



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

25th November 2022

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Attendance

Our best attending classes over the last two weeks have been **Hawthorn** and **Chestnut** in Infants and **Nimbus**, **Vesuvius** and **Grand Canyon** in Juniors. A particularly special well done to **Grand Canyon** for achieving 100% attendance in both weeks!

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Children in Need

The children enjoyed bringing in a teddy or soft toy from home last Friday for the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Marley explained, "I gave a £1 to take my teddy into nursery." Altogether, across the schools we raised £463. Thank you for your support.



Anti-Bullying Week

Children and staff alike embraced the message of Odd Socks Day last Monday and we were treated to a wonderful display of individual and unique sockwear.



Continuing with the theme of expressing ourselves and celebrating our differences, our Year 1 and 2 children watched a performance of *The Ugly Duckling* acted out by our Pupil Voice Representatives. This story, about a duckling who looks different from the rest of his family, perfectly highlights how we should not judge others based on their appearance.



Year 5 Tudor Workshops

Children in Year 5 have taken part in two Tudor workshops this term. The first was a dance workshop with *Boundless Dance* where they learnt the Hampton Court Pavan, a dance from the period. This week they had the chance to act out a variety of scenes, in particular during the time of King Henry VIII's reign, during their *Theatre Exchange* workshop. The scenes explored the importance of religion, how women were viewed and the divide between the rich and poor in those days. It was very interactive with all children taking on different roles such as: bakers, blacksmiths, apothecaries, Lords and travellers.



Music Time in Nursery

Our Nursery children are really enjoying their weekly singing sessions with Mrs Murphy and Mr Speck. They have been learning lots of lovely new action songs and rhymes which parents and carers may well be hearing at home! When asked for their views, Lyla replied, "Shake your eggs is my favourite song" while Emily said, "I like the candle song".



Cricket Visitor

Our Cricket Club had a visit from Kari Carswell, Head of Women's Cricket at Middlesex Cricket last week. Kari later tweeted, "*Thanks so much for having me. It made my Friday. So inspirational to see the talent on show on a morning in November outdoors!*"



Kari was so impressed with the standard of our children, that she is now going to put ten of our girls onto the Middlesex pathway. They will receive coaching in hard ball cricket and may go on to play at borough and county level.

Our school's commitment to cricket has once again been recognised by *The Cricketer* which has named us as one of the top 50 schools in the country (prep/junior schools category). For more details click [here](#).



Parent Volunteers Wanted

If you have some free time after Christmas, and you are a parent or grandparent, you could help other families with pre-school children. Local charity *Home-Start* is offering a **free** course to train you to be a home-visiting volunteer, supporting families with difficulties such as post-natal illness, bereavement or disability.



The course will run in Whitton 9.45am-2.30pm, on Tuesdays from 31st January to 21st March (not during half-term). After the course, you would visit a family for 2-3 hours a week. For more information, please contact Angie Ahmed angie@homestart-rkh.org.uk or 07884 536161.

Year 4 Guitar Workshop

Our Year 4 children have completed eight weeks of guitar tuition with *Richmond Music Trust*. Their final session was an open workshop where parents and carers were invited to see what they had learnt. Parents and carers who wish their children to continue with tuition in smaller groups next term should sign up on the [RMT website](#).



Cross Country at Osterley Park

Earlier this month, some of our children entered the Hounslow Cross Country event at Osterley Park. Twenty two schools took part in total. All of our children did extremely well showing great resilience and determination. Particularly notable performances came from Scarlett (5th out of 120), Seren (11th), Mya (16th) and Lily (20th) while Tommy was placed 23rd out of 126! Well done to all our runners.



Dates for your diary

Sunday **27th November** - *Light Up Whitton* on Whitton High Street. **Our Choir will be singing at 3.30pm!**
Wednesday **30th November** - Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Thursday **1st December, 10am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert
Thursday **1st December, 2.45pm** - Cumulus Class Assembly
Monday **5th December, 1.30pm** - Year 1 Christmas Performance (1) - parents with small children invited
Tuesday **6th December, 9.20am** - Year 1 Christmas Performance (2) - adults only
Wednesday **7th December, 9.20am** - Year 1 Christmas Performance (3) - adults only
Friday **9th December, 10am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert
Monday **12th December, 3.25pm** - Choir to perform *Carols by Candlelight* in the Junior Playground
Tuesday **13th December** - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Tuesday **13th December, 2pm** (infants), **2.30pm** (juniors) - Willow Craft and Carols - Willow parents/carers invited
Wednesday **14th December** - Reception, Year 1 and 2 (plus choir) to St Augustine's Church
Thursday **15th December** - Christmas Parties (Reception - Year 6) - Christmas jumpers can be worn
Friday **16th December** - Nursery Christmas Party - Christmas jumpers can be worn
Friday **16th December** - Last day of term **We return to school on Thursday 5th January 2023**