

Rackheath Primary School Newsletter



Friday 14th June 2024

Mrs Grogutt - As you will all probably know Mrs Grogutt is retiring in July after 20 fantastic years at Rackheath. To celebrate the amazing job Mrs Grogutt has done over the years we are planning a special event in school for current and ex pupils, staff and parents.

This will be on Thursday 18th July in the school hall between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. The idea being that anyone who would like to come along to see Mrs Grogutt can drop in for as short or as long a time as you can stay. We will have drinks and cake as part of the celebration.

You can just drop in on the day but it would be really helpful if you could call the school so we have an idea of numbers. **Please do share in the community with anyone you think would like to come.**

Sports Week

What a week of sport it has been. All the children have given their all and tried really hard for their teams. The children showed super team spirit and great sportsmanship. I loved running the water relay at fun sports (as did my parent helpers!) and it was a joy to watch the children support and cheer for each other and encourage everyone over the 3 days. It has also been lovely to share sports week with so many family members too! Even the weather behaved!

A big thank you to everyone involved, especially Mrs Pallant and Mr Cavender, who organised fun sports as well as KS2 and KS1 sports.

All teams performed really well:

- Sportsmanship award – Green
- EYFS Winners - Blue
- KS1 Winners – Red
- KS2 Winners - Yellow



Next Week Key Dates

- Wednesday 26th - Year 5 and 6 Brazil Carnival Day
- Friday 28th - Colourful Communities Day - Non- School Uniform

Wellbeing with Mrs Cookson



When was the last time you simply sat and let yourself just 'be'? Often, when we have the opportunity to just 'be', it's easy to distract ourselves with scrolling social media, watching TV, or scouring the internet for a bargain. You'll spy evidence of this when people check their phone while they're waiting for the traffic lights to turn green. Our brains are not designed to absorb this amount and frequency of information. It needs moments throughout the day where it can take a breather and just 'be'. The benefits are countless - mentally, physically, and emotionally.

Perhaps next time you're waiting in a queue; you've arrived at your destination early; or you're waiting for the kettle to boil - if you ordinarily distract yourself, try to 'just be'. Sit or stand still, breathe, and invite your mind to 'free-wheel' for a while. This is a key skill to share with our children too.

Best wishes, Claire Cookson (ccookson6nrf@nsix.org.uk).

For more information about our school wellbeing service, please follow this link:

<https://padlet.com/ccookson6nrf/wellbeing>

FOR\$ News

A big thank you to all FOR\$ members for providing and handing out ice lollies on Tuesday and Wednesday to the children after their sports day.



Raffle tickets - Please have these returned by Friday 12th July. Additional tickets can be found in the school reception area.

Non-Uniform Day – This will be on Friday 12th July – further information will follow:

Ice pop Friday - This will continue throughout June and July (except the last 2 Fridays of term).



Summer Fayre Updates



Volunteers / Helpers Needed - to make the summer fayre a great day we need your help. Please let FORs know if you are able to help on the day, even if it's just for 1 hour.

Soft Toys / Teddies - a ping has been sent this week that we are in need of Teddies. Please could you have them to FORs by 28th June.



Bake off - A letter has been sent home this week about our first ever bake off. We have some great entries already entered, be sure to return your slip.



Bombers

Hello to all. It has been so lovely to finally have some good weather. The children have loved having water play outside, exploring the guttering and movement and enjoying an obstacle course. The leavers did an amazing job for their little races with reception on Tuesday. We were so proud of them. They have also practiced doing their shoes and socks to explore the textured beam indoors.

We have done cutting activities in craft and had the hairdressers role play for budding stylists.

Next week our letter of the week is 'Bb' and we are focusing on small group ball / target games and free painting for craft. Let's hope the sunshine continues.



Reception

What a busy, sporty and fun week we have had in Reception! Be prepared for some tired bunnies after a rather hot and physical week. We are extremely proud of the children for taking part in their first 'big', school sports morning – well done, everybody! They have also exhausted themselves further by watching some of the sports day action in other year groups and cheering on their friends, especially their Year 6 buddies. They learnt lots when we chatted about how supportive everybody was to each other. It was wonderful to see all the families too!



