



### Heathfield Juniors

#### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was African Wild Dog. They had an amazing 100% attendance! Last week the class with the best attendance was Snow Leopard with a fantastic 99%. Congratulations to all the children in those classes.

#### Year 5 Shackleton Museum



Last term in Spring 1, Year 5 studied the book *Shackleton's Journey* and we used all of our knowledge to hold a museum. This took place in our school hall on 14<sup>th</sup> February where we got to show our parents everything we did around the book. *Shackleton's Journey* is a wonderful non-fiction book full of beautiful illustrations and everything you need to know about Ernest Shackleton's attempt to cross the perilous, snow covered and large continent of Antarctica. We were all pulled into this nerve wracking book as we empathised and felt as



if we were there in Antarctica with the crew. (We actually brought in warm clothes to make us look like we were the crew taking a picture in front of our ship!) In our museum, we had our journey stories, personal statements, log books, letters home and more! We recommend this book as it is so inspirational for us as children and shows us to never give up and even if you do after a while then at least you gave it a go.

*Reporters: Emily and Daniella (Mink)*

#### NSPCC Assembly

Last week we welcomed a representative from the NSPCC to our assembly. She brought 'Buddy', the NSPCC mascot, with her and talked to the children about how they can stay safe. The important message for the children was to 'Speak out. Stay safe'. We emphasised the fact that if they are worried about anything, they can talk to a grown up at home or in school.



#### Bedtime Stories

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February I went to bedtime stories. I brought my teddy (it was a llama). I also brought my dressing gown, my slippers and my sleeping mask. When I first got there, Mrs Morgan told me to go to Blue Whale. I was very surprised when I went in. the lights were off. There was a big blanket around the room and there were beanbags and pillows. Mrs Proctor-Lane, her two daughters and her husband were there. First Mrs Proctor-Lane read a book called *The Blue Balloon*. It was about a boy finding a balloon after his party but he knew it wasn't his because his were only red and white and this one was blue. He tried to do lots of things to try and make it pop but it just didn't. Next one of Mrs Proctor-Lane's daughters told a story called *Red Riding Hood Rap*. Mrs Proctor-Lane said that when her daughter was little, she learned the words off by heart. I had a great time there! It was really fun and the hot chocolate and biscuits were so tasty!



*Reporter: Heela (Snow Leopard)*

## Book Week Potato Competition

WOW! We have been overwhelmed with the fantastic potato character entries. Congratulations to all the children that took part and entered the competition. You are clearly all very creative and have great imaginations. Miss Cherrett has sent off the entries to the judges and we will be waiting in anticipation for them to decide the winner. As a school we will also be awarding runner up prizes to each year group. Watch this space!



## World Book Day



Yesterday World Book Day was celebrated in style with both children and staff dressing up in a wonderful array of outfits as their favourite book characters. The winners of the best costume for each year group were: Lyla-Rose (Year 3) as Podkin, Alan (Year 4) as Mr Strong, Hayden (Year 5) as The Mad Hatter and Joseph (Year 6) as The Wild Robot. All won a book of their choice.

The four winners of the Golden Ticket competition run by our catering company, Radish, were Ahi (Year 3), Morigan (Year 4), Tiago (Year 5) and Kiera (Year 6). Each lucky winner found a golden ticket on the bottom of their dinner plate and won a book of their choice as their prize.

## The Alligator's Mouth Trips

On Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th February Miss Cherrett and Miss Kirton took groups of children to visit the famous Alligator's Mouth bookshop in Richmond. We were lucky enough to spend the morning listening to stories and book recommendations from experienced staff before having the opportunity to explore their wonderful collection of books. The Alligator's Mouth holds regular events in the shop including storytime, book club and comics club. There are frequent author and illustrator visits to look out for. In the past they have welcomed Jacqueline Wilson, Chris Riddell, Cressida Cowell, Oliver Jeffers and Axel Scheffler. If you have not been, as a school we would highly recommend you visit The Alligator's Mouth bookshop and share the experience with your children.



## Boundless Dance Workshops



During Book Week each class took part in a dance workshop run by Lee from Boundless Dance. Each workshop explored dance inspired by a book. Years 3 and 6 focused on their English texts, *There's a Rang-Tan in my Bedroom* and *Street Child* while Years 4 and 5 chose to focus their workshops on their end of day storybooks, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Mary Poppins*. Each class had a wonderful time and we are grateful to Boundless Dance for bringing our Book Week to life.

## The Sun Book Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected The Sun's Books for Schools vouchers. This week we received our free box of books which will soon be available in the library for the children to enjoy.

## Dates for your diary

Monday **9<sup>th</sup> March**, 8.30am – Daily Mile starts

Friday **13<sup>th</sup> March** – De-feet Bullying Day – see below

Tuesday **17<sup>th</sup> March** – Visit from author Jennifer Bell and illustrator Alice Lickens

Tuesday **17<sup>th</sup> March** – Choir to Richmond Music Trust's Singing Festival, Rose Theatre, Kingston

Wednesday **18<sup>th</sup> March** – Boys' NPL Football Tournament

Thursday **19<sup>th</sup> March** – Turtle Dove and Vulture Classes to Hounslow Jamia Masjid Mosque

Tuesday **24<sup>th</sup> March** – Orangutan Class to Dr Choc's, Windsor

Wednesday **25<sup>th</sup> March** – Blue Whale Class to Dr Choc's, Windsor

Thursday **26<sup>th</sup> March** – Mink Class to Hounslow Jamia Masjid Mosque

Thursday **26<sup>th</sup> March** – Siberian Tiger Class to Dr Choc's, Windsor

Friday **27<sup>th</sup> March** – Snow Leopard Class to Dr Choc's, Windsor

Friday **27<sup>th</sup> March** – Monday **30<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay

Friday **3<sup>rd</sup> April** – End of Spring Term



De-feet Bullying Day

Next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March children can wear their wackiest footwear with their school uniform and put their foot down to stop bullying. We are suggesting a £1 donation with all money collected going to the NSPCC.

