

HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

21st March 2025

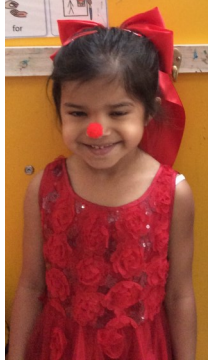
Attendance

Congratulations to the children in **Oak** for having the best attendance in Infants for two weeks running. Well done also to **Attenborough, Chama** and **Temple Grandin** for best attendance in Juniors. A special mention to Chama and Temple Grandin for achieving 100% attendance.

100%

Red Nose Day

Today we saw a sea of red rather than our usual swathes of purple with children from Nursery to Year 6 dressed in red in support of Red Nose Day. We are pleased to announce we have raised **£415** for Comic Relief.



Pond Dipping

As part of Science Week Year 2 children visited our pond for some pond dipping. They have been learning about different



micro habitats and the children explored the area to see if they could find evidence of other micro habitats.

Harry said, "We caught lots of newts and got to hold them" while Prajakta said, "I found a spider in its web under a bench".



Times Tables Rock Stars

Our Junior children rose to their recent *Battle of the Bands* challenge with **Red House** winning the golf ball for being the first to reach 1000 points. **Marconi** had the highest percentage of children logging in and won £50 for their class.



Orleans House Gallery

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, Year 4 classes visited Orleans House Gallery in



Twickenham. Giulia explained, "When we arrived, we were shown some different drawing techniques. We looked at the art on the walls and then created similar drawings using pencil, ink, pastels and charcoal. It was really good. I've never been before but I would definitely go again."



Orleans House Gallery is free to visit. For more information, click on the following link: [Orleans House Gallery](#)

Spring Walks

Last week, our Reception children went on a hunt to find some signs of early spring. They explored the Reception, Nursery and Year 1 outdoor areas to find budding daffodils and crocuses from the bulbs planted last year. The children learnt about 'buds' and discussed the role of bug hotels and why plants grow so well in spring. Luna-Rae said, "I can smell the flowers. They smell so nice." Maelys added, "I can see the daffodils." while Zirwa announced, "Spring is coming!".



Meanwhile, Year 2 revisited the chestnut tree by the shot tower in Crane Park. They last saw it in October. They discovered it has now lost all its leaves and is not yet showing signs of new growth.



Neurodiversity Assembly

On Monday, Mrs Fisher led a Junior assembly on neurodiversity to tie in with Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Children learnt about how our brains can work differently and that is important to celebrate our unique strengths and differences.



Neurodiversities including autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia and Tourette's syndrome were discussed. Two children in Years 5 and 6 were brave enough to read a poem to the school describing their own neurodiversity and how important it is to be kind to everyone. [Neurodiversity](#)



RNLI Visit

Last Friday, a representative from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution came to talk to Year 6. Teddy explained, "We raised £150 for the RNLI from Fill Your Wellies recently and they used the money to buy eight throw bags, ropes which help rescue people in the water. The RNLI



man told us that of all the people rescued in the UK from water, a quarter are from the River Thames. We learnt that when wearing the full lifesaving gear, one person can keep up to four people afloat in the water." [Throw bag](#)



Lifeboats

Spark! Book Awards

Our Infant children have been enjoying reading the shortlisted Spark! Books during Monday assemblies this term. For several years now we have been actively involved with Spark! Book

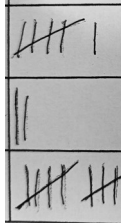


Awards and we are delighted to share that our commitment has been recognised by the Spark! Team who have awarded us a Bronze Spark! Mark. We are one of just sixteen schools who have been awarded this accreditation. For more information about the awards visit their website by clicking [here](#). Their previous long and shortlists provide plenty of reading inspiration too.



