



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

1st April 2022

NEWSPLETTEREARR

Attendance

We are concentrating on promoting good attendance and punctuality and would like to remind you:

- In line with government guidance, term time holidays will not be authorised. Children have missed out on in-school learning because of the pandemic and so we are asking you to carefully consider the impact of further lost learning and to avoid booking a term time holiday.
- Absences directly before and after school breaks are not routinely authorised.
- Absences of five days or longer may need to be supported by medical evidence such as medical appointment cards or texts before being authorised.
- Attendance below 90% is considered persistent absence and this may result in you receiving an advisory letter, a meeting with the Headteacher or a referral to the Education Welfare Officer. While attendance is below 90%, absences are not authorised unless medical or other evidence is provided.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or if there are any barriers which may prevent them from attending school full time, please contact **Nikki Dufosse** in the school office.

Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay

Our Year 6 children enjoyed fantastic weather on their school journey last weekend. Mr Colenso was incredibly proud of them saying: *"The children were magnificent from the second we left."*



They threw themselves into every activity, communicated with each other brilliantly all weekend and took every opportunity to have the fun they deserved. Congratulations must go to the team of adults, led by Mrs Mullen, who made the most of every interaction to ensure the children got the very most from the trip."

Easter

Our infant children have been busy with lots of Easter activities. Father John, from St Augustine's Church, visited Reception, Years 1 and 2 and told them all about the Easter story. Mrs Watson's rabbit, Tiger-Lily also came to visit and Year 2 enjoyed making chocolate nests. Reception and Year 1, courtesy of the PTA, had much excitement on an Easter Egg hunt while Nursery had their own Easter bonnet parade today! There was a wonderful turnout from parents and the event will also be posted on Tapestry.

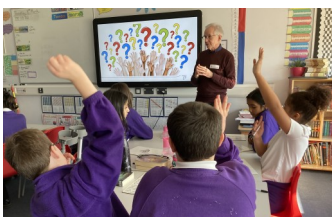


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Humanist Visitor

Year 6 are studying Humanism in RE this term and were recently visited by a Humanist. He was very impressed with their engagement: *"They were informed - not only about humanism - and asked some of the best, sometimes challenging, and most thoughtful questions I've had. It was particularly good to see an unspoken acceptance that it's ok to disagree, and confidently to express their own views, while engaging positively with the lesson."*



Holi

Last week, our junior children learnt all about the Hindu festival, Holi (also known as the Festival of Colours), in a brilliant assembly led by Mrs Pathal. They particularly enjoyed seeing staff demonstrate the practice of covering each other in powdered colours!



St Patrick's Day in Nursery



Our children in Nursery had great fun making Irish stew (vegetarian) for St Patrick's Day. They helped prepare the vegetables and enjoyed tasting the stew. "I liked it because it had carrots and carrots are my favourite." said Ahlem. It was a hit with Harry too, "I liked the carrots and potatoes". "It was delicious!" agreed Ben.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

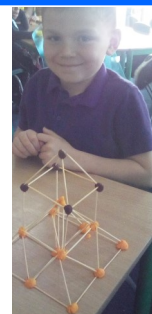
We have had another fantastic fortnight of active travel this year. In total we made **4,500** journeys by foot, scooter and bicycle, some **60%** of all journeys made. This event aims to get more pupils active on the school run, in turn helping reduce air pollution levels around schools. Thank you for supporting your children in this important venture.



Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day



Year 3 had a wonderful day last Thursday dressing up as Ancient Egyptians. Nivaan said, "It was fun. I really liked the dancing. We also got to mummify tomatoes. We took turns scooping out the insides and filling them with salt which turned yellow. We then put the lid on and wrapped them in bandages. They did this with bodies in Ancient Egypt. We also all made pyramids using toothpicks and playdough. The dancing was my favourite though."



Arts Richmond Young Writers

On Sunday, Bobby and Vihaan, both from Year 4, attended the Arts Richmond Young Writers' Festival in Twickenham along with their families and teachers. Their poems, both finalists, were performed by local actors and the boys received a certificate from the mayor. Click [here](#) for a review of the event.



Red Nose Day

Children had a wonderful day dressing up in red in support of Red Nose Day. We raised a total of **£475** across both schools. Thank you for your support.



Co-operative Play in Reception on Red Nose Day

Tag Rugby

In a much anticipated match against Hampton Hill School, our tag rugby team beat the visiting school 11-2 on Wednesday. This win secured their place at the top of their cluster and entry to the final 16 of the Borough competition.



Gallagher Premiership Rugby Trophies

Yesterday, we were incredibly lucky to have both the men and women's Premiership Rugby trophies, won by the two Harlequin sides last season, visit our school. All our junior children, and some of our infant children, were able to view the trophies and have photos taken with them. We wish both teams the best of luck in retaining their titles this season!



Dates for your diary

Monday **4th** - Thursday **14th April** - Sport4Kids Multi-Activity Camp - [click here to book](#)
Tuesday **19th April** - Start of Summer Term
Saturday **23rd April** - St George's Day in Whitton. Contact the PTA (hsfpta@gmail.com) to take part in the parade
Monday **25th** - Friday **29th April** - Year 5 trip to the Isle of Wight
Monday **2nd May** - Bank Holiday
Friday **20th May** - Class Photographs
Tuesday **24th May** - Year 1 Trip to Chessington
Thursday **26th** - Friday **27th May** - Year 4 Trip to Bushcraft
Saturday **18th June** - Summer Fair