



# HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

7th October 2022

NEWSPLETTER

## Attendance

Well done to Chestnut and Sycamore in Infants and Teide and Meru in Juniors for having the best attendance over the last two weeks.

Regular school attendance is a key part of giving your children the best start in life. Research shows that children with attendance of 95% or more have the best chance of success. Thank you for supporting your children to attend school.

## Twenty-five Years

Last Friday, Mrs Child was surprised in assembly with a bouquet of flowers and gift voucher to celebrate 25 years working at our school. She joins the ranks of Mr Clayton, Miss Burningham, Mrs Liptak, Mrs Mullen and Mrs Webb who have all been with us for 25 years or more!



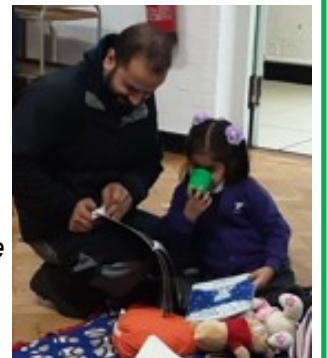
## House Captains and Sports Leaders

Our Year 6 House Captains and Sports Leaders have now been selected for the year. You will soon see them around the school in their special house coloured uniform. Congratulations to:

	Blue	Green	Red	Yellow
House Captains	Aklema, Ocean, Rozea	Aarav, Malakai, Seren	Christyvie, Lyla, Faisal	Diana, Livaan, Taha
Sports Leaders	Kairon, Kayen, Libbie, Scarlett	Ahi, Kaleb, Makayla, Tia	Demi, Franklin, Skyla, Tyrese	Albie, Amara, Eisa, Lily

## Year 1 Teddy Bear's Breakfast

This week our children in Year 1 have enjoyed a Teddy Bear's Breakfast with their parents and carers. This linked in with their history topic on toys and learning about Teddy Roosevelt. The children shared stories while tucking into some delicious breakfast treats and juices. Kingsley commented, "There was so many teddies!" while Ayah said, "There were books and pillows and food - water melon and croissants!" Thank you to everyone for coming and supporting the children with their love of reading.



## Year 6 Junior Citizen

Last Thursday our Year 6 children visited NPL Teddington on their first trip of the year: Junior Citizen. This activity presents a set of scenarios that children might face as they get older and gives them the opportunity to think about how they would deal with them. From the Fire Brigade's session on how to deal with a fire in the home to how they will travel to school in Year 7 with Safer Walking, the children worked in small groups earning points with their ideas.

Christyvie said, "It was really good. There were ten different scenarios and it made us all think about our safety. In one a man pretended he had lost his dog and asked for our help. We had to decide if it was safe to help him."

Mrs Mullen added, "Both the morning and afternoon sessions were well received with the children scoring highly and as always having fun and engaging with the leaders. A brilliant start to Year 6!"

## Cake Sale for Macmillan

Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support last Friday, held in aid of their *World's Biggest Coffee Morning* fundraiser. We had a wonderful number of tasty donations and plenty of buyers and raised a total of **£267.34** for the charity.



### Tag Rugby

On Monday pupils from Year 4-6 played four Tag Rugby friendlies against Holy Family School from Acton. The teams were well matched with both schools winning games. Ali said, *"It was fun, really exciting. It was my first time playing in the tag rugby team for the school."* Tia added, *"In our game we won 5-2. We missed a couple of tackles in defence but were generally good."*



### Football

Yesterday our boys and girls' football teams played against Deer Park School.



Mr Nuthall was delighted with the teams saying, *"The girls' team won 3-0 with 16 girls getting an opportunity to play throughout the match. The boys 12-0 with the chance to play in a range of positions and adapted well when we dropped to six players against their seven."*

### Visit from Author Mel Taylor-Bessent

On Tuesday, the Juniors enjoyed a visit from the author, Mel Taylor-Bessent. Lyla explained, *"It was really fun, she was very lively. She told us the story of her book, 'The Christmas Carrolls', about a family who love Christmas so much they celebrate even when it's not Christmas! Mel said it took 15 years to get her book published. She has inspired me to write my own story!"*

Mel also signed copies of her book and commented on how impressed she was by our children saying they were full of enthusiasm, ideas and joy, but at the same time very respectful too.



### Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace

This week Year 5 visited Hampton Court Palace to learn more about Henry VIII and the Tudors. The trip was a huge success with the children. Eduarda, Arav and Mozhdha reported, *"It was really good. We saw a life-size portrait of Henry VIII and his crown. It was a replica, the real one was destroyed by Oliver Cromwell for money. We explored the palace and the wine cellar and the garden where there was a beautiful fountain. We couldn't stop singing the Henry VIII song!"*



### Dates for your Diary

Monday **10th** and Tuesday **11th October** - Parents' Evenings for Juniors  
Tuesday **11th** and Thursday **13th October** - Parents' Evenings for Infants  
Thursday **13th October, 9.30am** - Nursery and Reception Tour, [book via Infant Office](#)  
Tuesday **18th October, 9-10am** - Coffee Morning (Infant Hall) with SEND team for parents / carers  
Thursday **20th October** - Year 6 Mayan Workshop  
Monday **24th** - Friday **28th October** - Half term. Sports4Kids Multi-Activity Camp available, [book here](#)  
Monday **31st October** - Closing date for secondary school applications  
Thursday **3rd November** - PTA **Fireworks Extravaganza** - more information to follow shortly  
Thursday **24th** and Friday **25th November** - Individual and sibling photographs  
Friday **16th December** - Last day of term