



School Newsletter | June 2023



Head of School Message



I hope that you all enjoyed a restful half term and are ready for the final 7 weeks. It was incredibly busy last half term and our children across the school have continued to demonstrate their resilience and hard work. Children in Year 6 and Year 2 have completed their SATs tests and we could not have asked for any more effort than they gave. We are very proud of all the children and recognise the perseverance and determination that the children have all demonstrated.

This half term, children in Year 1 and some children in Year 2, will complete their Phonics tests. Children in Year 4 will complete their Multiplication tests. We wish them all the best with these and are sure they will do us all proud. Please can we ask parents to continue to encourage and support children at home.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all parents for your continued support, we look forward to working together this coming term.

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Leadership Team



1 - Miss Y Malik | Head of School



2 - Ms Emma Dicken | Assistant Head



3 - Mr R. Jackson | Assistant Head



4 - Mrs V. Smith | Deputy Head



5 - Mrs H. Toth | Pastoral Leader / Attendance



On 9th May we welcomed two new members of staff to the Inclusion Team. Mrs Tahira has joined the school as Lead Practitioner for Inclusion SEND. She will be working alongside Mrs Shotter for the rest of the school year before taking on the role independently in September. Join us on **13th June at 9am** in the bungalow for a coffee morning to meet and greet Mrs Tahira. She is looking forward to meeting you all.

Mrs Hawkins joined us at the same time as a teacher with responsibility for Nurture group. Mrs Hawkins has enjoyed getting to know the children in Nurture group and their parents over the last two weeks.

Mrs Hawkins and Mrs Tahira have been very busy trying new things in Nurture group. They have started a new routine and timetable and have made changes to the environment. The Nurture group room is looking lovely and the children have been very engaged with the new learning activities.



7 - Ms N Tahira



8 - Ms A. Hawkins





[Nurture Parent Workshop](#)

At the start of last term, Nurture group had an Easter themed parent workshop with their parents. Everyone enjoyed doing some Easter themed activities and seeing the new resources in the Nurture room





Reading



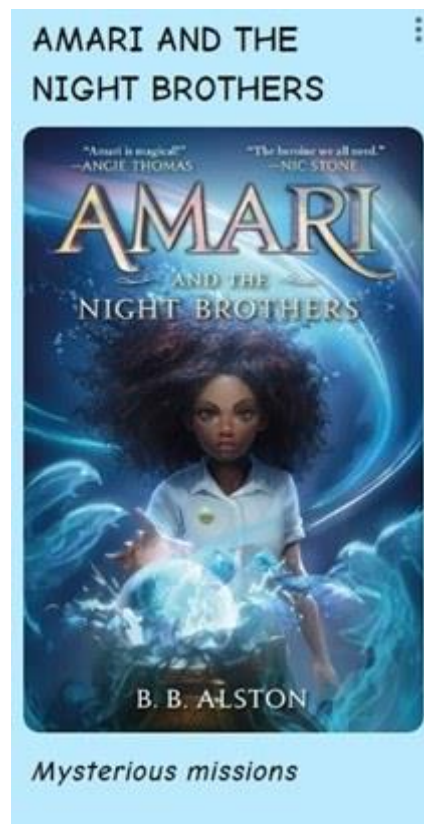
Children who enjoy reading perform better academically according to studies.

Therefore, it is so important that you are reading with your child every day.

We are introducing some new books into our home reading. We have put together some lovely reading enrichment books that are suitable for the reading age of your child. Each week, the teacher will set homework based around this book which will enable your child to practise reading and comprehension at home. If your child requires extra support for reading, they will also take home a levelled book to practise (we have some exciting new titles) As previously, we ask parents/ carers to read at home five times per week and record in the journal. In September, we will be using new reading records to record children's reading.

If you would like more support for reading with your child, please see your child's class teacher or speak to Mrs Smith or Miss Dicken.

