



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th November 2020

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

16th - School Christmas dinner

17th - Christmas parties (non-uniform)

January

4th - Teacher Training Day

5th - Back to school (Spring 1)

WB 18th - Y6 assessment week

February

12th - Break up for half term

22nd - Back to school (Spring 2)

March

4th - World Book Day (theme TBC)

23rd - Parents afternoon KS1

25th - Parents afternoon KS2

April

1st - Break up for Easter break

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

This fortnight we have been busy in school as always but unfortunately we have had some confirmed cases in our school community which has meant the closure of classes. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the parents who have supported us throughout and ensured that their children have engaged with the remote learning offer that school can provide. I also wanted to clarify the situation around devices for home learning as we have had some requests from parents. The DfE will be providing schools with a very small number of devices and when our devices are allocated, they will be for families with the greatest need who are unable to fund a device themselves.

We have now been notified that Birmingham will be in Tier 3 when lockdown ends and having attended the online meeting with Councillor Zaffar and Dr Justin Varney, it is clear that the Lozells / Handsworth area is facing particular challenges. We as a school will be doing everything we can to maintain the measures in place and will ask you to continue to do so in support. We have also committed to sharing key messages from Birmingham City Council with you. During the meeting Dr Varney and Councillor Zaffar explained that the city council has a number of support mechanisms for any families struggling and you can find more information at this link https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50233/support_for_residents_during_the_coronavirus_covid-19

Next week we will be in contact with you about further support we can offer to those families that need it in preparation for the two week Christmas break. The Villa Foundation is also generously offering their support with hot meals over the break for families in need so please be assured we are here to help.

Christmas cards

We know that traditionally some children like to bring in cards for their friends and teachers, so we are asking that this year, if your child chooses to send cards, they only bring them in on Mondays starting next week. These will be quarantined for three days before being given out at the end of the week.

Children in Need

Thanks to your generous donations, we raised £306.23 for Children in Need. Thank you to all.

Mrs. Atherton

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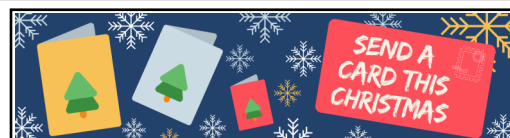
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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

Miss Begum is holding a competition for children to design the front cover of next fortnight's Christmas newsletter. The winner will have their design featured for all to see! Get designing and be in it to win it children!

Designs must have the title 'Heathfield Christmas Newsletter'. Completed designs

need to be
returned to
school by
Monday 7th
December.



CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR CARE HOMES

We would like to spread some Christmas cheer into our local community.

We are participating in the #cardsforcarehomes campaign and have asked children to make a Christmas card with a festive message inside to be sent to residents at our local care homes.

Please bring these in by Friday 4th December so we can quarantine the cards before sending them on.

HEATHFIELD WAYS' AWARD WINNERS

Shout Out!

Who has been demonstrating the 'Heathfield Ways' consistently in school this fortnight?

The awards go to...

CLASS: 5A

STAFF: MR JACKSON

A special thank you to all of 5A and to Mr Jackson for their efforts.



LUNCHTIME CLASS OF THE WEEK

16th—19th November class of the week = 1P

23rd—26th November class of the week = NURSERY

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone for all of your kind donations for Children in Need last week! This links to **Article 27** of the convention. (**Article 27**- Children have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met)



Below are the next two articles in the convention for you and your child to discuss this week:

Article 3: This is one of the most important articles in the UNCRC, and many other articles are related to it. It says that the interests of children and young people should be thought about at all levels of society, and that their rights should be respected by people in power. In other words, it says adults should think about the best interests of children and young people when making choices that affect them.

Article 4: Says the Scottish Government and UK Government should both work to make sure the convention on children's rights is known about and upheld. This means that they should always try to make sure that the rights of children and young people:

- Are realised in practice
- Active in helping children and young people to live safer and happier lives.

It also means that they should take steps so that children, young people and the adults who work with them all know about the UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the rights of the Child).

Miss Elahi

Awards this fortnight

Focus: Demonstrating kindness in all they do

Nursery	Umar & Umayya
RA	Alicia & Ayesha
RT	Haaniya & Zaynah
IB	Falak & Haamid
IP	Khadijah & Zay'nah W
2E	Saniyah & Ameer
2R	Ibrahim & Yunus
3H	Naith & Tazmeen
3M	Fatoumata & Haroon
4C	Shahzain & Surayya
4Co	Nayyirah & Muktadir
5A	Imaani & Jemai
5N	Tahirah & Angelica
6M	Hasnain & Naim
6W	Mahi & Ubaid

SCIENCE ADVENT CHALLENGE

Introducing you to Heathfield's Science Christmas Advent Calendar. This is an exciting opportunity for you to get exploring and have fun with your families. Below is a link and QR code to enable you to access the website. If you enjoy science, if you love to explore, if you want to surprise your teachers, then this is the advent calendar for you.

