

HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

7th March 2025

Attendance

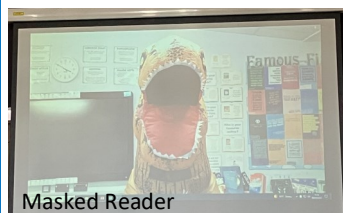
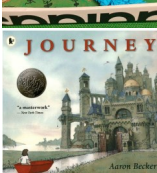
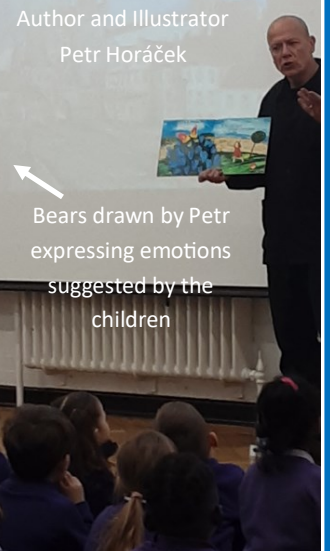
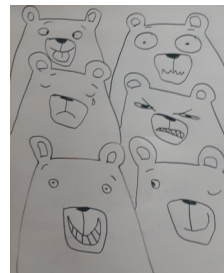
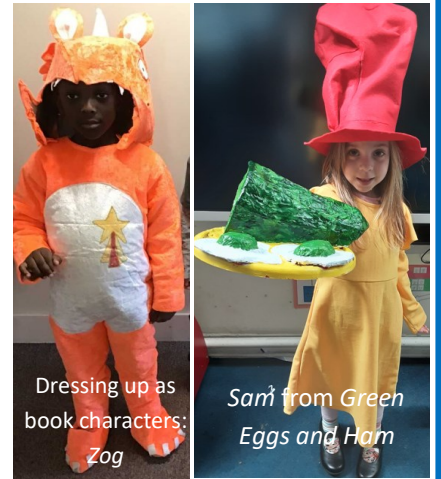
Congratulations to **Sycamore** and **Chestnut** in Infants and **Carroll, Maui** and **Temple Grandin** in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks. A special mention to Maui and Temple Grandin for achieving 100% attendance.

100%

Celebrating Our Love of Books

The children across both schools had a wonderful time yesterday celebrating World Book Day with Infants extending their activities into a World Book Week. A vast array of activities have taken place including; in Infants, a visit by author and illustrator Petr Horáček, Bedtime Stories, a visit from bookshop Alligator's Mouth, an exploration of the wordless story *Flashlight* and a very creative toilet roll book character competition.

In the Juniors, the children enjoyed a free book bazaar, an interactive assembly by Mrs Proctor-Lane on attendance followed by the children guessing the identities of three Masked Readers, lunchtime stories with our Reading Ambassadors in the library (complete with snacks), a book and football quiz, story writing based on the wordless story *The Journey* and a book in a box competition to name but a few of the activities!



The Tiger Who Came to Tea Party

The Tiger Who Came to Tea



On the last day before half term, our Nursery children and their families had a lovely time creating sandwiches and wraps for their *Tiger Who Came To Tea* party. Ms English said, "It was wonderful to have so many families come along. The children and staff enjoyed a small party at the end of the day."



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Religious Studies

Our PPA team have been busy arranging exciting learning opportunities for three different year groups over the last few weeks. Before half term, Year 5 visited our local mosque to learn more about Muslim worship. Last week, Year 4 had a visit from a man practising Buddhism and this week, Year 6 met with a Humanist. Of the mosque visit, Harrison said, *"It was very interesting. It's the biggest mosque in the area. We learnt about a secret door leading to where the Imam reads from. There's a massive chandelier inside which is very nice."*



Tyler and Rosie explained a little about humanism, *"They believe the earth was created by the Big Bang. They believe in science and good deeds. In their opinion you shouldn't do good deeds to go to heaven but because it's a good thing to do."*



Digital Leaders

On Internet Safety Day, which took place in February, our Digital Leaders were presented with certificates and badges, having completed their Digital Leader training. Their first job was to deliver an assembly. Building on what we have already learnt about online safety, the Digital Leaders taught the Junior School what an online scam could look like and what they should do if they come across one. Every class received an internet safety book for their book corner too.

