



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

12th February 2021

NEWSLETTER

Well done to all our children on an excellent first half term. The way they have adapted to new routines, teachers and online ways of working has been wonderful. As you are aware the government will make an announcement on the 22nd February about when and how schools will be reopened. We will inform you of our plans for welcoming back your children as soon as we have that information. We wish you all a very well deserved half term break.

Paul Clayton

Chinese New Year

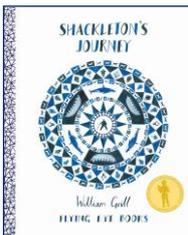
Year 2 had a lovely day on Wednesday learning about Chinese New Year and the Year of the Ox.



Rosie-Mai explained "In the legend of the Chinese New Year, there was a monster. The man told the people to use the colour red, bright lights, fire and loud noises to scare the monster away. They now do these things every year." The children created lots of Chinese inspired pieces including lanterns and rattle drums as well as producing beautiful name cards using Chinese characters.



Shackleton's Journey



Year 5 have been studying the book *Shackleton's Journey* this term and with temperatures as low as -7°C this week, the children have been better able to imagine the conditions Shackleton and his team encountered on their Antarctic voyage! The snowy conditions provided the perfect backdrop for them to dress in character as a member of the crew.



This week, the children planned and wrote an account of Shackleton's journey. We have been amazed with the quality of writing they have produced. Two particularly outstanding sentences included:

"Soon after, the men summited Crean Glacier but they were really getting pushed to their limit." (Micah)

"Giant waves, hundreds, stood before them but luckily they had a great sailor on board who navigated through the dangerous waves as if they were child's play!" (William)

Dalemead Care Home

We have received a letter back from Dalemead Care Home.

"You have sent the residents so many lovely letters, fantastic Christmas cards and the wonderful Hearts for Homes. Every time we have received post from you all it has made our day! It's very heart-warming for us to hear from you all. You have all put so much effort into the brilliant things you've sent us and we want you to know that we really appreciate it. We



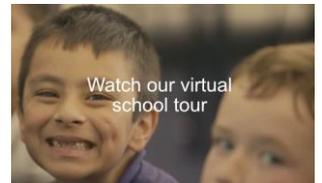
have put the Hearts for Homes posters up on our walls to remind us that we are thought about by people in our community. We also enjoyed hearing your wonderful singing in the Christmas Carol montage you performed. You really are very talented!

After reading your letters we had a chat about the music that we enjoy listening to. We all like music by the Beatles and Glenn Miller. We send you our very best wishes"

Now we know the residents' musical tastes, Mr Speck is looking at a song we can sing for them!

Applications for Nursery

A reminder that the closing date for applications for admission in September 2021 to our Nursery is **Friday 5th March**. Paper application forms are available from the Infant School Office. Please click on the link for more information and to see our virtual tour.



https://heathfieldschoolpartnership.org/infants/more_info.php#nursery2021

Spring Art Competition



Information about a whole school Spring Art Competition was sent out via Parent Hub yesterday. Children can represent Spring in any form they choose – such as painting a picture, taking a photograph, making a collage or building a model. Once the artwork is complete, please take a photograph of it and email it to one of the addresses below with your child's name and class.

Infant School - parents@heathfield-inf.richmond.sch.uk

Junior School - office@heathfield-jun.richmond.sch.uk

Entries need to be submitted by **Tuesday 23rd February**. Good luck!

TTRS League

Well done to all those junior children who have been earning points for their class by playing Times Tables Rock Stars each day. Five classes have won all their matches so far and have nine points each: Abyss, Titanic, Hydra, Scylla and Twilight. We will have a break from playing during half term and will resume on Monday 22nd February for round five!



World Book Day – Thursday 4th March



This year we will be sending out virtual World Book Day book tokens. They will be available after half term. Please visit the World Book Day website for a preview of the books available this year <https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>.

Families upon Thames Magazine

The latest online issue of Families upon Thames Magazine has some lovely ideas for activities to do over the half term break. This the [link](#).



Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – Half Term

Tuesday 23rd February – Deadline for Spring Art Competition

Thursday 4th March – World Book Day