

Rackheath Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 5th July 2024

Parent Survey 2023-24

The governors have collated the surveys completed earlier in the term and in due course they will be writing to you to share their findings. Overall, there were 77 replies, with some lovely and thoughtful feedback and an extremely positive response. Some of the results are below:

- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that their child is happy at school
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that their safe and well cared for
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that their child is well taught
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that the school is well led and managed
- 100% strongly agreed / agreed that the school provides an exciting and stimulating curriculum in and out of the classroom
- 99% strongly agreed / agreed that the school has high expectations of behaviour
- 100% would recommend the school to another parent

It is lovely to know that everyone who completed the survey would recommend the school to another parent. Thanks to the governors for all their hard work on the survey.



Passport Day

Tuesday was a super day in school. Feedback from the children was fantastic. They loved being in the Rackheath airport, flying around the world with Captain Edwards and then learning about the country they visited. The staff enjoyed playing the role of security and passport checkers too!

The children travelled to one of the following countries: India, Belgium, Peru, Kenya, Trinidad and Tobago, Hawaii and the United States. They learnt about the different cultures, completed art activities, learnt local dances, listened to music and in some cases sampled food.

Thanks to all of you for really getting into the spirit of the day and thanks to all the staff for their hard work!

New Class Alert!

Move up Morning 4th July – It was lovely to welcome Miss Shorten and Miss Farrow to the school as part of our move up morning. I know they and all the staff really enjoyed meeting their new classes. It was also great to welcome our new Reception class and parents, who visited the school in 3 groups for an hour each. Thank you to the FORS members who supported the morning by spending time with the parents of our new intake.

Those Year 6 attending Broadland also came back having enjoyed their days in school.



Year 6 Camp Out

We end the week with our annual camp out. Thank you to Mr Edwards, Ms Holmes and Mrs Pilbrow for giving up their time and sleep! Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Year 4 Mixed Football at the Nest – Today the Year 4's took part in a Norwich City organised tournament at the Nest. The girls playing the first half and the boys the second. A report to follow next week.

Euro 2024 - There have been lots of exciting games so far in the tournament. Sadly, none of those involved England! However, the draw does look promising from an England point of view... so fingers crossed! The teams left in for each class are:

- Bombers – Netherlands
- Reception – Germany
- Year 1 – France and Turkey
- Year 2 - No teams left
- Year 3 – England
- Year 4 – Spain
- Year 5 – Portugal and Switzerland
- Year 6 – No teams left



The key dates for next week are as follows:

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| • Tuesday 9 th | KS2 Cluster Sports |
| • Tues 9 th & Thurs 11 th | Stay & Play Sessions for new Reception Class |
| • Thursday 11 th | Year 5 Curriculum Day at Broadland Academy |
| • Thurs 11 th & Fri 12 th | Year 6 Transition Days at Thorpe High School |
| • Friday 12 th | FORS Non-School Uniform Day - £1 donation |
| • Saturday 13 th | FORS Summer Fair |



FORS News

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



Non-Uniform Day – As per the SchoolPing that was sent out we will be holding a Non-School Uniform day next Friday, the 12th July. Please note that coming into school in non-school uniform is optional and we'd kindly ask for a £1 donation from those who take part. The money raised will help to fund the Tombola Stall at the FORS Summer Fayre.

Ice Pop Friday – Today was our last ice pop sale for this year.



Summer Fayre – This will be held on the school field next Saturday, 13th July from 11am to 3pm. Come and join us for lots of fun!



Bombers

Hi to all. Another week flown by with a weird mix of weather. The children are keeping us busy as usual and have been enjoying outdoor play with lots of construction and tools, games such as What's The Time Mr. Wolf and Catch and taking part in crawling and balancing with a little obstacle course. We have explored printing and collage with sea creatures and looking at the letter 'Ff' with fox, fish and frog. We also explored letter 'Ff' stencil shapes and letters in our names.

A reminder that next week is 'stay and play' week so parents/carers are welcome to come in for a little while at drop off or collection on a day their child attends.

