



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

16th May 2025

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Attendance

Congratulations to the children in **Fig, Maple, Oak and Cherry** in the Infants and **Mauí and Noor** in the Juniors for having the best attendance over the last fortnight.

Attendance Matters



Isle of Wight

Both groups of Year 5 children had a wonderful sunny stay during their residential school journey to the Isle of Wight recently. Freddie and Mason said, *"It was fun to go away from home. We did lots of different activities like the long walk which was awesome. That took around three and a half hours. We also really enjoyed playing on the beach. We visited Carisbrooke Castle which is 1000 years old. The breakfasts were very good too. One of our favourite parts was the disco on the last night, we all came together and made song recommendations."* Freddie summed up the experience by saying, *"It's like the school going away on a holiday that is all-inclusive."*



Sandown Beach



Carisbrooke Castle



On the Long Walk to Shanklin Down

Clean as a Whistle!

This week our Reception children have been learning how to care for their teeth. They discussed the importance of keeping their whole body healthy, including their teeth. They had the chance to practise brushing teeth using the big dentures outside and also identified food and drink that helps keep teeth healthy. Esther from Elm said *"We brush our teeth every single time - in the morning and in the night time."* Charlie from Oak added, *"We brush our teeth so they are clean and we won't get cavities."* Martina from Bay enjoyed playing with the large toothbrush, *"It takes a long time to clean the giant teeth!"* she said.



Richmond Tag Rugby League Champions

Last Wednesday, our tag rugby team competed in the Richmond Borough Tag Rugby League Finals. After two tough matches against St Stephen's in the semi final and East Sheen in the final, they were crowned league champions, retaining their title from last year. Mr Nuthall said, *"Most schools in the borough entered the league and over the year our team has remained unbeaten. A big well done to the 16 children who have played in league games throughout the year, and to all the children who train with them every week."* Mr Colenso added, *"It was a pleasure to watch our pupils win the cup with such grace. On the field they were so organised and supportive of each other - they also played with immense talent that was needed to beat an excellent East Sheen team."*



Important Safeguarding Message

Please remember not to leave babies or young children in your car while you drop off or 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.

Forest School

Some of our Year 1 and 2 children have been enjoying weekly Forest School with Mr Nuthall. A different group takes part each term. The nurturing sessions focus on developing teamwork while learning survival skills. Nevaeh said, *"It was good fun. There were about ten of us. We made a fire and cooked marshmallows and hot chocolate over it. They were so good! We also made pictures using coal, mud and leaves and painted hazard sticks to point out dangers."*



Spanish Club

Children in the Junior School started Spanish Club last week. Millie said, *"It was really fun. We played a card game (esqueleto nervioso) where you count up to 13 in Spanish and if the card comes up, you slap your hand down. We are playing it like the chess tournament knock-out competition and the winner will get to choose their favourite Spanish food. We also learnt how to say hello, Hola, and introduce ourselves, Me llamo Millie and talk about our favourite colour, Mi color favorito es rojo."*



Cricket and Football Updates

Last Tuesday, our girls' cricket team took part in the group stages of the Surrey Schools under 11s Cup. This is a competition for the top 36 cricket schools in the county. The team played well winning two games and tying one meaning they have progressed to the next round.

On Thursday, last week, our girls' football team played Meadlands in the semi-final of the Richmond Borough Football League. After losing a key player to injury in the first few minutes, the team rallied together but unfortunately could not beat their opponents, with the final score being 0-2. Mr Nuthall said, *"I am proud of the team. To be in the final four in the whole borough is a great achievement."*

Ancient Egyptian Day

Year 3 enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian Day recently. Archie and Vinnie said, *"We learnt about pyramids and mummies. We looked at hieroglyphics, which was the ancient written language they used to communicate. There were hieroglyphics on Tutankhamun's coffin. We wrote our names in hieroglyphics too. We danced like pharaohs and mummies in a dance workshop with Lee. Austen Class did our assembly all about the ancient Egyptians too!"*



Dates for your Diary

Monday **19th May** - Year 6 trip to Twickenham Stadium for Barnes Literature Festival
Tuesday **20th May** - Year 1 and Year 5 trip to Twickenham Stadium for Barnes Literature Festival
Thursday **22nd May** - Year 6 trip to Cineworld
Thursday **22nd May, 1-2pm** - Nursery Open Session
Monday **26th May** - Friday **30th May** - **Half Term**
Monday **2nd June** - Inset Day. Children do not attend school. Nursery Open Session, 2-3pm
Monday **16th June** - Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
Tuesday **17th June, 5-6pm** - Nursery Open Session
Thursday **19th June, morning** - Infant Sports Day and Picnic
Friday **20th June, 3-5.30pm** — **SUMMER FAIR** — **SAVE THE DATE**
Friday **4th July, morning** - Junior Sports Day and Picnic