Ms Ginman



Traditional Tales in Reception

Before half term, our Reception children enjoyed several traditional tales themed weeks and took part in many enrichment experiences as part of their learning. They chopped vegetables to make soup and then tasted their soup. They also planted runner bean seeds that have started to grow, decorated gingerbread and tasted porridge just like Goldilocks.



Theodore from Elm said that the runner bean plant *"is long and it's getting bigger. The stalk is growing up and the roots are growing down."* Nevaeh-Rose from Oak declared *"the porridge is delicious"* when she tried it in class. While Akshara from Bay observed, *"Goldilocks is very naughty. She needs to be good!"*

Nursery

Our Nursery is hosting an open afternoon for prospective parents and children on Tuesday 11th March from 3.45-4.15pm. Children who will be three by 31st August 2025 are eligible to join our Nursery in September. To book a place for the open afternoon, please call the Infant office, 020 8894 4074. Click here for a [virtual tour](#). The closing date for Nursery applications is Monday 31st March.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th March - Year 4 Visit to Orleans Gallery (2 classes each day)

Wednesday 19th March - Year 4 Cinema Trip

Friday 21st March - Comic Relief - Wear **RED** for the suggested donation of £1

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

Monday 24th March - Duckling hatching kits arrive in Year 4

Thursday 27th March, 10am - Junior Rocksteady Concert

Friday 28th March, 10am - Infant Rocksteady Concert

Monday 31st March - Closing Date for Nursery Applications for September 2025

Tuesday 1st April - Year 4 Bushcraft Trip

Thursday 3rd April - Richmond Music Trust 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, Whitton High Street

Cricket Highlights

Last Thursday, we had a visit from Kate Stephens, the Chief Executive Officer of *Chance to Shine*, a charity that works in state schools and communities across England, Wales and Scotland. *Wisden Monthly* editor, Phil Walker, and fellow cricket journalist, Cameron Ponsonby, were also in attendance. We discussed how Heathfield is soon to become a beacon school for state school cricket. Phil Walker and Cameron Ponsonby are currently writing a book about school cricket and the forward will feature Heathfield Junior School.

At the same time as this visit was taking place, our cricket team were playing in a mixed indoor tournament at Grey Court School in Ham. Yasha said, *"We played four bowl overs and after winning our group stage, we played the winners of Group 2, East Sheen School, in the final. It was a good game, our bowling was strong and their batting was strong, so it was quite even and we were really pleased to beat them."*

Mr Donnelly added, *"It was a great team performance as we were the genuine underdogs in the final. I am so proud of the team."*

Further cricketing opportunities came the way of Year 5 this week with the children enjoying a fantastic afternoon of cricket coaching with 17 sixth form students from George Abbott School and Surrey County Cricket coaches Joe Lavender and Matt Teale. The children took part in a carousel of activities.



Year 5 cricket carousel

Ibrahim said, *"It was really good fun, we got to play some proper cricket too."*

Netball Borough Champions

Our netball team has gone from strength to strength recently. Last Tuesday they played Archdeacon Cambridge School in a Netball Borough League match at home and won 10-3.

On Wednesday they took part in the Richmond Borough Netball Tournament in Barn Elms where they faced 36 other private and public schools.

Nathan said, *"We all played our part. We played ten games and won all of them. We played East Sheen in the final and won*



Richmond Borough Netball Champions

3-2." Ansh added, *"It is a really good team sport, you can't do it by yourself."*

Mr Nuthall concluded, *"I am so proud of the team, especially considering they had not played netball before September. This is not only a win for the students who took part but also those who train with them to challenge and improve the children selected. It is a true testament to how hard work and dedication can lead to success."*

Football

On Monday, the Year 4 girls' team were invited to Fulham FC's Training Ground to



take part in their International Women's Day celebration. They enjoyed a circuit of activities led by Fulham's academy coaches and their women's U18 team. Tahlia and Jojo said, *"There were a few schools there. We did lots of different activities and the coaches were very kind to us. It was great fun."*

Last Tuesday, our girls' team played a must-win Girls' Football Borough League game against Chase Bridge at home. The girls won 10-0, securing their qualification for the knockout stages.



Chase Bridge Match Huddle