Reception

What a different and busy week this has been in Reception. We had the BEST time at Thrigby Hall zoo! The children adored seeing all the animals and were excited to get on the coach, let alone arrive at the zoo. We saw red pandas; crocodiles and the monkeys were very popular! Since being back in class, we have created our own zoo plans and visitor maps and made some beautiful observational chalk drawings of some of the animals we saw.

On Tuesday, the children were amazing at going to spend the day in a different classroom ('country') for passport day! First, they boarded the plane to make the journey to their destination (such as Trinidad and Tobago or Kenya) and then, upon arrival, they explored their countries through activities such as food tasting and costume.



Yesterday, the children had a wonderful time meeting their Year One staff – after a few ‘butterflies in tummies’ first thing, the children wowed us with how relaxed they all were in the end – they all came back buzzing about their new classroom. We loved spotting them over the fence in the Year One outside area; all busy, all having fun.

Next week, we are exploring a much-loved picture book ... and hopefully harvesting some potatoes!

Year 1

The highlight of our week in Year 1 was Passport Day on Tuesday! We loved going to the ‘airport’ through security, flying on Captain Edwards’ plane, and finally arriving in our different countries. We had a great time crafting, trying foods and playing games with children from the other classes.

On Thursday, we had Moving Up morning where we got to see what Year 2 was like with Miss Shorten and Mrs. Crook. We had a great time and can’t wait to be in Year 2 in September.

In English, we started to look at the Traditional Tale ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’. We are becoming authors and writing our own book of the story. In Maths, we have been looking at language related to time. We looked at days of the week, ordering events, months and calendars and telling the time on an analogue clock to the nearest hour.

In Geography, we started to look at maps and map symbols. We looked at the compass points North, South, East and West and referred back to our position and direction work last week. We used the rhymes Never Eat Shredded Wheat or Naughty Elephants Squirt Water to remember the order. We worked with a partner to complete challenges using a compass to help find north. In Music we learned a song called “In Your Imagination” and sang it in two parts.

For History last week we had a special visitor. A lovely lady called Janet Marshall came in costume dressed as Edith Cavell. She taught us all about Edith’s life and achievements. We really enjoyed all the activities.



Year 2

This week Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed Passport Day and were superbly behaved around the school. They learnt a great deal about the Countries which they went to, enjoyed lots of art activities and food tasting. Yesterday, in our class we continued Passport Day by learning some facts about Kenya. The children then designed an outfit which they would like to wear inspired by Kente cloth designs.

Yesterday morning the children spent time with Miss Holding having a taster session of life in Year 3. They enjoyed finding out a little about Miss Holding and creating Birthday cards for next year.

In maths we have finished a unit of work on data handling and also learnt to divide using an empty number line as well as practising 2, 5 and 10 times tables in and out of order. Today in English we read a little more of the story “The Secret Sky Garden” and discussed and wrote our likes, dislikes, patterns and puzzles, a familiar activity which the children love.

Yesterday was Miss Knight’s last day with us, but she will pop in to see us all on the last day of term.

Our last spelling test of Year 2 will be on Monday 15th July.

Year 3

It has been an exciting week in Year 3!

In English, we have been planning and writing our own adventure stories. The children have used some wonderful ideas to develop a range of very imaginative adventure stories.

In Maths, we revisited the column method for addition and subtraction. The class have been superstars at this and I feel they are certainly ready to tackle more addition and subtraction challenges in Year 4.

In Science, we have been learning about types of teeth. We discovered that incisors, canines, pre-molars and molars all have different roles hence we (humans / omnivores) need all of them. During the week we began an experiment where we placed one hard-boiled egg in water, one in orange juice and one in coca cola as a see to see how these liquids can affect our teeth.

In RE, we continued to learn about the pillars of Islam. We began the week by reflecting on the first pillar known as the Shahada and progressed to learning about Salah (prayer) and Zakah / Zakat (obligation of generosity / charitable). We considered how the meanings of each pillar also link to ideas and intentions in other religions including Christianity and Catholic beliefs.

On Thursday, the children had a wonderful morning during their transition with Miss Farrow and were super excited to tell me all about it; I just know they are all going to have a fabulous year with her!