We chatted about the Fun Sports event, Enid said, "We had to throw really hard. I liked it because I like throwing"

Archer said, "We had to go through a tunnel and over something but I didn't like the tunnel as it was all wet. I loved the basketball!"

In phonics, we are busy revising sounds and then word and sentence writing as part of our transition to Year 1. We want to show our new teachers our super work.

We are really looking forward to next week when we will be exploring what 'community' is – we will read some fantastic books and find out that communities can be tiny ... or HUGE but both can be equally as important in our lives!



Year 1

Sports Week in Year 1 has been very exciting! We started the week with our fantastic Fun Sports – a big thanks to all the adults and siblings who came and supported and joined in. We then enjoyed watching the Reception and Bombers Sports Day and some of Key Stage 2 Sports Day. Finally, we had great fun in our Sports Day with Year 2. We did sprinting, seated javelin, an obstacle course, a Euros 24 team race and an egg and spoon relay race.

In English this week, we continued our work on Clem and Crab. We did some super writing when we wrote letters to Clem reassuring her about putting Crab back. We also designed posters to encourage people to keep our beaches clean.

In Maths, we continued with place value work with numbers to 100. We played a game with a partner and a dice to see who could make the biggest number. We used tens and ones (Dienes) to order numbers beyond 20 by looking at the tens first and then the ones.



Year 2

What a fabulous week with all of our sporting activities. The children should all be extremely proud of themselves for their efforts and achievements. Everyone joined in everything, even those who were initially a little reluctant and felt nervous with all of adults watching them. Fun Sports was a fantastic morning with lots of exciting activities. A huge thank you to all of the family members who came and joined in too.

In Maths the children have been learning about tally charts, tables and block diagrams. Today we revised our knowledge of multiplication.

In English we started a new book. On Wednesday the children wrote sentences using interesting adjectives and powerful verbs. Yesterday we considered where we see litter spoiling our environment. The children wrote letters to the Key Stage 2 children asking them to use the bins outside rather than dropping their snack litter on the field. They enjoyed this task and wrote some fantastic letters.

We have learnt about Florence Nightingale and how it is because of her that hospitals are kept clean and patients given better care and food than they used to be. Today we have begun our learning about The Passover Festival. In art we learnt a little about the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and the children created collage pictures inspired by her artwork.

Year 3

A big well done to all of the Year 3 children for their efforts during our very busy sports week. With a morning full of fun sports on Monday and Sports Day on Wednesday, the children have been super busy outdoors. Nevertheless, we have still managed to squeeze in lots of learning across the curriculum.

In English, we have been learning about the use of coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to develop our sentences. In addition to this, the children have also learnt about the use of accurate paragraphs across fiction and non-fiction texts. Next week, they will be using this knowledge alongside their recent learning related to expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, adjectives and correct punctuation of direct speech to write their own adventure stories.

In Maths, we have moved on from 2D shapes to 3D shapes and their properties. Moving forwards, we will begin to recap topics such as fractions and measurement, where the children hold less confidence as I want to ensure they are feeling ready and confident to learn at greater depth in Year 4.





In Art, the children have completed their Greek vases, painting the base of their vase a shade of brown before adding details including geometric patterns and/ or figures using black paint.

In science, we have been learning about the seven main food groups and what it means to have a balanced diet. Next week, we will be learning about how the digestive system works.

Finally, I cannot forget to mention how amazing all the children were at their dance performance during the Sports Day opening ceremony. They had been working so hard to perfect it and for that, I am immensely proud of each and every one of them!

Year 4

Wow what a fun week we've had! All the children did really well during 'fun sports' morning on Monday, and they even had enough energy in the afternoon, for another dance practise and a science experiment.

We have completed our last week looking at time in Maths; learning how to convert analogue time into digital time as well as converting 12 hour to 24-hour time.

In English we have been writing up our Warning Stories which we shall be making into a book for our class library. On Friday we started our new unit looking at non-chronological reports; if the children can read any at home or want to bring any in to show me, then please feel free to.

