



**Heathfield**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd October 2020

**Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

23rd - Break up for half term

### November

2nd - Back to school

2nd - Pupil Autumn Term

Overviews sent home

11th - Remembrance Day

13th - Non uniform day for  
Children in Need—dress theme is

**RAINBOW**

23rd - Year 6 assessment week

### December

17th - Christmas parties

18th - Break up for Christmas  
holiday

### January

4th—Teacher Training Day

## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of the first half term and it has definitely been a challenge for all of us! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Heathfield family; the staff have been absolutely incredible and I am honoured to lead this team. Your support, kindness and understanding and messages of encouragement and thanks for the staff have meant so much to all of us and we appreciate them. And last, but certainly not least.. the wonderful children that we have the opportunity to nurture and teach—well done children! You have worked so hard!

### Pupil autumn term overviews

When we return after half term, we will be sending home our pupil autumn term overviews. These are a brief one-page report that we are sending as an alternative to the autumn parents' evening just to let you know how your children have settled back into school and if there is anything you can do to continue to support our partnership.

### Lozells Leaders

The children have been engaged in a special project across school learning about some of our local leaders and activists and it has been fascinating hearing them talking about some of the inspirational individuals and their lives. We are looking forward to watching the follow up videos with responses to the children's questions. Ask your child who they have been learning about.

### Goodbye and good luck

We are sad to say goodbye to Mr Sperry who has completed his apprenticeship with us. We would all like to wish him well on his next adventure.

*We look forward to seeing all of our children back on Monday 2nd November. Have a peaceful and safe half term break.*

Mrs. Atherton

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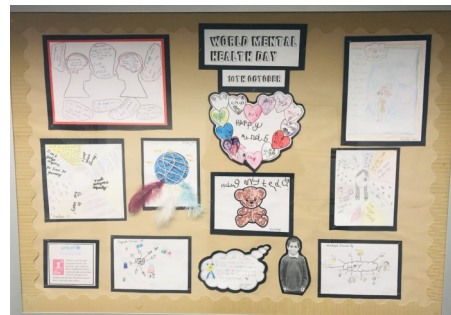
Last week marked **World Mental Health Day**, which saw people all across the world showing their support for better mental health and acknowledging looking after their own wellbeing.

As we know, the past few months have been tough on many people and there is no better time for us to talk openly about mental health.

Last week, every class took part in some age appropriate learning around mental health and our feelings, as well as carrying out activities to reflect our learning or help our mental health.

We hope this is something you are confident in having conversations about with your families. Please do let us know if you are worried about your child's mental health or wellbeing. Miss Dicken is our school Mental Health First Aider and Senior Lead for Mental Health.

**#bettertogether #let'stalkaboutmentalhealth #lookingoutforeachother**



## 'HEATHFIELD WAYS' AWARD WINNERS

**Shout Out!**

Alongside the fortnightly awards for individual children, we also celebrate one class and one member of staff in school who have been demonstrating the 'Heathfield Ways'.

This fortnight, the winners were:

**CLASS: 4C**

**STAFF: Ms McInerney**

A special thank you to 4C and Ms McInerney for your efforts.



## NON- UNIFORM DAY MONEY RAISED

Twice a year, we hold a non-uniform day to raise money for the school fund. This time around, the school priority for a purchase that we would struggle to otherwise fund, is sourcing climbing equipment and soft play resources for the Nurture room.

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE  
THAT THIS WEEK WE COLLECTED  
£311 IN TOTAL.**

We will share photographs of purchases made with this money and we are sure the children in the Nurture room will benefit from this.

## RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

In 1989, governments across the world promised all children the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

**The Convention says what countries must do so that all children grow as healthy as possible, can learn at school, are protected, have their views listened to, and are treated fairly.**

There are 54 articles altogether and every fortnight I will be including a selection of articles on the newsletter for you and your child to discuss. Please take some time out of your day to read the articles and explain what they mean. Not only do the children have their rights, they also have associated responsibilities. These are the first two articles:

**ARTICLE 1** - Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

**ARTICLE 2** - The Convention applies to everyone: whatever their race, religion or abilities, whatever they think or say, whatever type of family they come from.

Miss Elahi



## Awards this fortnight

Focus: Being hardworking and always trying their best.

