



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

15th October 2021

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Attendance

Well done to **McNish** and **Raza** in Infants and **Kusama** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. Regular attendance is critical to children's success in school. Please see *Attendance and Reporting Absence* on the next page for further information.

Year 1 Teddy Bear's Breakfast

As part of Year 1's history topic on toys, the children have looked at old toys and learnt about Teddy Roosevelt. Last week each class celebrated with a special teddy bear's breakfast, Alexis from Disney Class explains:

"First we came in and we had some food, watermelon and a croissant and drink, apple juice or orange juice. My granny came with me. We had a story and then we got all of our stuff and went to our class and then our teddy bears were sitting on our chairs! Then it was home time, you had to bring your bears back home."



Special Visitors for Year 5

On Tuesday 5th October Year 5 welcomed Great Britain's Women's Rugby Sevens Player Celia Quansah. Celia delivered an inspirational assembly describing her journey from being coached and taught by Mr Watson and winning the borough tag rugby tournament in 2007, to competing at the Tokyo Olympics and coming 4th. Hard work and an incredible amount of resilience were two key messages. She also had time to play a game with our Year 5 tag rugby squad.



We were also delighted to be the first school to welcome Brentford Football Club Ambassador Marcus Gayle and Brentford Women's B Team Player Salma Mahamud who delivered some powerful workshops on racism in football. Marcus also talked about his career, playing in the Premier League (with Wimbledon) and World Cup and even brought in Brentford's Play Off Trophy.



Visit from Author Jennifer Bell

Jennifer Bell, author of the *Agents of the Wild* book series, visited our school on Tuesday to deliver an assembly to our Year 3 and 4 children.

"She told us how she became an author. She said she didn't like reading but a friend gave her a book for her birthday. She was on a bus and her phone battery died, so she had to read the book. She liked it so much she went to work in a library where there were three piranhas. Working in the library made her want to write her own books. She signed our books and I am on page 104 of Honey Hunt which I started on Tuesday!"



James, Darlington

Year 6 Junior Citizen Day

The Junior Citizen Scheme is an initiative aimed at giving Year 6 children the skills to deal with a wide range of emergency situations through the use of different interactive scenarios. Libby and Diya, from Marten Class, report:

"On Wednesday 6th October, when we went to Junior Citizen, it felt unbelievable to be working with such high authority - the police, ambulance and fire brigade. We were allocated into groups and we went round the different stations. The most enjoyable activity was when we did 'Stranger Danger' with Policeman Simon. Our time there was an experience that we will never forget for years to come."

Year 4 Romans Day



"Last week on Friday 8th of October Year 4 celebrated Roman Day. What we did was that, first we called a REAL ROMAN into our school and he taught us a bit more about Romans and their lifestyle. After that, we went to the school library and researched more about Romans. Finally, in the afternoon we made mosaics like the Romans would do.

Did you know that only some Romans went to school?"

Reporter: Dhyana, McQueen



NSPCC Pants Campaign

NSPCC

The Infant School will be looking at the NSPCC Pants Campaign next week and reminding children of the message that their pants are private. Please see the [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk) website for further information.

Important Safeguarding Message

Please remember not to leave babies or young children in your car while you collect older siblings from school. We do understand that parking close to school can be a challenge so will always hold on to school-aged children if you are running late. Leaving young children unattended in the car is dangerous, even if it is only for a short time.

Safeguarding

Attendance and Reporting Absence

Please be reminded that all children should have an attendance rate above 95% for each school year. It is worth remembering that a year has 365 days, a school year has 190 days which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments:

- If a child has 95% attendance, this still equates to nearly two weeks absence in a year.
- If a child has 90% attendance, this equates to almost four weeks absence in a year.
- If a child has 85% attendance, this equates to nearly six weeks absence in a year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with attendance and punctuality so far this academic year. If you have any attendance concerns please feel free to continue to talk to your child's class teacher, we are committed to your child's care and welfare and would really appreciate your continued support and co-operation with this.

Should your child be unwell or is absent from school for any reason, please call the appropriate school office: 0208 894 4074 (infants) or 020 8894 3525 (juniors) to report the absence by 9am at the latest.

English Heritage Photography Competition

For the second year running, English Heritage are inviting young people to capture and submit images taken locally on the theme of 'nature photography' as part of a Marble Hill exhibition. It is free to enter and there are two age categories - under 12 and 13-18 years. The top two



images from each age category will be displayed in the grounds of Marble Hill House in Twickenham until the end of 2021. All instructions and entry rules can be found at <https://londonphotofestival.submittable.com>. The closing date is **1st November 2021**.

Dates for your diary

Monday **18th October**, 9.30am & 1.30pm - Nursery and Reception Tours - **book at the infant office**

Tuesday **19th October**, 9.10am & 2.30pm (junior hall) - Supporting Children Experiencing Anxiety Workshop

Thursday **21st October** - Year 6 Mayan Workshop

Monday **25th** - Friday **29th October** - Half Term (Sport4Kids Camp available, click [here](#) to book)

Thursday **4th November** - PTA **Fireworks** Extravaganza

Friday **5th November**, 9.30am & 1.30pm - Nursery and Reception Tours - **book at the infant office**

Monday **8th** and Tuesday **9th November** - Year 6 Bushy Park Science Trip

Thursday **11th November** - Year 5 Tudor Dance Workshop

Tuesday **16th** - Wednesday **17th November** - Individual and family photographs

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

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

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