

# The Rauceby Reporter

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Welcome to this week's edition of The Reporter. It has been a very busy week as usual, which seems to have flown by. With only eleven school weeks left until the end of the academic year, we still have so much to fit in.

Parents of children joining Reception class in September should now have been notified if they have a place or not. The wonderful opportunities that we give our children at Rauceby are certainly no secret, and according to the Lincolnshire admissions team, we are the only school in the Sleaford area to be oversubscribed again in Reception. This is great testimony to the hard working staff team we have at Rauceby. We look forward to welcoming our new children and families in September.

Mr Manby

## Blue Badge Recipients

Blue Badges were awarded this week to the following children:

- Reception:        Freddie for super fluent reading  
                      Jacob for a super grasp of numbers above 10  
                      Stefano for amazing observational painting
- Year 1:            Finlay and Scott for brilliant use of digraphs and trigraphs
- Year 2:            Evelyn and George for a methodical approach to Maths work this week
- Year 3:            Lucas and Matilda for an incredibly sensible and mature use of the marking station in class this week
- Year 4:            Jenna-Lee for a fantastic first week at Rauceby, you have settled in brilliantly!  
                      Oliver for a consistently mature approach to school life

Year 5:            Lily M for super improvement with handwriting  
                      Lydia for great determination to master angles

Year 6:            Alyssa for excellent attitude  
                      Nancy for her mature writing style

Well done to all of you. We are proud of the work that you produce and the effort that you put into all areas of school life.

It is a pleasure to give out the blue badges to the children each week, celebrating their successes both in and out of the classroom. It has been great to see the children wearing their badges with pride this week.

## Year 1 Kabaddi Competition

Six Year 1 pupils represented the school in the popular South Asian sport of Kabaddi this morning. Despite the rain they had a wonderful time and were an absolute credit to the school.



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## 500 Word Challenge

I had a visit from a very excited George in Year 4 this week. George had entered the extremely popular Radio 2 500 word challenge and had received a certificate to inform him that he had made it through the first round. This doesn't sound much on the face of it, but they receive thousands of entries (in 2017 there were over one hundred and thirty thousand entries) and only half of those make it through to this stage. Congratulations George and fingers crossed you make it through round 2. I think it's a story worthy of it!

### THE ONLY THING THAT I COULD DO

My brother was sitting writing his 500 words, he read it out, and it sounded amazing. But I didn't know what to do. I tried to start on a piece of paper, but my writing is just not very good. I have just begun to join my letters, and each word takes ages and still I can't do it. My brother has written 500 words for four years running, I wanted to have a go this time, but his stories are always so good!

I had only written 'The' and that had taken sooooo long. I just can't write... GRrrr! My dad gave me the laptop; he said it would be easier for me. It took forever to start loading, I clicked on the keys, but I just made a mess of that!

I thought it was finally loaded, how wrong was I... of course it wasn't! This isn't a good start. I just didn't know what to do. I sat in front of the screen I don't have any ideas. How DO you write these stories? I looked over and saw my brother he had a great story, but I haven't even started. I could choose the style, calibri or arial, mmm... I think calibri, there we go, 10 minutes gone. Next word size, mmm... I think I'll go for fourteen, and then I will fill the page quicker, and another 10 minutes gone!

I had only typed 'The' at the moment. Mummy called us for lunch, great this can wait!

Lunch was a long time, I thought I could write now with a tummy full of food, but as I sat down at the computer my mind went blank.

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I've got it, I've got it, could I write something about a boy who gets a letter and the boy is called Harry and he goes to wizard school, but hang on that's been done before. I've really got it this time, what about some creatures with big hairy feet called Hobbits, but that's been done before. My mum said I have to think of my own idea... easier for her to say. "WHAT DID YOU SAY?" said mummy

Still sitting there getting more frustrated! My brother's story was sounding awesome, mine was only The. The rest of the page was empty; the light from the computer was now hurting my eyes. I changed the writing size to 12; at least I was doing something. Dad said he was coming over to read my story so far. 'The' he said it was a good start but I needed to do a bit more. Then the title came to me, at least I had written seven words now. I tried to write my 500 words, but literally 'The only thing I could do... was to write the title! I'll try again next year!

## Year 6 Writing

Sticking to the theme of writing, two of our Year Six girls collaborated to write this fantastic story. It is based on a short animation that they watched about a young girl called Alma. You can read this and other writing by Year 6 by accessing their class blog on the school website <http://www.raucebyschool.co.uk/year-6>. There is also an opportunity for readers' comments. I am sure that they would love some feedback.

### Alma

Like an icy winter's breath from Mother Nature, the wind blew cold and fast. The snow covered the roofs of Paris like flour being sprinkled on a cake. The buildings, grey and empty, stood still, towering and watching over me. Despite the depressing scenes, I skipped merrily down the dark, murky streets, like one of the snowflakes dancing gently on the wind. A vulnerable mouse running closer to the jaws of an awaiting vixen.

Prancing further down the street, I spotted a chalkboard with many different names scrawled across it and scratched my own name in with the others, making mine as neat and clear as I could. That was when I heard a faint and distant click...click...click from the shop behind me. Curiosity getting the better of me I turned towards the noise. There in the mouth of the window, was a doll. 'Was someone expecting me?' I asked myself, for the doll had my ruby red coat, sapphire blue bobble hat and my emerald green eyes. Amazed at what stood before me, I raced towards the window, astonished by similarity of the doll. In a blink of my eye, it was gone, like it was never there.

Peering closer into the glass, I tried to find the doll but it was too dark to see. Next, I tried the door, tugging and tugging at the handle. Having no luck, with rage and frustration swelling inside me, I threw a snowball at the stubborn door, before stomping off in anger.

Something made me turn back. I didn't know if it was the determination in finding that doll or the creak of the door opening. I dashed towards the door, and pushed my way in without hesitation. As I entered, finally seeing the full view of the shop, I was greeted by hundreds of dead doll eyes. These dolls came in all shapes and sizes, some pretty and welcoming, some ugly and evil. Never the less, I had my heart set on my doll. I looked around for a while and then there it was, right in front of me, almost telling me to take her home.

Reaching for her, ....

(Go to <http://www.raucebyschool.co.uk/year-6> to read more)

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## **Forest School Evening**

Hopefully you have received a letter about our ever popular Forest School Evening on **Friday 6 July**. This is the third year we have run this event which has gone from strength to strength. The evening involves; building a shelter to spend the night, cooking around a campfire, playing games and having a wonderful, sociable evening. Please return reply slips with full payment by Friday 18 May 2018.

## **Balance Bikes**

Reception children who have returned their forms will be taking part in Balance Bikes next week. Everything is provided for them, no special arrangements are needed.

## **Internet Safety**

Internet safety is always high on our agenda at Rauceby as we are aware of the risks our children are now faced with. Below is a link that supports parents in this area by explaining how to set up parental controls and privacy settings on the various platforms that children are accessing. <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/search/>

## **Upcoming Events**

Mon 30 April	-	Collaborative Choir to Winchelsea School
Thurs 3 May	-	Netball Match
Mon 7 May	-	BANK HOLIDAY
Fri 11 May	-	Class Photographs
Mon 14-Thurs 17 May	-	National Assessment Week for KS2 (SATs)
Wed 16-18 May	-	Year 5 Residential trip to Rand Farm
Tues 22 May	-	Year 3/4 play - afternoon
Weds 23 May	-	Year 3/4 play – evening
Fri 25 May	-	End of term (normal finish time)

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