Reading Review Winner



I would really recommend this book because it is full of mystery and the images are amazing. The book tells you about a girl called AMARI and she has a brother who is missing. She carrying out missions to find her brother. She also is going to the summer camp that her brother used to go. She gets weird things in the mail and the book will actually entertain you really fast. When I first got this book, I was only interested in the pictures but when I read it I knew that book will always be my favourite. She will have to go through more missions in order to find her brother. You will find this book amazing but also interesting. I would rate this book a



In this newsletter we are celebrating the book review created by Fataha in Year 4. She loved the book Amari and the Night Brothers. If you would like to leave a review, the link can be found under 'Parent / Carers' on the school website.

Pastoral Support

Mr Aziz is Heathfield's learning mentor and is available to talk to children throughout the week. Your child can pop along to the Pastoral room during break & lunchtimes or complete a self-referral form if they would like Mr Aziz to come and speak with them in class.

Any member of staff within school will be happy to discuss any concerns your child may have. They may ask your child to pop back at a more appropriate time during that day.

Children can pick up a self-referral form from the Pastoral room or their class teacher. We can help with filling it in too!



Rights Respecting School



The article we are looking at this fortnight is Article 24. You may like to discuss this with your child and complete the activities together.

Mental Health Awareness Week occurs every year in May and is an ideal time for us all to think about mental health, tackle stigma, and discuss how we can create environments that protect our children's mental wellbeing.

The focus is based around a different theme each year and previous themes have included nature, kindness, and body image. It is hoped that as many people as possible will have conversations about mental health and the everyday things that can affect it. Our mental health clearly links to Article 24 of the CRC but, if you think about it, many of the other rights that children and young people are entitled to, also contribute to good mental health. See how many connections you make to different rights in this week's activities.

Activity: Helping others and being kind can make us feel happier. Make a 'thank you' card for someone you know to surprise them or make a 'thank you' chart or 'tree' for your class and ask everyone to put messages onto it. It's the job of duty bearers to make sure you get all your rights but it's good to thank them!



Scooter Pods

You may have noticed our Scooter Pods outside the front of school. We purchased these using a grant we received to encourage more children to use sustainable travel to get to school. Now we are starting to see some warmer weather it would be great to see children scooting to school. If your child scoots to school, they can leave their scooter at the scooter pod for the duration of the school day.



