

Rackheath Primary School



Friday 1st April 2022

It has been a very busy term in school, which perhaps partially explains how we seem to have reached April the 1st so quickly!

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Moran who has been in Reception since January 2021. Mrs Moran has done a super job and has adapted brilliantly to all the changes and challenges that the last year or so have brought. I know she has loved teaching in Reception over the last two school years and has built up lovely relationships with the children she has taught. We will all miss her and wish her all the best for the future. We should still see Mrs Moran from time to time as she is keen to come back and do some supply teaching.

We are also sad to be saying goodbye to two super student teachers, Mr Grimmer and Miss Farrow. Mr Grimmer has been working in Year 5 for the past two terms, whilst Miss Farrow returned to the school this term to work in Year 1. They both have bright careers ahead of them and we wish them both well in the future.

Curiosity Café Dates – It is really exciting that our parent cafes are re-starting after Easter after a break of two years. The cafes are a great way to share in your child's learning in the classroom. The cafes start at 9.00am and run for an hour. Parents can wait in the hall with a cup of coffee or tea from 8:45am before a staff member comes to collect you to take you down to the classroom.

- Monday 25th April Year 3
- Tuesday 26th April Year 1
- Wednesday 27th April Year 2
- Friday 29th April Reception
- Tuesday 3rd May Year 6
- Thursday 5th May Year 4
- Friday 6th May Year 5

R\$HE Meeting

A reminder that we are holding a briefing for parents and carers about the schools Relationships, Sex and Health Education Curriculum on Tuesday 26th April at 6pm. Earlier in the term a letter was sent out on SchoolPing with a link to sign up if you are planning to attend the briefing. Mr Ashman will lead the briefing with other staff involved too. There will be a chance to look at the content of the curriculum and ask questions. We hope lots of you will be able to attend.

Cluster Rugby

On Wednesday ten Year 6 children took part in a Cluster Rugby Day at North Walsham Rugby Club. The children enjoyed a fantastic day. In the morning they took part in training drills before playing matches after lunch. All the children performed very well and as a team scored a lot of tries! Well done to Josie, Amy-Leigh, Imogen, Ellie R, Joseph, Luke, Harvey, Charlie, Xane and our player of the day Jack B.

A big thank you to North Walsham Rugby Club and to Ms Holmes as well as the parents who helped with transport.

"On Thursday 30th March, a group of Year 6 children went to North Walsham Viking Rugby Club for a cluster tag rugby practise day.

In the morning, a group of Year 6 children attended a variety of different drills aimed at developing and discovering their tag rugby skills (including passing, practise matches and running past defenders without being tagged). Luckily, the weather was mainly dry and not too freezing for the morning practise sessions. However, the rain decided to appear just before lunch. This meant that they had to eat their lunch indoors with a beautiful view of the first team pitch from above.

In the afternoon, they played all the 5 other schools that were at the event. During this, the Rackheath team lost their first game against Salhouse. Although, after this, they managed to win their remaining 4 games against Coltishall, St Johns, Neatishead and Tunstead! Each school teacher/head teacher was given the opportunity to nominate a player from their school - who they thought were either the best player or the best team player from their school. Mr Ashman nominated Jack Brown from Year 6 at Rackheath Primary School."

by Jack Brown and Luke Burrows



Summer Term – Let's Get Moving – Next term we have lots of exciting opportunities planned as you will have seen in the School Calendar shared in the last few letters. We have lots of parental involvement, sports week, FORS events, Year 6 events and fun days planned alongside lots of other great learning opportunities.

A reminder that from the start of the term children will bring their PE kit to school to get changed for PE. Normally children bring their kit in at the start of the week and leave it on their peg for when it is needed. Staff will let you know the PE days for their class as well.



Craft Club

Our club has finished for this term. The children have had fun completing a bag with the favourite animal on the front. A photograph of their achievement is shown below.

Ms Holmes & Mrs Goddard



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We have had some great fun with the run up to the Easter holiday. The children have been learning about self-care. Handwashing, looking after their teeth. Helping around the house and tidying up. We have had lots of related books, puzzles, role-play and 'cleaning' activities.

They have also been looking at themselves and did some amazing 'self' portraits with paint sticks.

Outside we have explored 'bugs' in ice had an obstacle course and a 'school' role-play.

We also had ice with 'sea creatures' indoors and the children decorated some lovely 'eggs' for Easter. Today we acted out the 'Going on a Bear Hunt' story on our shape mat with various 'props'. They loved it. (Maybe all the 'ice' play brought on the snow!!)

