



Heathfield Infants Newsletter

Welcome and Best Attendance

Best Attendance this week was achieved by Bluebird Class in Reception with 96% and Wren Class in Key Stage One with 99%. 'Well Done' to both classes.

What We Have Been Doing

This week in Nursery we have been learning about Chinese New Year and we have been busy making paper lanterns, singing New Year songs and looking at how other children celebrate. We have also been looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs', building houses for our model pigs and looking at the materials they used in the story and which was the strongest to use and the easiest to make. The children have also been thinking about different materials that their own houses could be made out of, the most popular being sweets and playdough. Nice ideas, everyone!



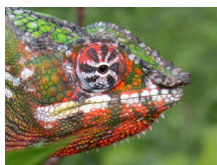
This week in Reception the children had a fantastic week exploring different fruits and seeing what they looked like, how they felt and smelt. Their use of language to describe them was really good. They have decided which is their favourite fruit and showed great control and carefulness when using a knife and cutting up the fruit to taste and make into a fruit salad. They have even discovered some new fruits that they like. In maths they have been learning about capacity and filling and emptying containers. They have been investigating how many cupfuls it takes to fill different sized bottles and jugs. Please remember to send in money for our Pinocchio Image Theatre. Thank you.



In English this week, Year 1 have been to the beach and tasted ice cream! We have started reading another Alex T Smith book, 'Claude Goes on Holiday'. The teachers created a beach in their classrooms and the children used their senses to describe everything they saw from seaweed and shells to golden sand and starfish! They wrote descriptive sentences about the beach and what they saw. We also tasted lots of ice cream, sprinkles and sauces. We used this as inspiration for designing our own ice cream and writing persuasive sentences to tempt Claude into tasting our creations. What a very busy and exciting week for Year 1.



'The Robot and the Blue Bird' is the new English book for Year 2 this week. It is a lovely book which has given the children the opportunity to make predictions about the events in the story and focus on developing their vocabulary to describe the settings and feelings of the characters. A fraction of a number continues to be the focus for maths this week. If the children could help you to cut and share things at home and talk about how many equal pieces there would be, that would really help with their understanding with fractions. We have had two amazing visits this week and hope the children have told you all about them! On Wednesday a member from 'The 52 Lives' organisation came to talk to the children during a Kindness Assembly. It was wonderful to see all of our Year 2 children working together so enthusiastically thinking of others. The children were fascinated by the different reptiles that Tom brought with him which included stick insects, a cockroach, a tarantula and a snake! We hope the children tell you some of the facts they learnt. This has been a great opportunity for the children and has really enhanced their science learning.



Monday Singalong

Start your week with a song! Come along to the Infant hall every Monday morning for 20 minutes of singing with parents, children and staff. Mr Speck will lead a session of popular songs for everyone, and also teach you a thing or two about good vocal technique! The first session will start after half-term on Monday, 25th February so arrive around 8.25am ready to sing at 8.30am. There is no need to have any singing experience and no need to sing a solo (unless you want to!). Toddlers and younger siblings are also welcome to join. Please note that you are responsible for supervising your child during this time, and you must accompany them for drop-off in the playground ready for the start of the day as normal. See you there!



Staff Update

My name is Nikki Dufosee and I have joined the Heathfield Safeguarding Team as a Family Liaison Worker. My main role is to act as a link between the school and families. I will be based at school every day and can offer help or advice on any school issues or offer day to day help with any social issues. I have access to lots of different agencies and if I can't help, then I can point families in the right direction. I can be contacted through the school office (0208 894 4074) or on the below email address: n.dufosee@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk
I look forward to meeting you. Nikki

Heathfield Schools' PTA

We are really looking forward to our Valentine's Hot Chocolate and cake sale next week. The hot chocolate will cost £1 per cup and for an extra 10p you can have marshmallows on top. If you bring your own re-useable cup, you will get the marshmallows for free!! We would be most grateful if you could donate homemade or shop bought cakes for us to sell on the day. Please bring in your cake donations to either of the school offices on Thursday, 14th February. Thank you again for your continued support.



PTA VALENTINES DAY
Cake & Hot Chocolate Sale
Come & join us for delicious hot chocolate and Valentine's cakes on Thursday, 14th February in the playground at 3.20pm.

Donations of Valentine's Day cakes will be gratefully received.

City Cranes

City Cranes is a new company who provide netball, cricket and football clubs within schools. If your child is interested in getting involved in any of the sports activities they offer, please visit their website. Citycranesfc@gmail.com