Geography Fieldwork Trip

Last Friday, Year 3 undertook a litter survey of the local area. One group visited Whitton High Street while the other went to Crane Park. Zofia said, "I went to the High Street. There were lots of cigarettes there. We marked the litter we saw on a tally chart." Noor reported, "I found barely any rubbish in Crane Park. The weirdest thing I found was an icecream container - it's winter! Overall we found Crane Park had the least amount of rubbish. Less people go there and they don't usually smoke - they go to exercise and walk their dogs."



Resilience

Last week, during a Junior assembly, Miss Belaid and our Resilience Leaders discussed tips on how to be resilient and 'bounce forward'. The Resilience Leaders now have special stickers which they will be giving out during break times and lunch, to children who have bounced forward and demonstrated resilience during the school day.

BOUNCE FORWARD with...

THE HEATHFIELD WAY



1. Learn and help others to learn.
2. Respect all people and property.
3. Work hard and do your very best.

Bounce forward by:

1. Learning from your mistakes.
2. Using past successes to overcome new challenges.
3. Persisting with something you have not achieved 'YET'.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday **26th March, 3.40pm** - Isle of Wight meeting for parents in the Junior Hall
Thursday **27th March, 10am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert
Friday **28th March, 10am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert
Monday **31st March** - Wednesday **2nd April** - Safe Walking Scheme for Year 3
Tuesday **1st April** - Year 4 Bushcraft Trip
Tuesday **1st April, 9am** - Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Thursday **3rd** - Friday **4th April** - Year 2 Scooter Training
Thursday **3rd April** - RMT Singing Festival for the Choir in Kingston
Friday **4th April** - End of Spring Term [Click here for all 2024-2025 term dates](#)
Tuesday **22nd April** - Start of Summer Term
Sunday **27th April** - St George's Day Parade in Whitton High Street

Cricket: Mason Cup

Our cricket teams have had a busy fortnight. Last Tuesday, our girls' cricket team went to Lord's Cricket Ground to take part in the Mason Cup. After winning their first three matches the team met Haberdashers in the Semi Final. They won that game by 21 runs and went on to play Notting Hill & Ealing High School in a closely fought final. They won by 5 runs and will be back to Lord's next week to play in the Grand Final against the winners of a competition that was played this week. Mr Watson was very proud of the team saying, "We are the first state school ever, in 25 years of this competition, to reach the final!"



Cricket: William Greaves Cup

Following on from the success of the Mason Cup, a mixed team went to Lord's last Thursday to take part in the William Greaves Cup. Having won the Richmond section, we were grouped with four other boroughs to see which teams would go through to Finals Day. We beat Barnet and lost to Ealing, but were the highest run scorers throughout the day which was enough to secure our place in the Final, which will take place next Thursday.

Biggest Ever Football Session

Following the England Women's Euros win in 2022, several schemes were introduced to promote girls' football at home. One of these initiatives is *The Biggest Ever Football Session* - a nationwide annual celebration encouraging students across England to take part in a football session.



This year, the event took place on Friday 7th March. As a hub school for the Girls Football School Partnership, we led by example and gave every girl in Year 2-6 the opportunity to participate in fun football sessions throughout the day. These sessions were inclusive of all abilities, focusing on boosting self-esteem through football-related activities while staying active.



Netball League

Last Wednesday, our netball team played their last 16 knockout league game against Meadlands School and won 10-1. This means they are now through to the Final which will take place at the end of April at King George's Field in Ham. A total of eight schools will participate to battle it out for the league title.



Year 2 Girls' Football Festival

This week our Year 2 girls' football team made their debut at the Richmond Borough Football Festival. They played a total of 6 games - winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 2 whilst representing the school for the first time. Their biggest win was 12-0 against Marshgate.



Other News in Brief

Alongside our netball team, our tag rugby team, together with our girls' and boys' football teams all successfully played matches this week which secured their quarter final places in their respective Richmond Borough Leagues. Mr Nuthall was delighted, saying "it is a great achievement for all the students involved."