

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 13th June 2014

Dear all,

Another busy week at Ravensworth! On Monday, we took our trip to Richmond featuring the whole school, and, in spite of the rainy afternoon, we had a fantastic time.

Children in Red class have been busy writing poetry about the River Swale – having made all their observations on the day. Morgan told me that the waters “looked like coca cola” and Adam declared that, if he were the river, he'd be “really excited when I go crashing over the edge”! Max thought that the river was like someone “flying” and Jake said it “rumbled” like thunder. Here's their class poem, why not ask your child which line(s) they wrote?

I am the River

I am the river, bubbling and frothing noisily under the waterfall,
I am the roaring water rushing towards the sea,
I am the water splashing loudly over the waterfall,
I am the silent water gently passing by,
I am the water rolling before the waterfall,
I am the water calm and slow.
I am the swirling water swooshing towards the waterfall,
I am the water crashing down the rocks,
I am the water going fast down the waterfall,
I am the water swishing and swirling over the rocks,
I am the water splashing down the waterfall,
I am the water screaming as I fight my way through the rocks!



Meanwhile, our new Mantle is underway with our commission from Mr. Eric Concilman of Richmond Council to redevelop the banks of the River Swale. The children, in their role as town planners, have come up with a huge variety of plans, some more feasible than others... whilst I'm sure that it would be possible to build a café on the banks of the river, or even an underwater observatory akin to 'The Deep', I'm less convinced about hollowing out the rocks on the far side to build an underground cavern housing a theme park... Still, it'll be up to them to persuade the council to run with their ideas, and prove whether or not the plans are cost effective! The children also met characters from history – the old lady of the mill, and the little drummer boy – discovering the secrets of the Swale's past...



Many thanks to the parent and governor helpers that came along on the visit, it really is much appreciated. I'm delighted to report that a number of members of the public praised our children's behaviour throughout the day, they really were outstanding in their conduct.

Toys in school – just another reminder please, that toys from home are not to be brought into school. A current exception is tennis racquets and balls for practice on the yard, but please refrain for sending in toys, as these can get lost, damaged or 'squabbled over'!

Concerns and Complaints – we are required by law to periodically publish reminders about our procedures for raising concerns about school; accordingly, our policy is published on the website, with a helpful leaflet for parents, under the 'Policies' tab.

Congratulations – to Mrs. Amanda Monteith, who recently completing the 'Coast to Coast Cycle Challenge' with Richmond Football Club, and with help from some of our pupils. Ascents of 4000ft were tackled, along with some scary downhill sections... Mackenzie Monteith and Jack Dean joined in for the last 10 miles and did fantastically, well done to all!

Y3/4 Cricket Competition – apologies, there has been some confusion with lunches for this. Please may I confirm that school packed lunches will be provided *only* for those children who are on Free School Meals (order deadline on Monday for these pupils). Other children will require a packed lunch from home. The timing is as before, leave school 11:30am, return for 4:45pm. The event is held at Richmond Cricket Club, parents are welcome to come and support.

Dates for the Diary:

Clubs this half term: Tues – Performing Arts, Weds – Archery, Thurs – Football and Multiskills
Week Commencing Monday 16th – Y1 Phonics Check Week

Friday 20th June – Y3/4 Cricket Tournament

Tuesday 24th June – 'Meet the Tutor Evening' at Richmond School for Y6

Thursday 26th June – Y5/6 Football Tournament, Richmond Football Club, 11:45am-3:45pm

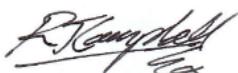
Looking ahead – Monday 7th July – Sports Day!

And Finally...

I have to share another piece of poetry with you, an excerpt from Francis Nicolson which was brilliant, alliterative, and gave us all a smile!

*Ravensworth teachers are terrific,
Trying to tell us the best way to learn,
Sporty Miss Crisp, Complicated Mr. Campbell, Jolly Mrs. Jackson,
And last but not least,
Mr. Roycroft telling stories in his velvet voice!*

Apparently, I'm 'complicated'!
Have a great weekend,
Every blessing,



Rob Campbell



Mackenzie and his mum complete the race!