Nursery	Lewhat & Mahfuz
RA	Kaif & Yusuf
RT	Hussain & Khadija
IB	Ehsan & Zakariya
IP	Hamzah & Sayma
2E	Sofia & Musa
2R	Abu-Bakr & Farnaz
3H	Abida & Saniyah
3M	Sheikh & Mariyam I
4C	Esa & Taslima M
4Co	Aisha & Faiz
5A	Diara & Adeem
5N	Maria & Belal
6M	Habiba & Aayan
6W	Sahra & Sami

## COMPETITION TIME

The Royal Horticultural Society are delighted to offer this exciting opportunity for young gardeners to take part in an exclusive competition. They would like young people to imagine they have discovered the gates to a hidden, secret garden and to let them know what it looks like.

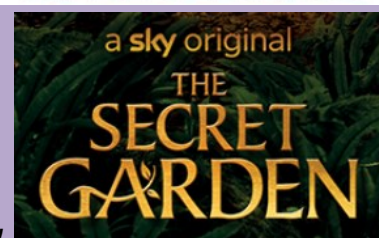
Children can choose how they would like to showcase their garden. Perhaps they would like to draw or paint their design, create a collage or model, or even plant up a miniature version of it.

Mrs Bi is kindly sending out instructions but for more information visit

[https://  
schoolgarden-  
ing.rhs.org.uk/  
Competitions/The-  
Secret-Garden](https://schoolgarden-ing.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/The-Secret-Garden)

There are activity sheets on the website too. Deadline for entries: Thursday 19th November.

*What an exciting half term project this could be!*





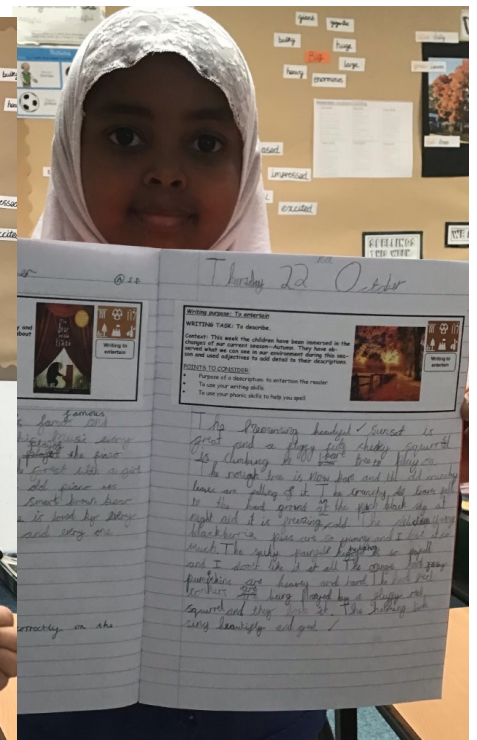
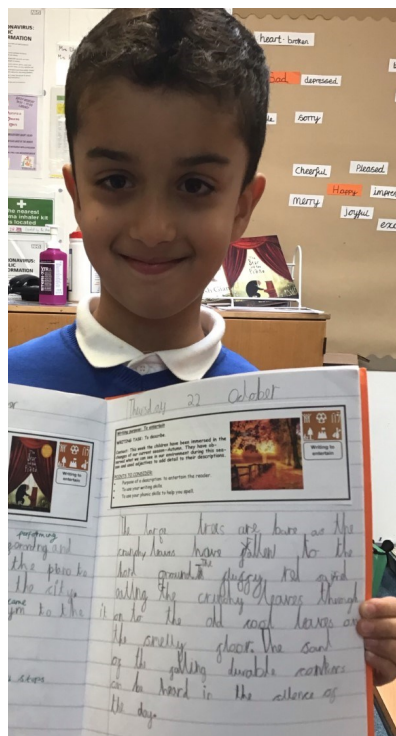


## LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN LEARNING...

Reception have been using the Spheros to mark make with paint. They learnt how to control the Spheros using the control buttons on the iPads. Great work Reception!

Year 1 have been getting stuck into their independent learning in the STEM centre, building 'a castle for the queen so people can come and visit her.' I think we have some 'women in STEM' heroes in the making!

The bottom right photographs show two Year 2 children who have done some fantastic Autumn descriptive writing this week. Miss Elahi was giddy with pride!





# MEET THE TEAMS!

We are aware that you aren't seeing as many faces as usual with us not being able to have parents in school this term. Over the next few newsletters, our teams will introduce themselves for you to learn a little more about them.



