



NEWSLETTER

Heathfield Infants Newsletter



Best Attendance

This week's Best Attendance was achieved by Panda Class KS1 and Sloth Class in Reception.

What We Have Been Doing

Science week was very enjoyable in Nursery and we showed what excellent scientists we are as we looked at different investigations.

The children's natural awe and wonder helped us come up with some fantastic ideas about water and getting wet, dinosaur bones, time and all finished off with a fun scientist dress up day. Please take a look on Tapestry to see some of the activities we carried out.



In Reception we continued reading the book 'No Dinner' learning more about India. We tasted different Indian food and expressed our opinions about it, as well as listening to Indian music. In maths we combined numbers to create a total and thought of ways to make 10. The children enjoyed celebrating Science Week and taking part in the Fizz Pop workshop. They learned a lot about famous scientists and did their own science experiments by predicting, exploring and testing their thoughts. Today they all looked amazing as famous scientists and scientists from the future.



This week in Year 1 we have been enjoying all things science. We took part in experiments every afternoon and particularly loved making our own pendulum and using it to measure a minute. In English we continued to write non-fiction fact files on animals. We also focused on writing about Jaguars and Toucans. Why not ask your child what facts they can recall.



In maths we are starting a new unit on 'place' value and used dienes to make two digit numbers.

Try playing this game at home: <https://www.ictgames.com/sharkNumbers>. Can your child count the tens and ones?

Next week we will be finding out about how scientists measure the weather and will be making our own rain gauges. Please send your child in with a 1 or 2 litre empty bottles next week so we can start creating and measuring!



What a fantastic Science Week Year 2 had. We completed investigations inspired by Darwin, Galileo, Macintosh and Anning and reflected on what type of scientists we would like to be. Some chose to be marine biologists, botanists, paleontologists, astronomers and some even hoped to be seismologists. Science Week ended with a fantastic workshop provided by 'Fizz Pop' where we were introduced to flash paper, fake snow and made our own slime! In English we wrote a letter from Laszlo to say thank you to the Dark for helping him be brave and face his fears. We created aquariums based on the stories written last week. In maths we finished the topic on division and we are now able to apply this to word problems accurately. We had another fantastic P.E lesson with the Middlesex Cricket Club where we learnt how to throw and catch, as well as play as part of a team. Please ensure that your child has their P.E kit in school every day.

We love seeing what your child has read at home so please can you write what book your child has read to you each day as we use this to point children in the direction of books they might enjoy as well as steer them in a different direction if necessary. Thank you.

Important Information for Year 3 Junior School Applications

You should have applied for your Year 2 child's Junior School place going into Year 3 to Heathfield Junior School. The closing date for applications was on 15th January 2020. Although the deadline has passed, you can still apply on-line for a Year 3 space by visiting www.eadmissions.org.uk and logging onto your account or creating a new one. Please note, however, that your application will be treated as a 'late' application and will be dealt with by the Richmond Education department after all the applications that were received on time. If you are unable to access on-line applications, please come to the Infant School office for a paper copy as soon as possible.

Nursery Open Afternoon – Tuesday, 4th February 2020, 3.30-4.30pm

If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they will be eligible to join Heathfield Nursery from September 2020. Please join us for our Open Afternoon on Tuesday, 4th February 2020, from 3.30pm-4.30pm to have a look around our Nursery, view the facilities and meet the team. Please note that all nursery applications must be submitted to the Infant School Office by Friday, 6th March 2020.



Science Week 2020

During Science Week the children at Heathfield recreated the experiments that famous scientists conducted in order to make their discoveries:

- Charles Macintosh Investigation
- Mary Anning Investigation
- Galileo Investigation
- Charles Darwin Investigation



The children enjoyed all these investigations, but more importantly they learnt a range of different scientific enquiry approaches such as: fair testing, observing over time, identifying and classifying and pattern seeking. As well as learning this, they also learnt the following scientific skills: questioning, predicting, recording and interpreting results, concluding and evaluating.

The children were also luckily enough to take part in 'Fizz Pop' workshops. During these workshops the children learnt about electricity, light, the Earth and evolution in a fun and exciting way.

Lastly, the children loved their dress up day today. All the costumes the children wore were truly impressive!

I am sure we have some budding future scientists here at Heathfield!!!

Spare Clothes

If you have any clean, spare childrens socks, pants and tights please could you donate them to the school as spares.



PTA Update

Due to popular demand, our Family Bingo event will be held again on Thursday, 30th January from 3.30pm. All tickets need to be bought in advance and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets cost £2.00 for the first book and includes entrance fee and a drink. For further details, please see the attached letter. We look forward to seeing you all there!

PTA VALENTINES DAY - Hot Chocolate & Cake Sale

Come & join us for delicious hot chocolate and Valentine's cakes and Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Friday, 14th February in the playground after school.

Donations of home-made or shop bought cakes to sell will be gratefully received. Please bring them to either of the school offices on the day.





Whitton Food Bank

Operates from the Catley Room, Whitton Community Centre, Percy Rd, Twickenham TW2 6JL. Friday mornings 9:30am to 12:30am

The food bank operates through a food voucher system. Vouchers are issued by approved agencies such as doctor's practices, social services, citizens advice bureaux, churches etc. Please approach them for a voucher or contact us directly to get help with this.

In addition to the food bank there is a friendly café. Come and join us for a free cup of tea & coffee with some pastries and help yourself to fresh food. Please note that food stocks vary. Everyone is welcome!



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