



Heathfield Infants Newsletter

NEWSLETTER

Best Attendance

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



What We Have Been Doing

This week has been very colourful in Nursery. We have been looking at the Hindu festival of 'Holi' and exploring colours, making pictures and colour mixing. In maths we continued with pattern making and exploring patterns. We have sent home a letter today regarding our theatre visit. For those children who attend afternoon Nursery session, please read the letter for arrangements on that day. Please remember next week we have the dentist visiting us.



This week in Reception we started to read a new story called 'Goldilocks and Just the One Bear' by Leigh Hodgkinson. We discussed the natural habitat of bears and tried to predict what happens next in the story. We explored different adjectives to describe objects and used them to write simple sentences. In maths we continued to learn about numbers, focusing this week on numbers fifteen and sixteen. We explored different ways of taking away and implemented our knowledge in practical and real-life situations. We are very excited about our school play 'There's a Sunflower in my Supper!' and are practising our lines and songs every day with great enthusiasm. Today we had lots of fun wearing colorful socks and comfortable shoes celebrating the 'De-feet Bullying' day.



Year 1 continued to enjoy reading 'Claude' by Alex T Smith. In the story Claude visits an art gallery and uses a guide book to help him look around. We wrote our own guide books using adjectives and enjoyed walking around the classroom, pretending we were in an art gallery. In maths we have been measuring objects using cubes and rulers. Please continue to work with your child measuring objects at home using a ruler. Why not try this game at home:



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/measuring-in-cm>. In Design Technology we read 'Jack and The Beanstalk' and made a picture using a moving 'Jack'. We also found out about 'levers' and how to make them. We are enjoying watching the sunflowers grow and each class has been able to spot a few new shoots appearing. We have been investigating whether we can re-grow plants which have already been eaten. We planted carrot tops, the end of leeks, spring onions and half a pepper. We are excited to see whether they will regrow.

Year 2 have been working hard using exciting adjectives and adverbs to describe the witch from our book 'Rapunzel'. We focused on the witch's appearance, as well as her personality, and then wrote instructions using time connectives and imperative verbs to explain how she could escape from the tower. In maths we have been finding fractions of shapes, including halves, thirds and quarters. Next week we will be finding fractions of numbers. Could you help prepare your child for this by looking at this website <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Interactive.aspx?cat=14>. In science we have looked at the characteristics of 'living things', 'dead things' and 'things that have never been alive'. We used our understanding to then sort a range of objects accurately. In geography we continued to look at the different weathers in coastal and inland regions and how these are different. After this we became weather forecasters and predicted what the weather will be like. We have created our own weather maps showing what the weather would be like in different regions.





NSPCC De-feet Bullying Day

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who came in to school today with their crazy footwear and your donations for the NSPCC. Together we raised £316.80, which will be sent off to the NSPCC to support their valuable work with children. Many thanks to the 'Pupil Voice' who organized the event, collected and counted the money for us.

Design and Technology Competition

We are holding a competition for children to design a basket for the Easter Bunny to carry his eggs in.

Design must have

- It cannot be bigger than a cereal box.
- It can be made from a range of materials
- The Bunny must be able to carry it without it breaking
- You must test your model at home to make sure it can hold 5 small eggs



Entries must have your child's name and class written clearly and be given to the class teacher by Monday 30th March. There will be a winner from each year group which will be announced on Thursday 2nd April.

PTA Events – Dates the Diary

1st April the PTA will be holding an 'April Fools Change the Rules' dress up and Movie Night. Details will follow soon.

Dear Parents

I just wanted to update you on the measures we are taking in school to manage the risk presented by the coronavirus.

Firstly we have **no confirmed** cases of the virus at the school. If a case of coronavirus is confirmed amongst our staff or pupils attending the school, we would be instructed to close, deep clean and would then reopen a number of days later.

As you know the Government has moved the response to the Delay Phase but has decided that the closure of schools at this point is not a necessary action. We receive daily updates from the Local Authority and Public Health England and are following any advice given. The vast majority of schools nationally remain open.

At the moment, unless your child or somebody in your home is exhibiting symptoms of the coronavirus, your child should continue to attend school. Vulnerable adults with underlying health issues are at particular risk. If this is the case within your household, please seek further advice and inform us if you have any concerns.

Within school, we are at our most vigilant regarding any coughs or high temperatures and will immediately contact parents asking them to collect. We are continuing to ensure that children wash their hands regularly and have arranged for additional cleaning in school. We have installed hospital grade hand gel dispensers around the school and are no longer allowing children to drink from the water fountains. Please ensure your child has their own, named water bottle in school.

Further advice can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Paul Clayton
Executive Headteacher



Heathfield Schools Partnership

School Meals Supervisory Assistant (SMSA)

Permanent and Relief staff required

6 ¼ hours per week / 38 weeks per year

Annual salary – Scale 1 Point 3 £3000.87

We are looking for a School Meals Supervisory Assistant to help supervise children during lunchtimes in the Junior school. The successful candidate will be a good team player and have the skills to promote a happy and calm atmosphere in the playground and dining hall. You must be patient, good humoured and display the resilience to cope with a challenge, enjoy working with children, and be kind and caring. You will also need to be able to communicate clearly and effectively.

Heathfield Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment – all post holders are subject to enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check and satisfactory references.

Closing Date – midday Friday 27 March 2020

Interview Date – w/c 30 March 2020

Please contact Christine Bhika, for further details and an application form, by telephone 020 8894 3525 or email info@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk.