



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

4th April 2025

NEWSLETTER

Attendance

Congratulations to **Chestnut** and **Magnolia** in Infants and **Temple Grandin**, **Coco** and **Maui** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the past fortnight.

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In Memory of Maya Bhogal

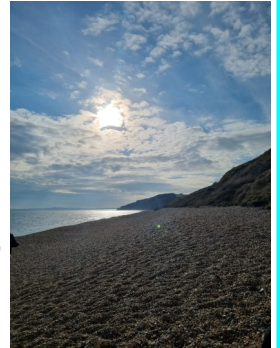
On Wednesday, Mrs Wheeler-Holes had her head shaved to raise funds for Christopher's Shooting Star Hospice, the children's hospice which cared for Maya last year. Mrs Wheeler-Holes has raised an amazing **£2,573** to date. In addition, the Easter Egg Wall Raffle raised a further **£245**. If you would like to make a contribution, the Just Giving page is still open, please visit <https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/annette-wheeler-holes>.



After Mrs Wheeler-Holes' head was shaved, a magnolia tree in memory of Maya was planted in a quiet ceremony in the quad facing the Year 6 classrooms. A second tree for her sister will soon be planted in the front playground.

Osmington Bay PGL

Our Year 6 children had a wonderful time last weekend at Osmington Bay near Weymouth. They took part in ten different activities while they were there. Rosie-Mai said, "The giant swing was very scary when you were being pulled up but it was really fun to scream! I liked abseiling the best. Every-



one encouraged each other and cheered them on so everyone did it." Hopey added, "My favourite activity was rock climbing. I would really recommend the trip to Year 5. It's a great opportunity to do lots of different activities."



Carnival Workshop

Last week, our Reception children had a visit from a fabulous theatre company called *Embracing Arts*. They were treated to a really exciting performance and some workshops too. The children enjoyed the show *Roll Up! Roll Up!* where they were immersed in a carnival event and were even part of the performance. Ibrahim from Fig class said "I loved all of the things" when asked what he liked about the experience while Tyrone from Elm class said "My favourite part was the lion tamer because the lion was so cool."



Richmond Music Trust Singing Festival

Our choir had an amazing day yesterday at the Richmond Music Trust's Singing Festival which took place at the Rose Theatre in Kingston. They had practised rigorously in the run up to the performance. This included hosting a regional workshop with choirs from Nelson School and St Edmund's in the week before half term. Aleda said, "I think we were the loudest and got the biggest cheer. It



At the Rose Theatre

was a bit nerve wracking. We sung some songs with other schools and two on our own - Video Killed the Radiostar and Lifted. I really enjoyed it." Mr Speck was delighted with the performance saying, "The children sang beautifully, a credit to Heathfield as always."



Rehearsals

Year 4 Ducklings

Children in Year 4 have greatly enjoyed caring for their ducklings this week. Nabiha explained, *"When they hatched they were very small. Now we can hold them in our hands. They feel very soft. They like to nip at our clothes! The last duckling didn't look like it was going to hatch but it did and we called it Rocky. Now it's the same size as all the other ducklings. Some of the other names we*



gave were Cheese and Quackers, Captain Quack Sparrow and Quackamello. I will miss them. It has been fun to see them every morning, it puts a smile on my face!"

Spring Bunny Hunt

The children in Infants have enjoyed taking part in a spring bunny hunt today. They searched for different patterned bunnies and when they had found all ten, they won a prize.



Reception Reading Café

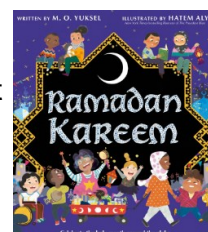
Our Reception children and families enjoyed a 'Reading Cafe' recently. It was a superb event where the love of reading was shared. The children enjoyed reading to their grown ups as well as being read to by them as well. Ekansh from Elm said, *"I love my mum reading to me and I loved her coming to school to read with me."*



Religious Festivals

Children across both schools have been learning about Eid and Easter over the past few weeks.

Eid Last week, during a Junior assembly, Mrs Homer and some pupils from Year 5 explained how and why some families were celebrating Ramadan and Eid-al-Fitr. They learnt that during Ramadan some people fast during the hours of daylight and that during Eid-al-Fitr many people give gifts and have special meals together. Our Infant children in Years 1 and 2 similarly talked about how Eid was celebrated in their Proud Assembly this week.