This week in topic we have been focusing on our new science unit which is 'digestion'. We set up an experiment to investigate the effects that different liquids have on our teeth. The children also had the opportunity to make their own PowerPoint presentations so they could teach the rest of the class all about the main areas of nutrition that humans require. These presentations were very impressive and we certainly all learnt a lot!

Lastly, and by no means least, a super duper well done to Year 4 for their incredible efforts during sports day, particularly on our class dance. I thoroughly enjoyed putting the dance together with them and I was so proud of how well they performed!

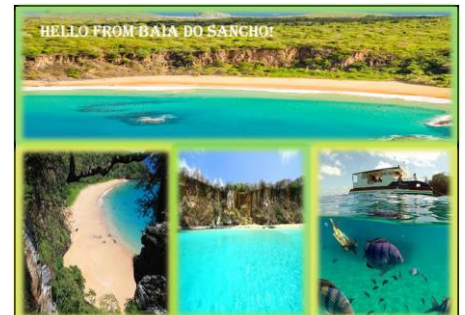
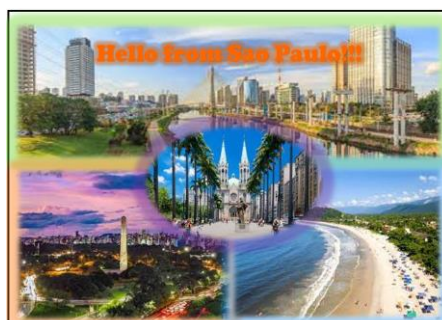
Year 5

THE SUN IS FINALLY HERE! What a great week it has been in year 5. First, with Fun Sports on Monday, and then Sports Day on Wednesday. I want to start by thanking the children for how amazing they were during these days – all so loud and supportive towards everyone!

In maths, we have kept with the sports theme by taking part in our own Rackheath Mini Olympics! The events that we have had so far have been the finger triple jump (won by Harlan) and Times Table Bowls (won by Jake). During this, we are learning about averages as we are adding up all of our jumps or throws and then dividing them by how many attempts we had.

In English, we have continued our book study of There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom – this week we wrote a letter to one of the main characters called Jeff to give him advice about his friendship issues with Bradley.

In our computing lessons, we have been looking at how to edit images and using text to create a postcard from Brazil. As you can see from some of the finished ones, they look absolutely amazing! Below we have work from Ethan, Mitzy and Isaac. Very professional indeed!



In our RSHE work this week, we continued to discuss the changes for girls during puberty – it brought up some really interesting points from the children.

Year 6

What a week it has been! I have to start this paragraph by talking about the water fight on Tuesday afternoon. Another huge thank you needs to go to Mr Gardner, who came in to film it for our Leaver's DVD. The children had so much fun - even when Mr Ashman and I threw copious buckets of water over them! In addition to having pairs / small groups run into the middle of the 'circle of doom', we had a free-for-all, as well as the children getting their revenge on both myself and Mr Ashman. I even ended up having a blocked ear for the next couple of days! A lot of credit has to go to the children for making it entertaining!

In Maths lessons this week, we completed a probability challenge and moved on to calculating price reductions – using our prior knowledge of finding percentages. In Literacy, we continued our guides to Rackheath Primary School for next year's Reception class.

A lot of afternoons this week has been taken up by play rehearsals but we also watched some of the KS1 Sports Day, had swimming at Broadland and completed our second RSHE lesson. Holly and Freddie definitely deserve a massive well done too; they were absolutely brilliant as Headteacher for the day on Tuesday and even got to complete an extra task during the water fight! Thank you to those who have also signed up for the additional food / drinks to be brought to the camp out.



Read at Home for a Star

Reading Bear will spend time with:

Year 2 who had **15 out of 26** and
Year 6 who had **29 out of 32**

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

Year 6 had

98%

Attendance last week. Attendance
Bear will spend next week with them!!

Attendance Bear

Have a good weekend!

Chris Ashman