

HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

31st January 2025

Attendance

Well done to the children in **Birch** and **Magnolia** in Infants and **Maui** and **Coco** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.

Attendance Matters



Past Pupil

Last week, Don Elms, a pupil at Heathfield from 1940-1946 returned to talk to our Year 6 children about attending school during the Second World War. His visit was timed to tie in with the children's learning about WW2.

Zainab said, *"It was really interesting, especially hearing about how they had lessons in the air raid shelters. It was amazing how Don could still remember so much that had happened when he was so young. He told us lots of interesting stories."* Nathan added *"He told us about how things like sweets were rationed and that you couldn't turn on lights outside, only inside. He explained how his family wasn't evacuated although some of his friends were."*



Don, when he was a school boy, aged 9

Nursery Yoga

Our Nursery children have been developing their listening skills, balance and sense of calm while learning lots of Yoga poses during their weekly PE sessions in the big school.

Eliot said *"I like the doggy one because sometimes it makes me happy"* while Eshaal said *"I like saying Namaste"*.



Outdoor Learning

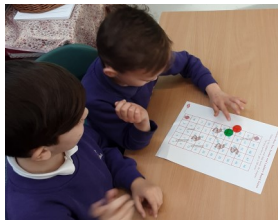
Children in Reception have been making the most of the outdoor area in all weathers this half term, exploring how ice melts as well as constructing vehicles in the builders' yard. Amy said, *"When water gets cold, it becomes ice and we could pick it up. It was very cold!"*

As always, the children have been encouraged to wrap up warm and extend their learning outside as well as in their classrooms. We have also been focusing on turn taking and cooperating as we learn to share resources and work as a team.



Lunar New Year

Year 1 have been celebrating the Lunar New Year this week, completing a carousel of activities all linked to the Year of the Snake. The children had the chance to develop their number skills by playing snakes and ladders, their fine motor skills by cutting out



snakes and their creativity by creating lantern collages. They had a wonderful time while also learning about sharing messages of happiness and good luck.

Year 4 Borough Football Tournament

Last Thursday, our Year 4 girls took part in a Richmond Borough Football Tournament. They played five 15 minute games throughout the morning along with close to 20 other schools. After a fairly easy start, they came across some strong competition. Mr Nuthall was delighted with their response, *“They were challenged to be at their best, they listened to every tactic and executed the game plan to go all the way and win the tournament. They couldn’t have done a better job or worked any harder.”*



Reading Workshop

On Wednesday morning, we hosted a reading workshop in the Juniors for parents and carers. We shared top tips on supporting children’s reading, highlighting how **listening** to them daily strengthens their decoding skills. Equally important, **reading** to your children fosters a love of books, expands their

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vocabulary, enhances their knowledge and directly improves their fluency.

Dalemead Care Home

Last week we received a letter from Dalemead Care Home:

‘Thank you all so much for the wonderful Christmas cards you sent to our residents! It made them so



happy to know you had put so much effort into making the cards for them. We loved all the different designs and were very impressed with your handwriting! We are so grateful for your kindness.’

Dates for your Diary

Monday **3rd February** - Year 5 Tudor Dress up Day

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

Friday **7th February** - Joyful Sock Day - raising money for [The Purple Elephant Project](#)

Tuesday **11th February** - Nursery and Reception Film Night

Thursday **13th February** - Year 1 and 2 Film Night

Friday **14th February, 9am and 12.45pm (Infant Hall)** - Nursery Tiger who Came to Tea Party

Monday **17th February** - Friday **21st February** - HALF TERM

Monday **24th February** - Year 3 start swimming lessons

Monday **3rd** - Friday **7th March** - World Book Week - [see separate letter in Infants / more details to follow in Juniors](#)

Friday **21st March** - Monday **24th March** - Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay

Thursday **27th March, 10am** - Junior Rocksteady Concert

Friday **28th March, 10am** - Infant Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday **1st April** - Year 4 Bushcraft Trip

Friday **4th April** - End of Spring Term [Click here for all 2024-2025 term dates](#)

Panathlon Champions

Children from Hawking Class took part in the annual Panathlon Competition at Twickenham School yesterday.

Charlie, the team captain, explains, *"We walked there and practised a few games in the big sports hall before we started. We took part in eight different activities including Bean Bag Throw, Bowling, Messi Football and Kurling. Points were*



awarded for each activity. It was quite hard for our youngest players but we all encouraged each other and were so happy to win."

Netball

Last Monday we took two netball teams to Chase Bridge School. One of our teams won 9-3 in a Richmond Borough League Game with the other team winning 6-3 in a friendly match. Mr Nuthall said, *"It was an important result as we were previously joint first with Chase Bridge but we have now topped the group and qualified for the knock out stages."*

The wins were all the more impressive with the event marking the first competitive game for seven players.



Richmond Borough Football League

We have played two more matches in the Richmond Borough Football League. On Thursday 23rd January, our boys/mixed team played Chase Bridge at home. Mr Nuthall said, *"They won 1-0 in a must-win game to put themselves first in our group stage. Aron made his debut for the Year 6 team and was able to get a goal from a corner. Corners were something we practised on Tuesday after school so it was pleasing to see it work in a real game."*

Yesterday, our girls' team played against St Edmund's. They have an incredibly strong team with wins against other schools recently of 12-0 and 14-0. Our team played a different formation with a heavy presence in defence. Charlotte said, *"In the first half Luna scored a goal from the defensive line and the score was 1-0 at half time. In the second half they equalised and then scored two more goals. I think we did very well with a result of 1-3 since we've recently lost a strong player and they were so good."*

Chelsea Academy Visit

On Monday this week, twenty children from Years 5 and 6 got the opportunity to visit Chelsea Academy to watch Chelsea Under-21s play Southampton Under-21s. Despite losing 2-0, all sixteen Chelsea players came over and spent time with our children at the end of the game. They met players such as Kiano Dyer and Samuel Rak-Sakyi, who have both already made their first team debut



for Chelsea, as well as England u19 centre back and striker Harrison Murray-Campbell and Shim Mheuka.



Eddie Beach, who is regularly on the bench as a backup goalkeeper for the first team, even gave our goalkeepers a signed glove each!