new Parent Governor. More information on how to apply if you are interested will be sent out soon.

Eco-Council Recycling Competition – Every day over the last few weeks a new and amazing model made from re-cycled materials has appeared in the school. The quality of the models has been fantastic – we have had castles, robots, animals, games, inventions, towns, houses and models of household objects – all of which must have taken great care and effort and time. Today the Eco-Council had the very difficult task of picking the winners and the results will be announced in Monday’s assembly. Well done to following children who all entered: Connie Snowden, Liam Moll, Lewis Mann, Brooke Halsey, Caedn Huckle, Lola Wickham, Sonny Hurn, Freya Henderson, Macy Wickham, Elizabeth Ritchie, Kiera Braithwaite, Lottie Allison, Dylan Parnell-Crook and Salvu Keeble.



Parent Survey - Today the children have brought home the Annual Parent Survey from the governors so you can give us your view on the school. We really value your opinions and look forward to receiving your replies.

Year 3 Victorian Trip to Gressenhall

On Wednesday, the Year 3 children went on a school trip to Gressenhall and we had a Victorian lesson with Mr Bradfield. We had to pick up stones, like Victorian children did, for an actual farmer and put them in a carriage a horse had to pull. We also looked around the workhouse. (Victorian times in the workhouse was horrible!).

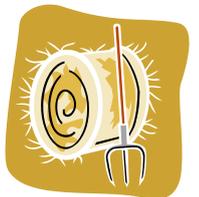
By Taylan and Macy



Cross Country Club – Well done to my ‘Fantastic Five’ regular cross country runners, Charlotte and Samuel Abramson, Maria Braithwaite, Marcus Gardner and Lewis Story. Today all of them ran non-stop for 15 minutes – a super effort. It would be great to see more children from Year 2 to 6 join us on a Monday and Friday from 8.15am.



Mrs Goddard's Charity Barn Dance



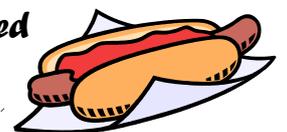
If you enjoyed the Bingo Night then come along to our next family fundraiser, our Charity Barn Dance. All money raised will go towards the Charity Trek in Nepal in April 2015.

The barn dance will be lots of fun for all the family and no experience is needed.

It will take place at Rackheath Village Hall on Saturday 5th July. Doors open at 7pm until 11pm. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle. Tickets are £10 per adult and £5 per child (aged 15 and under). Tickets include hot food. Please can you return forms and payment to the school office labelled 'Barn Dance'.



I hope to see lots of you there. Thank you to those who donated eggs for prizes and joined us on the night of the bingo.





School Photographs - On Monday a photographer is coming in to take class photographs of Year 6 and Reception children, as well as sports team photographs. At the same time she is going to take some photographs around the school so that we can update and improve the school's brochure.

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

| | STAR | ANGEL | DIAMOND |
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| Reception | Carys Tomlinson | Mia Jenkinson | Max Buckingham |
| Year 1 | Bethan Lancaster | Danielle Ramm | Rory Watts |
| Year 2 | Luke Royston | Jamie Barrett | Niamh Harris |
| Year 3 | Aston Culling | Stanley Bond | Annabelle Horan |
| Year 4 | Nathan Nicholls | William Barnes | Ryan Daynes |
| Year 5 | Oliver Milligan | Thomas Moore | Aaleyah Ramm |
| Year 6 | Roan Smith | Ebony Culling | Erika Grimmer |

Best wishes

Chris Ashman