

HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

17th January 2025

Attendance

We have seen a positive and strong start to attendance this year. Thank you for your support in ensuring your children's regular attendance at school. Well done in particular to the children in Chestnut and Maple in Infants and Temple Grandin, Maui and Shamsia in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.

100%

Team GB

Two of our pupils, Hazel and Ola, who attend our gymnastics and dance clubs in school are also members of LH Acrobatics with Miss Wheeler outside school.



Before the holiday, Miss Wheeler entered the girls into the qualifying competition for the Dance World Cup. Their group were placed in the top 5 in England (out of more than 100 entries) and will be representing Team GB at the Dance World Cup in Spain later this year!

Gunnersbury Science Competition

Back in the summer, children now in Years 4-6 were encouraged to enter Gunnersbury School's Super Science Competition. This week we heard that three of our children, Abir, Teddy and Finley, all won prizes with Finley scooping up 2nd place. They have all been invited to take part in the school's *Super Science Spectacular Saturday* which will take place in February - a morning of experiments, explosions and scientific fun. Teddy and Finley said, "It was an online competition. There were ten questions based on different science topics such as materials and physics. We're looking forward to visiting the school for the science day."



Cooking Club

Virtually all our clubs, in both Infants and Juniors have now started for the term. One club making a welcome return to Infants is Cooking Club. This week the children made pitta bread pizzas and they learnt how to slice, chop and grate.



Jacques from Sycamore said, "On my pizza I had olives, ham and pepper and when I got home I added pepperoni before we cooked it - it was delicious!" Abu from Juniper agreed, "The pizza was so good. I had sweetcorn and pepper on my pizza and we put it in

the oven at home for 10 minutes." Next week the children will get the chance to make cheese straws.

Meanwhile Cooking Club in Juniors saw our Year 4 children making chocolate chip cookies. Georgia said, "It was really fun and the biscuits we made were delicious!"

Chess Tournament

We are excited to announce that the Junior School Chess Tournament started yesterday at our lunchtime club. This event is a wonderful opportunity for all pupils participating to showcase their skills whilst having fun in a competitive environment.

Our children with the role of Chess Masters play a significant part in promoting the required critical thinking and strategic planning among their fellow pupils. They share their passion for the game and will help organise the logistics of the tournament, such as setting up boards, assisting with the smooth running of the rounds and managing the time schedules. Their knowledge of the game will help maintain the event's flow.

Mr Cross and I would like to wish all 67 participants the very best of luck!

Mrs Pathal



Healthy Eating

Yesterday, children in Juniors attended an assembly led by Miss Belaid all about Healthy Eating. She reminded the children about what we should eat to stay healthy.

Olivia and Jimmy from Ederle outline some of the key messages, *"You should not eat junk food every day, especially foods high in added sugar because it will damage your teeth and you won't be able to fight bacteria when you're ill because your immune system won't be strong enough. If you bring in a packed lunch, it should be healthy and contain maybe one treat."*

For further information and lunchbox ideas, please click on the following link: [Guide to Healthy Lunches](#). Children who bring healthy lunches to school might be featured on our new healthy eating wall in the dining hall.



Tag Rugby

Our Tag Rugby teams got off to a strong start on Wednesday when they played their remaining three group stage Borough League fixtures. They beat Chase Bridge 6-3, Trafalgar 6-1 and Orleans 10-1 with our Year 6 B team playing the second half. Mr Nuthall was delighted with the children's performance saying, *"This puts us in first place in our group stage and means we qualify for the final 16. All the children played well with Charlotte and Nathan having their best game of rugby yet."*



Insight Visit

Year 6 had a visit from Hywel of Insight this week. He spoke to the children about the bible. Amelia, Charlotte and Luna explain, *"He told us there are 66 books in the bible and that they were written by different people over different periods of time. The Old Testament books are before Jesus and the New Testament books are after he was born. The bible has been translated into over 700 languages. The talk was interesting. It is good to learn about different religions."*



Preloved Uniform

We have a decent supply of spare school uniform at school but are running low of the following items: ● school trousers and black jogging bottoms for boys and girls aged 10+, ● school fleeces for all ages, ● school socks of all sizes. If you have any of these articles of clothing your child no longer needs, please hand them in to the Junior school office. Thank you.



Parents' Evenings

Our booking system for our Parents' Evenings, which will take place from Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th February (please see details below) will **go live** on Scopay at **10am** on **Monday 20th January**. Please book an appointment to see your child's teacher via your Scopay app.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday **21st January, 9am** - SEND Coffee Morning (Hawthorn Class)
Thursday **23rd January, 2.45pm** - Mandela Class Assembly
Friday **31st January** - National Hot Chocolate Day - *the PTA will be selling hot chocolate after school*
Monday **3rd** - Friday **7th February** - Children's Mental Health Week - *various activities taking place*
Monday **3rd February, 3.45-6.25pm** - Parents' Evening for Juniors
Tuesday **4th February** - Parents' Evening for Infants (**3.30-6.30pm**) and Juniors (**3.45-6.25pm**)
Wednesday **5th February, 3.30-6pm** - Parents' Evening for Infants
Monday **17th February** - Friday **21st February** - HALF TERM
Monday **24th February** - Year 3 start swimming lessons
Monday **3rd** - Friday **7th March** - World Book Week - *more details to follow*
Friday **21st March** - Monday **24th March** - Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay
Tuesday **1st April** - Year 4 Bushcraft Trip
Friday **4th April** - End of Spring Term [Click here for all 2024-2025 term dates](#)
Tuesday **22nd April** - Start of Summer Term