



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

19th November 2021

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Attendance

Our best attending classes over the past two weeks have been Hergé and Mahlangu in the infants and Kusama, Lichtenstein and Wiltshire in the juniors. Well done to all those classes.

Heathfield Junior Parkrun Challenge

Sunday 14th November saw the culmination of the Heathfield Junior Parkrun Challenge. A total of 23 children from both schools took part over the six weeks. They all received a certificate for participating and special mentions go to Khalid (fastest boy), Beatrix (fastest girl) Shreya (most improved runner) and Teddy (parkrun superstar). Khalid explains his motivation:

"Two years ago my friends and I used to do parkrun and I just used to enjoy myself. This year I am getting into football and one thing about football is that you need to train and parkrun is one way you can do that. And that is why I got into parkrun and now I love it! I am trying to get below 8 minutes (for the 2 kilometres run) by the end of the year."

While our special challenge has finished, [junior parkrun](#) continues every Sunday at 9am.



Richmond Borough Cross Country Run

In further running news, yesterday, ten children from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Richmond Park to participate in the annual cross country run, competing against other schools from all over the borough. Anushri described the course, *"We had to run 2.2km with all sorts of obstacles. We had to run up hills, avoid tree roots and make quick turns. Lots of children fell over when running."* Lily added, *"I liked it that everyone kept going, no-one gave up. Everyone showed great resilience. I also liked that everyone encouraged each other - the boys cheered for the girls and then we cheered for the boys."*



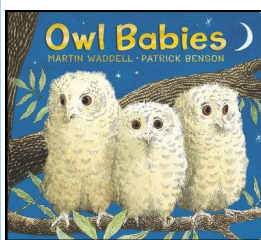
Richmond Borough Girls' Football Tournament

This week also saw our girls' football team reach the final 16 by winning four out of five games in the group stage of the borough-wide tournament at the NPL Sports Ground in Teddington. Sienna said,

"It was a really fun day. We scored lots of goals and Tia scored a hat trick in the very first game. It was good to meet lots of schools and see how good they were."



Nursery News



This week in Nursery the children have been listening to our new book *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. They have been creating some lovely owls and retelling the story using various props.

The guinea pigs also came for a week's holiday and the children learnt how to take care of them, noting when they needed more food and cleaning out. Oriyah said, *"Guess what? I can hear them, they are squeaking!"* They were also a big hit with Lucas who said *"I like them, they're funny"* and Anna who added, *"I wish we could have the guinea pigs all the time!"*



Year 6 Trip to Bushy Park

On the 8th of November we took the bus to Bushy Park Stockyard to learn about different bugs. When we got there we saw horses in their pens. Then we met our guide, who told us we needed to do a plicker test before we ventured out to the pond. At the pond we were given a net, two buckets and a tray. We split into five groups and found some interesting bugs such as a greater water boatman, a damselfly and a few leeches. We put them in pots to later look at under a microscope. When we got back we did another plicker test to see what we had learnt. Overall this was an amazing experience.

Reporters: Nabiha and Toby, Askey



Damselfly

Children in Need

The children enjoyed bringing their teddies and other soft toys to school today in support of the Children in Need appeal. Thank you for all your donations. Across the two schools we raised a total of **£383.11**.



Tag Rugby

Our Tag Rugby teams have been enjoying a winning streak recently. On Wednesday 10th November our B and C teams from Years 4-6 took on Trafalgar Junior School winning all four games in spite of the rather damp conditions. They scored 15 tries altogether and conceded only one.



The following day our A team travelled to Hampton Junior School where they took part in their first borough league game. They put in a tremendous performance winning their match 2-0.



Poppies

To commemorate Remembrance Day, our choir learnt and made a special recording of the song *Poppies*, written by Kate Courage. The song laments the passing of soldiers in the trenches, celebrating their heroic efforts for our freedom but also acknowledging the devastating effect on their families and friends.



Click [here](#) to watch their moving performance.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday **24th November** - Year 5 to Hampton Court Palace (Basquiat and Shonibare)

Wednesday **24th November**, from 1pm - Year 4 guitar performances for parents - Junior Hall

Thursday **25th November** - Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday **30th November** - Year 6 Judaism Workshop

Wednesday **1st December** - Year 5 to Hampton Court Palace (Lichtenstein and Murakami)

Thursday **2nd December** - Junior Rock Steady Concert - Junior Hall

Friday **3rd December** - Year 3 Stone Age Day and Workshop - **please note change of date**

Tuesday **7th December** - 9.30am & 1.30pm - Nursery and Reception Tours - **book at the infant office**

Friday **9th December** - Year 4 Firebird Workshop

Friday **10th December** - Infant Rock Steady Concert - Infant Hall

Thursday **16th December** - Last day of term

Monday **20th** - Friday **24th December** - Sport4Kids Multi-Activity Camp, book [here](#)

Tuesday **4th January 2022** - Children return to school after the holidays