We will re-visit our 'teeth cleaning' activity when we return after Easter and send home a little activity. Can we remind that if the weather picks up again hopefully we will need to think about sun cream applications prior to arrival and a named cream to either keep here or in the children's bags for re-application at lunch time. Happy Easter to you all.



Reception

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In Reception this week we have been learning the 'ou' sound. We have been reading the words shout, found, round, loud, mouth and out. We enjoyed writing sentences with these words in. Please continue to read the red words at home and maybe you would like to write a sentence together using these.

In maths we have been measuring this week. The children have been using the words near, nearby, far, far away, close, short, long and length. They have been introduced to rulers and measuring in cms.

In topic we have been learning all about The Easter Story. We have read the stories and had fun experiencing many different practical activities. The children have amazed us with their sentences that they wrote about The Easter Story.

I would just like to say a very big GOODBYE to all of you. I have had a wonderful time at Rackheath Primary School. I shall miss you all. Thank you to you all. Have a wonderful Easter and I hope you all enjoy eating lots of chocolate!



Year 1

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This week we have been finding out more about Easter. We started by looking at Spring and new life, and enjoyed a walk around the school grounds spotting signs of Spring. We have learned about the Easter Story and why it is important to Christians, and thought about which parts are happy and sad. We found out about the significance of eggs as a symbol of new life and decorated some egg pictures as neatly as we could. We made Easter baskets and Easter cards, and ended the week with an Easter egg hunt!

We have continued practising all the sounds we know in Phonics, and we have been reading real and 'alien' words. We completed an Easter maths booklet that used lots of different maths skills.

We really enjoyed playing with the 'Spheros' on Monday – Isla said it was the best learning ever! We connected them to the iPads ourselves, then played on 'Joystick' where the children use the iPad like a controller to move the Sphero around. We then tried 'Blocks' where we could program our Sphero to move around and change colours!



Year 2

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In Year 2 we have had a lovely Easter themed week, which has been busy and full of art, craft and singing!

The children have used video clips along with a beautifully illustrated book to explore the Easter story a day at a time, learning about Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, the crucifixion and resurrection. We have learnt some Easter songs and the children have written about what Christians believe happened to Jesus as well, as how they celebrate Easter.

In art lessons, we have looked at some examples of Faberge eggs and designed their own Faberge style eggs before decorating hard-boiled eggs using felt tip pens and sequins. The children have also made Easter cards with a 'stained glass' cross on them.

Maths has also had an Easter theme with multiplication and division colouring sheets as well as a maths challenge booklet. The children have also completed a maths reasoning assessment paper, which they all worked incredibly hard at.

Guided reading, spelling zone lessons and early work tasks have continued as usual. The children have also finished learning the Sun, Sea and Sand songs linked to our pirate theme.

Year 3

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Wow, what a wonderful last week of the spring term we have had in Year 3! The children have absolutely worked their socks off this week and truly deserve their two week break. In English, they have been writing their own fractured fairy tales. Each day, we have been focussing on one paragraph to write; using lots of grammatical features and powerful vocabulary to set the scene and to make the reader finally see the troll's point of view. In Maths, we have been continuing our work on fractions and in Science, we finished off our topic with a fun investigation to see which material was the best at soundproofing (it turns out bubble wrap was the winner!) In the afternoons, the children have been having fun designing and building their own Easter Egg Boxes, which they are very excited to take home and undoubtedly rip into 😊



I hope you all have a lovely break and I look forward to seeing you all in the final term of Year 3!! Miss H

Year 4

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This week has been all about story writing and fractions in Year 4!

We have really enjoyed exploring our topic of traditional tales and the children have been so proud of their accomplishments. Their finished stories are so wonderful and lots of them have told me today, 'This is my best piece of writing yet!' A really lovely way to finish a very busy term!

In Maths, the class have been looking at adding and subtracting simple fractions and we have also explored mixed fractions too. It's really lovely to see how much progress the children have been making and I know they have seen it for themselves too. Well done!

After Easter, our topic moves onto 'Healthy Me' and we will be starting our journey in Ancient Greece. We will be looking at the ancient Olympic Games and thinking about how we know they existed. I always love a history based topic so I'm excited!

I hope you all have a wonderful and happy holiday. Let's hope the sun comes back soon!

Year 5

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How is it the end of the term already? And what a brilliant end we had!

It has been a rather messy week in our class as we have been making vehicles using wood and racing them. As you can see from the photographs, the children really enjoyed building these as they were allowed to create any type, shape or size of vehicle that they wanted and they were all really excited to have the opportunity to use the saws! Mrs Howes got so involved with the project that she even asked for help from her husband who is an engineer – he made up some designs for her!!!

We then finished the project off with a competition. The winners of each of the categories is below:

Fastest: Oliver B

Straightest: Alice and Oliver B

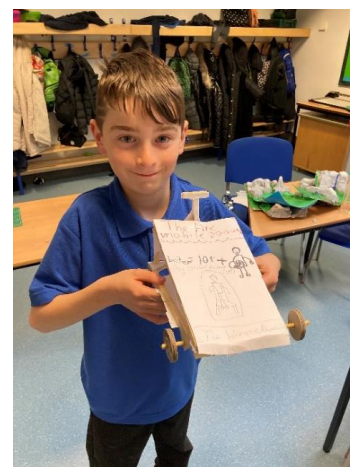
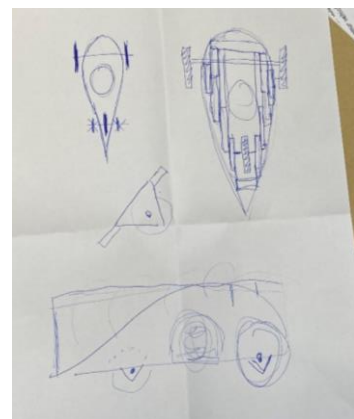
Travelled the furthest: Jessica

Best design: Oliver D



To end the week, we completed our bridge building topic by having a second attempt at crossing an 80cm gap using only 12 sheets of newspaper and 1m of masking tape. Each group had drastically improved from their first attempts a few weeks ago. The winning team was: Honey, Jess Lines and Leo.

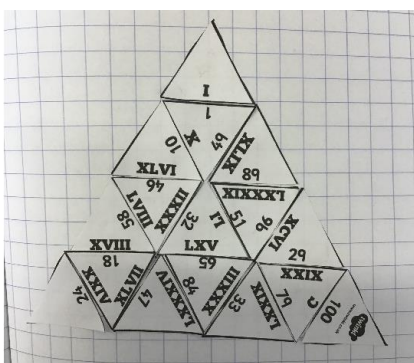
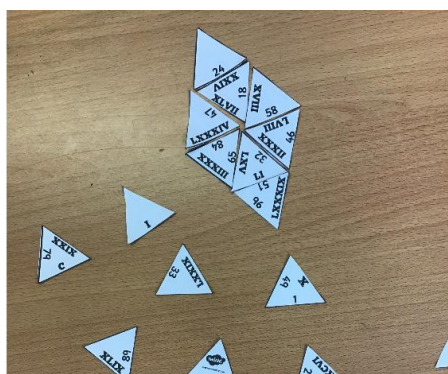
It has also been the last week for Mr Grimmer. He has been with us in Y5 since the Autumn term on his journey to becoming a teacher. It has been lovely to see how many children made cards, gifts and even raps for him; this shows how well liked he has been during his time with us. We wish him all the best for the future.



Year 6

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It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the Spring Term! Ms Holmes and I have been amazed at the progress the children have made and how hard they've worked. All of the children deserve a relaxing Easter Holiday! In Maths this week, we concluded our unit of work linked to calculating the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. We then moved on to calculating the area of triangles before completing activities linked to Roman Numerals and 3D shapes. The children enjoyed solving a pyramid puzzle - where each number had to be placed next to the correct Roman Numeral. In Literacy, we finished our very detailed persuasive texts and moved on to completing a final piece of creative writing for this term. In an art activity, the children learnt how to accurately draw to a one-point perspective. It was great to see how skilled the children have become with correctly blending water colours. The end results were fantastic! In Geography, we learnt about erosion and how meanders gradually turn into ox-bow lakes. Before lunchtime today, we had a quiz linked to this term's knowledge organiser and had an Easter prize draw. Mr Ashman, Ms Holmes and myself were all very impressed at the children's focus and determination during Tuesday's Booster Group too. I hope you all have a lovely Easter Holiday. Well done, Year 6!





Well done to Year 2 who had
98%
 Attendance last week.
 Attendance Bear will spend the
 week with them after Easter!

Attendance Bear
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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	Willow, Eloria, All of Reception Class
Year 1	Ali, Max, Ella
Year 2	Sidney, Hugo, Erin
Year 3	Rachel, Jake, Ben
Year 4	Jayden, Maxwell, Harlow
Year 5	Oliver B, Mr and Mrs Howes, All of Year 5
Year 6	All of Year 6, Sienna, Theo H

Have a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Wednesday 20th April.

Chris Ashman

