

Rack House Newsletter Friday 7th October 2016

Opening of the New Reception Play Area and MacMillan Coffee Morning

The Reception play area for our children was officially opened last Friday, 30th September and we unveiled a plaque which dedicates the area to one of our former students, Kirsty Howard. The opening celebration was a wonderful event which saw Kirsty's parents cut the ribbon to open the area. This was reported on by The Manchester Evening News and please click on to the link to see this in more detail.

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/kirsty-howard-remembered-new-play-11971006#CID=ios> MENNewsApp AppShare Click FB

Following the opening, we had our MacMillan Coffee morning, where parents were invited to buy coffee and cakes in support of The MacMillan Foundation. Unsold items were offered for sale to the children at the end of the school day so that they had a chance to participate in the event. The Coffee Morning was run by our parents who did a fantastic job and managed to help to raise £250. I would like to thank everyone for their support in raising such a fantastic amount. Well done!

Many Thanks to everyone who donated cakes for the event.

Parent's Evenings

We have our first Parent's Evenings on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th October, so please keep those dates in your diary.

On Wednesday 19th October the Parent's Evening times will be 3.30-5pm.

On Thursday 20th October the Parent's evening times will be 5.30-7pm.

If you are unable to attend any of these times, please speak to the class teacher and a mutually convenient time will be arranged after school. It is important to keep dialogue between yourself and your child's teacher so we can work together in partnership.

Letters with preferred time slots will be sent out next week.

Reading Evening for Parents

On Wednesday 9th November we will be having a Parents Reading Evening at school. We are inviting parents in to see their child's teachers and they will explain how we teach reading to your children.

The first session will start at 3.30pm and the same session will be repeated at 4pm. This is to allow parents with more than one child at school to see two teachers in the same evening

We will be holding a Maths and writing evening in the Spring. These events are to help parents see how children are taught in school today. This is so you can support your children at home by reinforcing what they are learning in school.

I know from sitting on both sides of the fence, how the way I was taught in school has changed.

Please take advantage and support these events as they are there to help us work together.

KS1 Poetry Day

Our KS1 usual assembly had to be cancelled today due to the fact that we invited Ian Bland, a poet, into the school to help bring poetry to life for our children. In the morning he brought all the children together to celebrate poetry. Any parent coming to the assembly was treated to seeing the opening gathering of children who had a taster of the poetry expectations of the day.

Sporting Teams

Our football and rugby teams started their leagues this week with wins which is always good to see.

There will be a girls footballing tournament taking place this year and with Manchester City ladies completing the league and cup double, it would be great to see our ladies attempt to emulate this.

Our cross country runners have also competed over the last few weeks and as a team, came second from all schools in Wythenshawe. Well done to all children who took part.

We are developing a reputation at Rack House for taking part in all sporting events and I believe we must try to give our pupils the chance to take part in sport. Winning is always good, however it is also important to learn to compete and at times accept defeat as gracefully as we accept winning.

I would like to thank Mrs Nilan, Miss Gilles and Mr O'Neil for organising and running these events. I believe that they play an important part in our children's education and we may help to develop our own Marcus Rashford!

Head Lice

Please check your children's and other family member's hair for head lice. If you require any support in treating head lice please see your local chemist.

Individual/Family Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 8th November 2016. He will be taking family/individual photographs. If you have pre-school children you may bring them along to the hall at 8.30 a.m.

Your child's belongings

Please ensure that your child's school bag, uniform items, PE kit, water bottle and lunch boxes etc. are labelled with child's name and class. Every day there are lost items and this will help us to identify which children items belong to. Thank you for your support.

Parent Comments and Suggestions

Disability Equality

Please state any way in which you feel we could improve our provision to cater for people with disabilities of any kind.

Safeguarding

As you are aware, we consider the safeguarding of our pupils to be of the utmost importance. If you wish to make a suggestion as to how we can improve our existing safeguarding arrangements, please let us know.

My safeguarding suggestion is:

Parents' Suggestion/Comment Slip