Our Nursery children have also been learning about and celebrating Eid with various activities. They read the book *The Most Exciting Eid* and created Eid pictures. Haajra explained that she celebrated Eid by having a movie night while Abdullah saw family and ate lots of delicious food.

Easter In the Infants, Roubina, a church warden from St Augustine's Church, attended an assembly where she spoke about the meaning of Easter eggs and the children sung some lovely spring songs with Mr Speck. The children also watched part of the Easter story as told through Lego figures! Meanwhile the Juniors welcomed Jo, a visitor from the Diocese, who also spoke about the significance of Easter for Christians. In celebration of Easter, some lovely cards have been made for our friends at Dalemead Care Home.



Nursery Open Sessions

During the holiday, on **Tuesday 8th April**, we will be opening our Nursery between **10-11am**. The session will be open to both current children and their parents and children who will be three years old by 31st August and are interested in joining our Nursery from September 2025. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know. There is no need to book. A further session will be offered in June.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday **8th April**, 10-11am - Nursery Open Session (see above)

Tuesday **22nd April** - Start of Summer Term

Thursday **24th April** - Year 3 resume their swimming lessons

Sunday **27th April** - St George's Day Parade in Whitton High Street

Monday **5th May** - Bank Holiday

Monday **28th April** - Friday **2nd May** - Year 5 residential trip to Isle of Wight

Monday **26th May** - Friday **30th May** - **Half Term**

Monday **2nd June** - Inset Day. Children do not attend school. Nursery Open Session, 2-3pm (see above)

Friday **20th June**, 3-5.30pm — **SUMMER FAIR — SAVE THE DATE**



Sports Award and William Greaves Cup

We are delighted to announce that Heathfield have won the Sports Award at the Education and Business Awards. This is the



fourth time we have been shortlisted in last five years and the third time we have won it! In particular, we were commended on the cricket programmes we run and how very successful our cricket teams have been. A fantastic example of our cricketing success came last week when a mixed team took part in the William Greaves Cup at Lord's. After a series of extremely close matches, the team managed to reach the final where they lost to Little Ealing School. Mr Watson said, *"The team produced some incredible performances throughout the competition with every single member of the squad making vital contributions. To be crowned runners up in the whole of London is a truly fantastic achievement."*



Year 2 Scooter Training

Over the last two days, our Year 2 children have taken part in their scooter training with the Richmond Borough Road Safety Team.

Harper said *"I enjoyed doing lots of fun things on my scooter. We had to go around the cones and finish in a circle. I learnt that when you stop you jump and put your feet on the ground either side of your scooter"*.



Year 3 Safe Walking

Earlier this week, our Year 3 children took part in their safe walking training, also with the Richmond Borough Road Safety Team. Mason explained, *"We learnt about different crossings such as zebra crossings, T crossings and islands. We learnt we should **stop, think, look and listen** before we cross the road and to keep scanning as you cross. It is important to be extra careful when there are road-works."*



Tag Rugby League Quarter Final

On Wednesday, our tag rugby team beat St Mary's and St Peter's School by 5 tries to 2. Mr Nuthall said, *"SMSP won the borough tournament this year and are the only team we have lost against in the last two years so it was a big win for Heathfield"*. The team will now progress to Finals Night which will take place in early May to play in the semi finals and hopefully the final too.



Bushcraft

Our Year 4 children enjoyed a fun packed day on Tuesday when they went on their Bushcraft trip to Cuffley Active Learning Centre. Ben said, *"I woke up early to get ready for school. We were put in groups. As soon as we got there my group did axe throwing and archery. I almost scored a Robin Hood! After that we went on the climbing wall which was 28 feet high. We also built forts which were tested for stability and how*



water proof they were.

Our fort was good - they threw water at us and we didn't get very wet at all. We had a camp fire with s'mores and pizza cooked in pizza ovens. I would say it was brilliant, 10/10."



Contract Catering Awards 2025

We are pleased to announce that Nourish, the company that provides our lunches, won two awards at the recent Contract Catering Awards. Further details are contained in their own newsletter. The new menu, starting next term, is now available at the school office and [online](#).



Meanwhile, the children who stayed at school, also had a fun day of activities focusing on survival skills. Georgia said, *"It was a good day, we had Forest School and made a campfire and had s'mores. We also learnt semaphore, where you use flags to communicate."*

