



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

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Heathfield Juniors

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Attendance

Following on from the success of our Attendance League there will soon be a new attendance initiative starting called *In It to Win It* where families, as well as their children, will be rewarded for great attendance. Watch this space!

Rotary Young Writer Competition

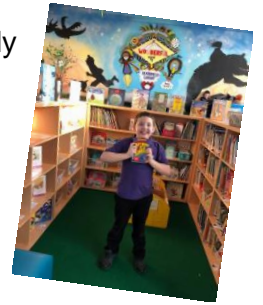


Over the Christmas holiday children were set a challenge to show off their creative writing skills in the style of poetry, script, diary, newspaper or other story form, around the theme of Connections. We are delighted to announce that Isla in Jaguar Class won **1st prize** and her entry has now gone off to the District Finals. Joint second prizes went to two pupils from St Edmund's while third prize was won by a pupil from Chase Bridge. Congratulations to Isla and everyone else who entered the competition.

Librarians



Welcome to our new librarians. The Year 5s are fully embracing their new roles as librarians. They have been a huge help with organising, tidying and preparing new books for the library. The library is open every day until 3.45pm for you and your children to visit to explore new books.

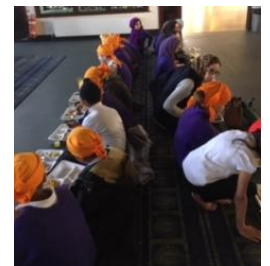


Year 4 visit the Gurdwara



We took an amazing journey to the Gurdwara temple in Hounslow. When we arrived we saw a huge flag called the Nishan Sahib, it was beautiful. We carefully walked up the stairs and entered the Gurdwara. We had to take off our shoes and put on scarves to show respect. Then we saw a man who took us to a classroom to learn about Guru Nanak and how he was a GREAT teacher. In the distance, was the prayer hall and a huge bed with a very special book on it. Most people bowed to show respect, but you didn't have to. It had gold around the bed and a lady reading the book. Not long after, we went to the Langer Hall and ate rice, two

different sauces, bread, rice pudding and some crisps. We enjoyed the food, it is also vegetarian-safe and we liked the fact that we all sit on the floor to show that everyone is equal. I learnt that even if you are not Sikh, you are welcome in the temple!



Reporter: Mila, Cheetah

Nut Free School

We would like to remind parents that we are a NUT FREE school. Please do not put any products that contain nuts in your child's lunch box, in case they sit near another child with a severe allergy. This applies to packed lunches taken on school trips as well as those eaten at school. Thank you for your support with this.



Storytelling at Trafalgar School

Two teams from Years 4 and 5 performed at this year's Storytelling Competition at Trafalgar School:



For the storytelling competition Musawwir, Matylda, Gunika and I performed *The Lion Inside* by Jim Field and Rachel Bright. It was great fun and a great opportunity, though it was really hard to learn all our lines in such a short time. At Trafalgar School we

also got to watch many other participating schools' acts and listen to the judges' stories. Performing was nerve-wracking, but overall it was a brilliant experience.



Reporter: Ishaq, Vulture

Steve McQueen Year 3

Last year, our current Year 4 children were involved in a group portrait project involving Year 3 classes across London. This ambitious artwork was led by Turner Prize-winning artist and Oscar-winning filmmaker Steve McQueen. As part of the project, a Tate photographer took class photographs of our then Year 3 classes. Last week Year 4 visited the public exhibition of this artwork currently showing at Tate Britain:



After a 15 minute walk, we got to the train station whilst playing a times table game. Then we got on the train that goes to Vauxhall. Once we got off the train we headed to Tate Britain and we saw MI6! After lunch we met our tour guide Kez and he gave us cool blue wristbands. Then we went to the Grand Saloon and watched Steve McQueen's video showing our pictures. We went to this big hall and it was quite difficult to find our pictures. One at a time groups went to look at the other art. That was interesting! After looking at the art we went back and finished our books that Kez gave us. Then we went back to the train station and we didn't have to wait that long. Overall it was an amazing trip and I definitely recommend going there!



Reporter: Nabihah, Cheetah

Year 3 Ancient Egyptians



Yesterday we came dressed as Egyptians. We learnt about mummies and how they got the brain out and other organs like the liver and the lungs. The organs were put in four canopic jars – they were baboon, jackal, human and falcon. The Egyptians believed they needed them for the afterlife. They filled the body with straw and grass and filled the head with sawdust. We were then put into groups and one person was chosen in each group. I was chosen and they wrapped me up gently in toilet paper but not my nose, eyes or mouth.



After lunch we were given two types of scarab beetles, they are also known as dung beetles. We put patterns on them. When the parents arrived they helped make the scarab beetle with their children out of clay. I had enough clay to make two. We used cocktail sticks to make patterns on the beetles. The day was really fun and my favourite bit was making the clay beetles.

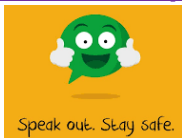
Reporter: Mohammed, Orangutan

Updates on the Coronavirus

Public Health England have created a blog, which will be updated as and when changes happen to keep users informed. The blog is available to all those living in the United Kingdom. You can access the Public Health England blog by following the link below:

<https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

NSPCC – Speak out, stay safe campaign



NSPCC will be visiting us after half term and delivering an assembly to the whole school on Wednesday 26th February. Years 5 and 6 will also be taking part in workshops on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th. If you have any questions about these events, please let the school office know.

PTA 50/50 Club Draw

The 50/50 Club draw took place last Monday and the winning numbers were:

- First prize - Number 5
- Second prize - Number 12
- Third prize - Number 25

Please contact the office if you would like to buy a number. Half the money each month goes to the PTA to benefit multiple projects for the children and the other half goes to our winners.

Vacancy at Heathfield Schools' Partnership

Heathfield Schools' Partnership are looking to appoint highly-motivated Learning Support Assistants to support children with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) in our mainstream Reception and our Specialist Resource Provision. For more information please click on the link below:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1091409?lang=en-GB&firmsrh=Y>

Dates for your diary

Monday 17th – Friday 21st **February** – Half Term

Monday 24th – Friday 28th **February** – Book Week

Thursday 27th **February**, 5-6pm – Bedtime Stories

Thursday 5th **March** – World Book Day – dress up as a book character

Friday 20th **March** – De-feet Bullying Day

Friday 27th **March** – Monday 30th **March** – Year 6 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay

Friday 3rd **April** – End of Spring Term

Monday 20th **April** – Start of Summer Term

Saturday 20th **June** – Summer Fair

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Very Good		Worrying		Causing Serious Concern	
The Effect of Absence on School Progress A whole year has 365 days. A school year has only 190 days. This leaves: 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	18 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress		Serious Concern Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action	

Remember:

- ◆ **90% attendance is equal to 1 day off each fortnight**