



Heathfield Juniors

Attendance League

In the penultimate week of the term, Vulture Class have maintained their lead with 24 points. African Wild Dog are just 2 points behind with 22. In third place are Orangutan with 19 and tied for fourth place are Snow Leopard and Tasmanian Devil with 18 points each. Next week is double points week with a win giving a class 6 points, so it's all to play for!

Guitar with Richmond Music Trust

Richmond Music Trust run our Wider Opportunities programme, giving all primary school children the chance to play an instrument. After the initial whole class sessions in Year 4, children can opt to join the Transition Stage:



Playing guitar is really fun, you learn lots of good rock stuff like *Living on a Prayer* and *We Will Rock You*. Mo is a really good teacher. I find playing guitar relaxing and it can help with your self-confidence. Last Thursday

was our last lesson. We shared *We Will Rock You* with all the Year 3 classes.

Reporter: Ishaq, Vulture Class

Our Barnado's Sponsored Skip Raised £2870!

The sponsored skip has sadly come to an end. The children have loved learning to skip and the playground is still awash with skipping ropes at break and lunch. The house that raised the most money was Blue - they will be rewarded with an extra playtime next week.



Twelve children received prizes for raising the most amount of money. They each raised a minimum of £50: Aidan (Jaguar), Alvi (Caracal), Demi (Snow Leopard), Florence (Vulture), Hussain (Orangutan), Isabelle (Orangutan), Junior (Siberian Tiger), Kush (Macaw), Leah (Macaw), Lily (Siberian Tiger), Shanie-Leigh (Blue Whale) and Stanley (African Wild Dog). Barnardo's are extremely grateful for all the donations that will go towards helping vulnerable children at this difficult time of year. We managed to raise one of the largest amounts from a school this year. Well done to everyone, and let's hope the love of skipping continues.

Choosing the best skippers proved to be a challenging task. Over 60 children managed to skip over 1000 skips in 10 minutes! Therefore we had a skip off to decide the top skippers - each received a skipping rope and an AAB (Above And Beyond) reward. The results were:



1. Rose, 183 skips in a minute
2. George, 163 skips in a minute
3. Ezekiel, 151 skips in a minute
4. Khalid, 145 skips in a minute
5. Aiden, 136 skips in a minute
6. Jakub, 135 skips in a minute

Year 6 Evacuation Workshop

Last week Year 6 attended an Evacuation Workshop where they re-enacted the experience of evacuating children during the Second World War:

Firstly, we pretended we were in a market to warm up our voices. Then we pretended we were in school during World War Two. We had to go to our homes to tell our parents we were being evacuated. We were told what to pack in a small suitcase: one toy, one spare change of clothes and a packed lunch for the journey. Children aged between 3-13 were evacuated. We marched to the train station and squeezed onto the train. There were no toilets on the train and we had to wait until we arrived at our destination. People collected us in different groups. We then had to write a postcard to our parents to tell them we were safe and where we were and who we were with. It was a really good energetic workshop.



Reporter: Zak, Macaw Class

Year 3 Safe Walking Scheme



At Safe Walking we learnt four words which were Stop, Think, Look and Listen. On the first day we were learning about second stops. You only make a second stop when cars are blocking the road and you can't see. So you need to stop at the edge of the car and then you see and cross. The next day we were focusing on junctions where you have to look in four directions. On the last day we looked at T junctions and islands. A T junction is where you look in three directions and an island crossing is where you have a stop in the middle. We learnt a lot and now know how to cross roads safely.

Reporter: Lily, Siberian Tiger Class

Homelink Visit



On Thursday 12th December, eight children from Years 4 and 5 went to Homelink to share their favourite books with the people there:

We played some games with them and we painted with water to reveal hidden pictures and did some colouring. Then we read our books. I read *The Christmas Adventures of Archie* to two people and they were very nice.

Reporter: Olivia, Lynx Class

PTA Christmas Cheer

The PTA would like to thank Asda and Tesco for their donations to the Christmas Cheer sale. The PTA Elves have decided to have another pop up shop on **Wednesday 18th December** in the junior end of the playground, as it was such a success! They will be selling mince pies, reindeer food for the long night ahead and more!



The PTA will also be doing their Christmas 50/50 draw on **Thursday 19th December**. If you would like to enter with a chance to win a cash prize and to support our PTA, please find a form in the office. It is just £10 for the rest of the year.

Reporting your child as absent

If your child is not well, or unable to come to school for any other reason, please contact the school office on the morning of the absence on 020 8894 3525 and select option one. Alternatively, you can send an email to: office@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Monday **16th December, 2.30pm** – Mr Speck's Singers' Concert
Wednesday **18th December** – Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday **18th December** – Christmas Lunch
Wednesday **18th December, 2.15pm and 7pm** – Year 5 Christmas Show
Friday **20th December** – Last day of term
Tuesday **7th January 2020** – Children return to school for start of Spring Term
Monday **20th** – Friday **24th January** – Science Week