

# **HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP**

18th July 2025

#### **Dear Parents and Carers**

Once again thank you for all your support in what has been a really successful year at Heathfield. Children make a school and your children have been wonderful. They are full of kindness, hope and positivity. They have worked hard in their lessons and shown true friendship in their play. They are respectful to the adults and each other and deserve all the praise we give them. We are saying goodbye to Year 6 after their wonderful play and great SATs results, and welcoming our new children



in both Nursery and Reception. The future at Heathfield looks really bright. We have a very strong team of adults led by Mrs Child and Mr Colenso. The recent Ofsted reports were full of praise for both the schools, much of it due to their leadership. I know you will give them all the support you have offered me over the years. Finally, a goodbye from me. I will miss everybody and everything at Heathfield. I've been lucky to have found a place that has given me so much in my working life. I'd like to wish you all the very best for the future.

Paul Clayton

# **Year 2 Leavers' Celebration**

On Monday and Tuesday, our Year 2 children performed their farewell assembly to parents and carers with the help of Mr Speck guiding them through some of their favourite songs. Each class also performed a poem that had inspired them. Hidayah said, "I feel very excited about moving to Year 3 and being with my new teacher. I am looking forward to all of the different clubs that I can join."



# High School Musical Jr

Our Year 6 children have amazed audiences during the course of this last week with their wonderful take on High School Musical Jr. Samuel from Year 4 said, "It was very fun and exciting. It was inspiring how they acted it out."

Zainab, one of our Year 6 actors, said, "I miss it, I really want to do it again! It was very fun and joyous. Mrs Mullen worked really hard to make it happen. She's been doing productions for years now."



Junior children with the best attendance recently were given the opportunity to take part in *Heathfield's Got* 

Talent. Our Pupil Voice children selected their favourite acts and the finalists took to the stage a fortnight ago. Maisie and

Elsie explain,
"There were
singers, dancers,
gymnasts, magic
tricks and

someone who could do the Rubik's Cube in 2 minutes. Mia won, she's a really good gymnast."



# **Chess Club Final**

Last month saw the culmination of our annual Chess

Club Tournament with a captivating final between Angad and Joseph. It was a closely fought match with Angad eventually being crowned winner. Further details can be found in a special edition Chess Club newsletter.





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### Paramedic Visitor in Nursery

Our Nursery had a wonderful visit from Paramedic Mark last week. He showed the children some of the equipment he uses when he is working and answered their questions. The

visit made quite an impression on the children who were able to recall many facts afterwards. When asked what a paramedic does, Gabi said they "help people if they are sick" and Kingslee added, "He helps people who have blood, he saves them".



#### **Whitton Business Association**

Thank you to Whitton Business Association for presenting us with a cheque for £143 this week. The WBA donated some of the money raised from the raffle at the St George's Day Parade in April to a number of local schools.



#### Volunteers' Afternoon Tea

We welcomed our dedicated team of volunteers for a special afternoon cream tea last week - a small way to thank them for everything they do. We are fortunate to have a wonderful group of people who give



their time freely to assist across the school, whether helping out with sports, our popular chess club, in class or listening to

readers, our volunteers really make a fantastic difference.

It was also a great chance to celebrate our Year 5 Peer Mentors. These amazing pupils have given up their time all year to help younger children tackle tricky words and grow in confidence with their reading. We're incredibly proud of the positive impact they've made.

Mrs Conway

# **Dance Team GB**

Last week two of our pupils flew to Spain to represent Team GB in Burgos at the Dance World Cup. There were 65 countries competing and over 120.000 dancers. Both the

group dances they competed in came 7th in the world! Miss Wheeler said, "I couldn't be any more proud of the girls and what they have achieved".



# Online Safety Assembly

Last week, our Junior children took part in a special Online Safety
Assembly led by our very own
Digital Leaders. With the summer holidays approaching, the assembly focused on how children can enjoy their time online while staying safe and making sensible choices. Pupils were reminded of our SMART rules (see right), discussed what is safe to share online and shared top tips for balancing screen time with outdoor and creative activities. It was a timely and important session to help ensure a fun and safe summer for all.



Mrs Callender

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday **1st** and Tuesday **2nd September** - Inset Days (children do not attend school) Wednesday **3rd September** - Children return to school for the autumn term Monday **8th September** - Year 3 start swimming lessons

# **Rocksteady Concerts**

Our Rocksteady bands across both schools had their end of year concerts over the last two weeks. Both put on brilliant shows performing the songs they have been working on for the term and the audience enjoyed a wide array of music. Esther from Reception said "I like the

songs we are making because each day we make a different one."



#### **Homelink Singers**

Our Year 5 singers had a wonderful trip to Homelink Day Centre last Tuesday. The guests at the centre really enjoyed our repertoire of songs, which included *Yellow Submarine*, *Do Re Mi* and *Ain't No Mountain High Enough*. As always, the children were a credit to Heathfield with their exemplary behaviour and charm.



A huge congratulations to the 17 pupils who have completed their ABRSM Prep Test and Graded singing exams this year. Well done and keep singing! *Mr Speck* 

### **Farewell Assembly**

On Tuesday the Infant school bid a fond farewell to Jo Reeves, who is leaving after 26



years of service to the school. The children sang a selection of their favourite songs in a special assembly and talked about the very important role she has in school, counting the money, keeping everyone safe and answering all of Mrs Child's questions! She will be

very much missed by the schools and we wish her every happiness in retirement.

# **Insight Team Visit**

Last month our Year 5 children were visited by Hywel from the Insight Team. He ran a workshop about prominent Christians. He covered Christians from all walks of life including modern Christians such as Maro Itoje, the current England rugby captain, and Bukayo



Saka, footballer for England and Arsenal. Willow and Jewin said, "We were given information cards about prominent Christians and had to find out more about them in the room. I had Florence Nightingale. We also took part in a quiz."

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Last week, children from Years 2-5 chose a



book to take home for their summer reading challenge. We look forward to hearing how they got on with their selected book when we return to school in September. We have also had visits from our local library service encouraging the children to take part in their Story Garden Challenge.

# Girls' Football

Last Tuesday, 86 girls from schools in Richmond took part in a Women's EURO celebration at Heathfield, run by the Girls' Football School Partnership and Fulham FC. Our Year 3 and 4 girls' team enjoyed a carousel of activities in the morning before participating in a competitive mini league.

Our Year 4 team did particularly well, only conceding one goal all afternoon and came joint first with Stanley and St Mary's.



On Tuesday, a

team made up of players from Years 4 and 5 won the



Richmond Year 5
Girls' Football
Tournament at
Twickenham
School. They were
unbeaten in the
group stage before
winning the final 1-0.

#### **A Friendly**

Some of our Year 2 and 3 children had a fantastic time playing football



together last week. The children showed great teamwork, supporting each other throughout the match. Despite the hot weather, they played with determination and passion. Well done to all the players.