Celebrating the King's Coronation

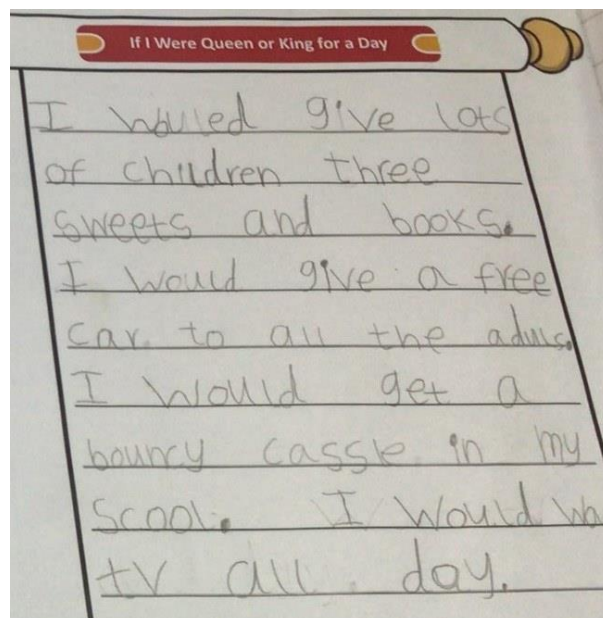


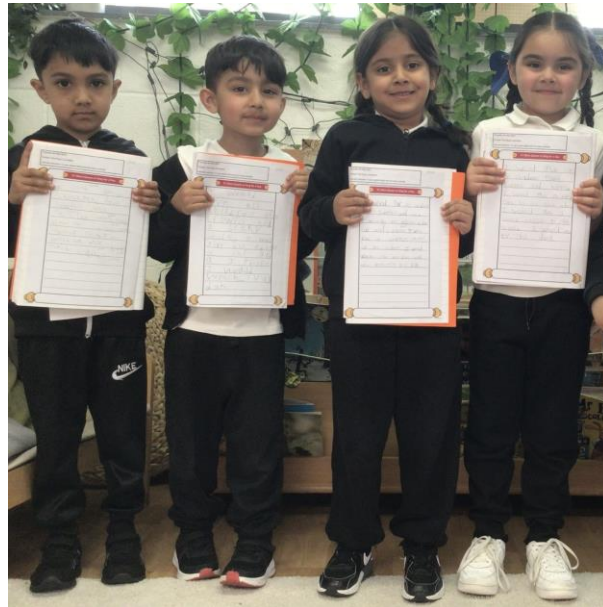
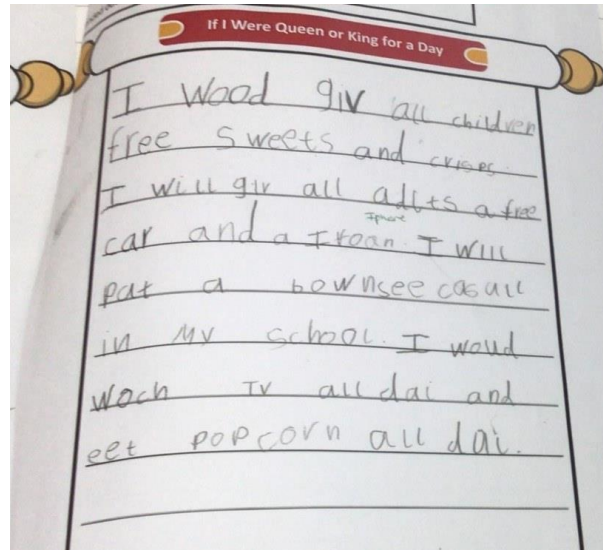


Coronation Coffee Morning

In celebration of the King's Coronation, we were delighted that so many of our parents attended our coffee morning. Thank you for attending and sharing a few cups of tea, a lovely cream scone and cake whilst listening to the voices of our fabulous pupils singing The National Anthem.

Writing in Reception





Teaching Updates



As you know, term 3 is always really busy for national testing. Year 6 and year 2 have completed their SATS and upcoming national tests include:

Year 1 - Phonics testing w/c 12/06/23

Year 4 - Multiplication checks (MTC) w/c 05/06/23

Our assessment week is also upcoming - this is when teachers look at pupils' work and provide an overall judgement. The outcomes of these end of year assessments will be shared with you via your child's school report at the end of the year.

Sporting Fixtures





As usual our football and cricket teams have been out and about playing in a range of tournaments.

20-04-23 : Year 5 boys football team finished 3rd in the APSFA Y4/5 6-a-side tournament finals. Heathfield's best finish in a APSFA tournament for 4 years which gives the boys great confidence to try push on and win next year.

05-05-23: Boys football Y5/6 'Purple' team had their first fixture of the year when we hosted St Michaels Primary School at Heathfield, with Heathfield winning 6-4. We have now had 55 different Y5/6 children (boys & girls) represent Heathfield across our 5 football teams with more to come in the final few weeks of this academic year.

18-05-23: Year 3-4 boys football team took part in the APSFA 6-a-side tournament with a record of 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss including a massive derby day win against Prince Albert Primary School 2-0. Watch this spacethe girls turn up next!

24-05-23: Year 4 cricket team took part in the @KESSPB Y4/5 cricket tournament. Our team played really well, winning both of their matches against schools in a higher year group but didn't make enough runs to reach the grand finals. Keep trying hard !