Finally, I can't forget the excitement of Passport Day. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their day and were eager to share what they had learnt about their country with each other. I am sure they told you all about it too.

Year 4

This week has raced by in the year 4.

In maths, we have been looking at symmetry of polygons and we have done this by using squared paper to match the two sides of shapes. We also used art straws to make a variety of 2D shapes.

In English, we have been planning and then starting to write our non-chronological reports on our mythical beasts that we made up – some of the children are really getting into it!

Our topic work has all been based on the digestive system. We did this by making a person-sized drawing and then working in groups to create all of the organs that are involved in our digestive system and making sure they were in the right place.

Year 5

What a busy week! We finally came to the end of our Rackheath Mini Olympics for maths. We took part in several maths-based activities such as: Cotton Wool Shot Putt, Straw Javelin, Tiddlywinks archery and we finished today with the 100m Cube Sprint. After two weeks of events, here are the winners:

1st place: Freddie

2nd place: Harlan

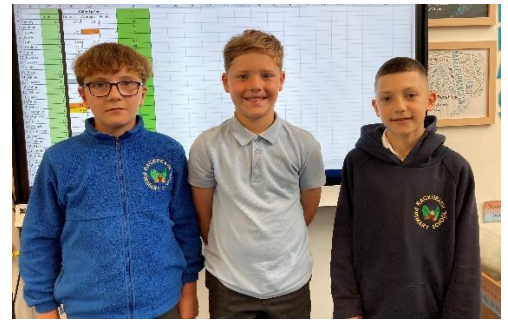
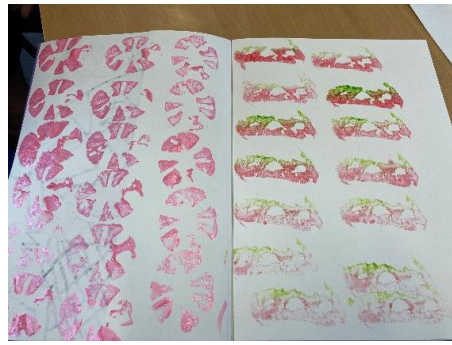
3rd place: Jake

In English, we have been looking at play scripts. The children have been split into groups and have been given a section of the story to turn into a play. We will then perform them next week!

In science we have looked at our food groups and healthy eating. We also conducted an experiment to see how wind resistance impacts paper. In RSHE, we discussed our information online and how to keep it safe. We also talked about what our roles and responsibilities are online.

We have then finished our week with some printing work in Art using potatoes. Below, you can see Jake's amazing flower print and Millie's print called 'watermelon'.





Year 6

It's hard to believe that there's only two more weeks left in Year 6! Similar to the last couple of weeks, this one has also been different. On Tuesday, we had our much-anticipated Passport Day. The children were absolutely amazing and it was lovely to hear from the other teachers about how well the Year 6s helped the younger children in their 'countries'. It started with the children being called through to the departure lounge before boarding their flight which eventually took them to their new country for the day. I had the pleasure of being the pilot for all seven journeys and luckily everyone arrived safely!

On Wednesday and Thursday, most of the Year 6s were not in school as it was Broadland High School's two main transition days. It's great to hear how well they got on and I'd like to also say a big thank you for those who were in school on those two days as they were extremely helpful. One of their many jobs was to design and create props for our production.

Earlier in the week, we had further algebra reasoning challenges and began writing our balanced arguments linked to deforestation. In addition to this, we had rehearsals for our production and had another RSHE lesson - which linked to changes to the body.



Read at Home for a Star

Reading Bear will spend time with:

Year 1 who had **21 out of 30** and
Year 3 who had **18 out of 32**

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

Year 2 had

97%

Attendance last week. 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	Harry, Max, All of Reception Class
Year 1	Emmy, Ivy, Reese
Year 2	Ben, Leighrye, Leo
Year 3	Jayden, Teddy, Henry
Year 4	Millie, All the Girls in the Football Team, Emil
Year 5	Jake, Millie, Ricki
Year 6	All of Year 6, Izzy C, Layla

Have a good weekend!

Chris Ashman