



NEWSLETTER

Heathfield Infants Newsletter

Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was achieved by Iguana Class KS1 and Sea Turtles Class in Reception.



What We Have Been Doing

This week in Nursery we have been busy learning all about underwater animals. Can your child remember any of the creatures we looked at, or discussed? We also created stories and pictures for our books in preparation for Book Week after half term. As you are aware, after half term we will be starting our library. Please check your child's book bag as they will be bringing home a book to share with you. Our Scooter Park is getting very busy as more children are scooting to Nursery, which is a fantastic and healthy way to travel. If your child still uses a buggy, please can we ask they are folded and parked appropriately, as the children are finding it increasingly difficult to be independent when parking or collecting their scooters, and the large buggies are blocking the way. We thank you for your co-operation with this matter.



This week in Reception we celebrated poetry by reading the story 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt' aloud and the children joined in with the repeated 'refrain' parts. We also learnt some new poems, such as 'Popcorn' and 'Let Me Do It'. We were able to learn the poems very quickly and were excited to share some of our favourite poems at school. In maths we continued learning about 3D and 2D shapes. We explored everyday shapes that we find in the environment and then sorted them out into groups. Thank you to those parents that attended our reading afternoon on Wednesday. The children had lots of fun reading with their parents and friends.



Year 1 have finished reading our English book 'If All the World Were...' By Joesph Coelho and Allison Colpoys. The children acted out, re-told and story mapped their own Indian tale. They published these and each class have made their own book of tales for their book corners. The ending of the story book deals with a young child losing someone close to them. In classes we discussed how this made us feel and the children shared times when they have lost someone close to them. In maths we counted in steps of 2, 5 and 10. We used practical equipment to group objects in 2's to help us count them. The children were then able to show this on a number line and solve reasoning problems. Please continue to help your child by counting in steps of 2, 5, and 10. Today we reached the end of our food technology topic about 'Dips and Dippers'. Each class selected a dip to make and very much enjoyed tasting it. Over the half term we would like the children to continue to sing the two songs we have learnt recently, which are the 'Plant Song' in science and our 'Capital Cities' song from our geography lessons.



In Year 2 we worked hard to create our own artwork inspired by the Japanese artist 'Hokusai'. The children created their own 'great wave' and used tinting and toning to create different colours. In geography we experimented with compasses and began to learn how to use them, by navigating around school. In English we wrote letters about being a lost crayon and created our own storyboards after watching a video clip for inspiration. During maths we looked at shapes and their properties and were able to name a range of 2D shapes and we are beginning to understand what the term 'symmetry' means. Perhaps you could ask your child what shapes they can see over half term? In science we completed our topic by looking at the life cycle of a frog. This linked with our exciting visit from the Ark Farm today. We learnt about what animals need to survive and had the opportunity to pet a few of them. It was a fantastic experience. We have sent home our knowledge organiser for geography which shares with you all of the learning children have completed this half term. It would be brilliant if you could read it with your child and find out how much they remember.



Ofsted Visit

As you will know, we had our visit from Ofsted this week. We expect the report to be published and available for you to read in March. We were so proud of how welcoming the children were, how well they behaved and how enthusiastically they spoke about their learning. We were also delighted with the positive comments parents made about the school and we sincerely thank you for this.

Sugar Sheriff Visit

We recently welcomed a **Sugar Sheriff** to our KS1 assembly. Keyleigh, who works for our catering company Radish, talked to the children about “hidden sugars” and how much of the recommended 5 teaspoons a day is hidden in some very common foods and drinks. We were all extremely surprised to find out how much sugar was in a fruit shoot, a can of coke and a milkshake – more than in a doughnut or a chocolate bar! Keyleigh talked to us about sugary snacks being an occasional treat and we talked about some swaps the children could make. Please do talk to your child about what they learnt from the Sugar Sheriff and help them to think about low sugar options for lunchboxes and snacks.



World Book Dress Up Day – Thursday, 5th March



To celebrate ‘Book Week 2020’, Nursery to Year 6 can come to school on Thursday, 5th March dressed as a book character of their choice. We are really looking forward to seeing all your amazing costume ideas.

Parents Evening Rescheduled

Our rescheduled dates for parents evening are:

Tuesday 10th March 2020 - 5.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 11th March 2020 - 4.00pm-7.00pm

We will inform parents/carers after half term when the online booking system opens.

Absence Reporting

If you are reporting your child absent from school, please contact us by calling 0208 894 4074 before 9.00am on the day of absence, clearly stating your child’s name, class and the reason for their absence.

Safety Reminder

The school works closely with our neighbours and parents to try and resolve issues that may affect our school community. With regards to the surrounding roads, it is imperative that anyone visiting our school, particularly if you are dropping off or collecting your children from school do so with due care and attention.

For everyone’s safety, please take a few extra minutes to plan your journey and allow time to find a suitable, legal parking space, even if you have to park a little further away and walk back to school.

Can we also ask that you refrain from riding bicycles or scooters within the school site as we have had some people who have been nearly knocked over. Before coming into the school gate, children must dismount and walk with their bicycle or scooter. Thank you for your co-operation.

Updates on the Coronavirus

Public Health England have created a blog, which will be updated as and when changes happen to keep users informed. The blog is available to all those living in the United Kingdom. You can access the Public Health England blog by following the link below:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

Return to School

We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to seeing all the children return to school on **Monday, 24th February** at 8.55am. The Nursery will return at their usual session times.

Diary Dates

Monday 17 th – Friday, 21 st February	-	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	-	Children return to school
Thursday 27 th February	-	NSPCC Assembly (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
Thursday 27 th February	-	Bedtime Stories (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) 5.00pm-6.00pm
Monday 24 th - Friday, 28 th February	-	Book Week
Thursday 5 th March	-	World Book Dress Up Day (whole school)