Upcoming Events

Bikeability: Bikeability will be happening again this summer term for our year 6 cohort who were unable to take part in the program last year. 6M will start first w/c 26/06/23 followed by 6W w/c 03/07/23

More sporting fixtures are in the process of being planned for the duration of the summer term, with more football and cricket matches and tournaments on the agenda.

Thank you to all the parents for your support for these events.

Swimming



For the last two weeks of half term, 5B have been completing their intensive swimming course at Perry Beeches Pool and Fitness Centre. Miss Brookes and Mrs Miah are incredibly proud of how the children have grown in confidence over the last two weeks and it has been lovely to see them enjoying their lessons so much.

We would like to send a special thank you to all the parents of children in 5B for there continued support and for ensuring their children have a full and correct swimming kit everyday.

We are looking forward to taking 5C this half term.



Upcoming Parent Workshops this Term



Thank you to all our wonderful parents who have already attended a workshop so far this term. We have excellent turnouts for these events and feedback from parents is always very positive. We hope that you learn valuable tips on how to support your children at home. This term there has been an emphasis on developing handwriting and reading.

Please see below for the remaining few this term.

Wednesday 14th June: Y2 Parent Workshop

Thursday 15th June: Nurture Parent Workshop

Wednesday 21st June: Y1 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 28th June: Nursery Parent Workshop

Wednesday 5th July: Reception Parent Workshop

All workshops start at 9.00 am in the main hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your Diary



REMAINING DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Monday 5th June: First day of Summer 2

Tuesday 5th June: Nursery trip

Friday 30th - 2nd July: Y6 residential

Monday 10th July: Nursery and Y6 Graduation

Wednesday 12th July: Year 4 trip

Thursday 13th July: Y6 & Y5 trip

Tuesday 18th July: Year 6 leavers assembly for parents and Y6 disco

Friday 21st July: Break up for Summer holiday (no Friday club)

Please note that there will be some more trip dates to follow

New academic Year 23-24: Children start back on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**

Attendance



Current Attendance & Late marks		
Class	Attendance %	Lates
RE	87.94%	96
RP	89.28%	89
1C	91.27%	86
1T	90.91%	55
2H	93.75%	104
2N	90.78%	144
3B	91.45%	70
3G	92.03%	120
4R	90.22%	60
4W	91.65%	79
5B	92.36%	118
5C	93.69%	81
6M	94.32%	70
6W	90.74%	141

Well done 6M for taking the top position for attendance last week.

We continue to strive for improved attendance each week. Last week our attendance was **95.68%**, this is the highest weekly attendance figure we've had this academic year.

Fantastic work children of Heathfield, let's try and keep this up!

We have high expectations for attendance at Heathfield School

Our aim is **97%** attendance

Our risk zone is **94-97%**

A cause for concern and significantly impacting on children's learning is **below 94%**

Safety Outside School



Please can we all take great care when dropping off or picking up children from school, especially at the back gate, Finch road entrance. Through the help of councillor Zaffer, we now have railings up to prevent people parking on the pavement. This is helping the situation hugely but we still require parents to be vigilant.

Also, we kindly request that parents do not use the school car park on Heathfield Road to drop off or pick up their children. The school has very limited parking spaces and extra vehicles provide a significant health and safety risk to children in our school and to vulnerable children who attend the other schools on the shared site.

Finally, please can parents ensure that young children are supervised by an adult when walking into school. We have a large site with multiple access points. If your child gets lost on their way to class, it can be very upsetting for them and poses a safety risk.

School Timings

MORNING

8:35am - gates open

8:50am - gates close as well as doors into school

If your child arrives after these times then they are late and must go to the main office where they will be signed in on the register. This is so we know that they are present in the building and accounted for in the event of an emergency.

AFTERNOON

3:19pm - gates open

3:20pm - all children finish school

If you have any queries or would like to speak to someone regarding attendance or pastoral then please contact the choir on 0121 464 6474 and speak to one of our members of the pastoral team

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