**MRS  
PATEL**

I am the Nursery Lead here at Heathfield and I have been here for over 3 years now. I am the happiest when I am singing, dancing and exploring with the youngest children of the Heathfield family. I enjoy nature, going on walks and hiking with my family. I love being creative and can often be found in the creative area in Nursery.



**MRS  
HUSSAIN**

My name is Mrs Hussain and I am the Teaching Assistant in the Nursery. I have been at Heathfield for a very long time! I enjoy my job because I get to see the tiny children grow up and flourish all the way to Year 6. I enjoy speaking to our parents, especially those with English as their second language and supporting them in any way I can.. Do give a wave as you walk by!



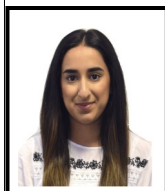
**MS  
LONGE**

Hello! My name is Ms Longe, a schoolteacher and you will see me on Mondays and Fridays in Nursery and Year 1. I am passionate about early years development and love the relationships I build with all the children I work with. My interests outside work include listening to a wide variety of music and before the pandemic entertaining friends and family.



**MRS  
BIBI**

I have been with the PACT for 6 years and I am currently supporting some of the wonderful children in Early Years. I love working with the children and being able to watch them progress both emotionally and academically. I enjoy anything that requires me to be creative! If you see me around the school then please do say hello!



**MISS  
AHMED**

I'm EYFS Lead and Reception Teacher here at Heathfield and have been here for over 3 years now. I love working alongside parents to support their children's learning. My most enjoyable time of the day is when I'm interacting in play with the children in the environment. I enjoy going on adventures with my family and making lots of memories. I'm very passionate about Early Years and ensuring that the children's needs are at the heart of everything we do!



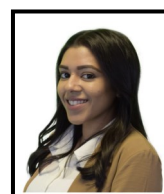
**MRS  
TABASUM**

I'm a Reception teacher at Heathfield and have been here for 3 years now. I really enjoy teaching the little ones and getting to know the parents. I can confidently say that early years is my favourite year group. I love seeing the children flourish and watching their confidence grow as they learn new things everyday! Recently I have started running and really enjoy going for runs at my local park.



**MRS  
BIBI**

Hello! I am a family group leader in Reception. I have been part of the Heathfield team for 18 years, this year it will be my 5th year working in EYFS. I'm enthusiastic and dedicated in enabling young minds to grow and achieve. I love to meet the parents and support them with their child's learning. I love having lots of fun with children when they are in the outdoor environment. In my spare time I love baking and being creative.



**MISS  
KAUR**

I am a Family Group Leader in Reception at Heathfield. I have been working here for just over 1 year and thoroughly enjoy it! I love working in early years as it is amazing to see the children having such great experiences during the early stages of their education and to see them grow in so many ways. In my spare time I absolutely love baking and being creative!



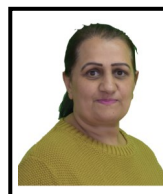
**MRS  
PILBIN**

Hi! My name is Mrs Pilbin and I am one of the teachers in Year 1. I love to see the children having a happy day at school - full of learning, laughter and friendships. I enjoy spending time in nature and investigating the weird and wonderful things we see in the changing seasons. Crunchy autumn leaves are one of my favourites!



**MRS  
BEGUM**

I'm a Year 1 class teacher and this is my third year at Heathfield School. It's been an amazing experience being part of a wonderful and caring family. I feel very blessed with the caring parents, supportive staff and happy children in my life. I love when my class bring their work from home or share their experiences with me. I enjoy walking in the park, the garden centre and watching movies.



**MRS  
KUMARI**

Hello, I'm Mrs Kumari, honoured to work as Faculty Leader in Year 1. I've been a part of the amazing Heathfield family for over 20 years; each day has brought something special and new. I love being a part of the children's journeys as they grow and transition through their school lives. It's exciting as each child and their family brings something valuable to the school. Heathfield is very close to my heart as I have watched my own children study here and move on into their careers. Heathfield will always be my home!



**MRS  
BI**

I'm a Faculty Leader in Year 1. It's a pleasure bumping into some of our ex pupils who come to collect their siblings. I enjoy teaching phonics and have a great passion for it. The satisfaction when a child can read and they look at your face to see your reaction is the best feeling ever! The best part of the day for me is story-time. I love to share stories with my class that I have read at home with my own children, somehow it connects us even more.