Mr Maghar and Mrs Nagra

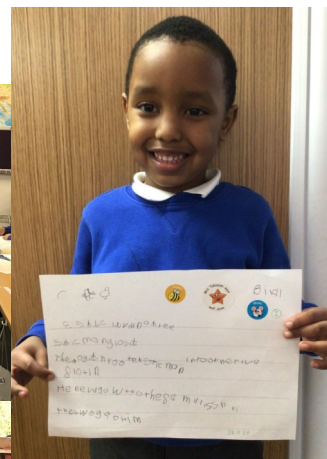
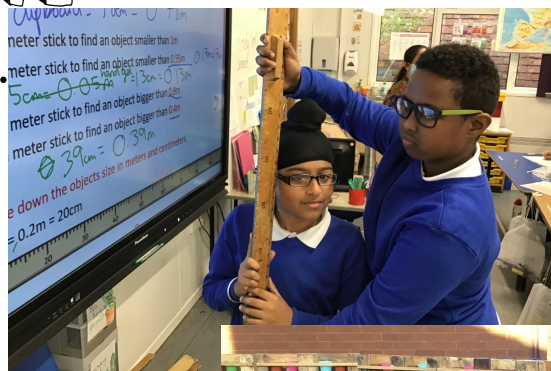
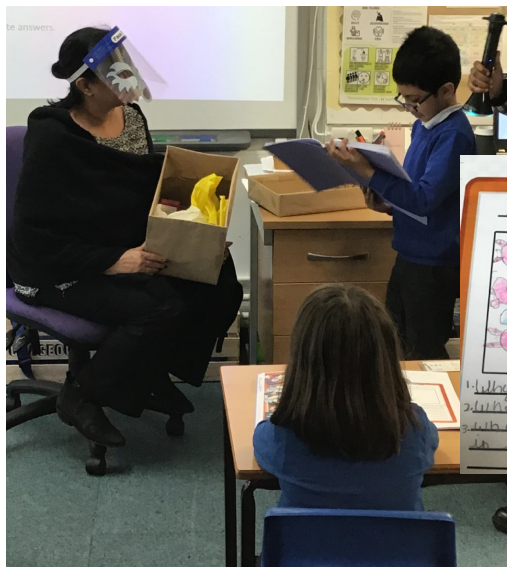
SCAN ME



<https://www.science-sparks.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Science-sparks-Advent-Calendar.pdf>

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN LEARNING...

Children in Year 2 have been stepping into the role of reporters to immerse themselves into their new text, 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. The children interviewed Mr A.T to find out why he had sent them a strange box of items!



Bilal in Reception wowed his teachers with a fabulous piece of writing about Stickman.

Year 4 have been measuring using metre rulers and converting units of measure. And finally, Nursery have been getting active with the scooters in their developing outdoor area.



MEET OUR SCIENCE AMBASSADORS...

ALL THINGS SCIENCE...

Every half-term at Heathfield, children will look at the life, career and accomplishments of a BAME (Black, Asian and Minority ethnic) Scientist. These people have reached the pinnacle of scientific achievements and have changed the world around us as we know it today. We would like our children to learn about these great scientists and let their achievements inspire and motivate them.

This half-term we are looking at Mae Jemison, who was the first African-American woman to go into space. As well as being an Astronaut, Mae is a Doctor, Teacher and inventor. Her achievements demonstrate the importance of working hard, self-belief and setting yourself ambitious goals.

Finally, it gives me great pleasure to announce our Science Ambassadors for Heathfield Primary School. These children have been chosen by their teachers because of their keen interest and enthusiasm for Science. They will be working closely with me in everything Science/STEM related in the school. Well done to all of you!

Y1– Eliza and Ehsan

Y2 – Saif and Saniyah

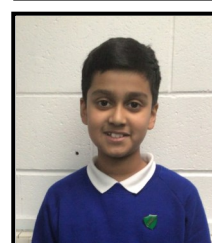
Y3 – Mariyam and Abdul Azim

Y4 – Azizah and Khyam

Y5 – Mihran and Maryam

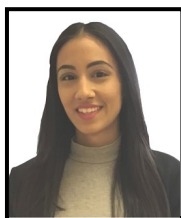
Y6 – Josia and Kawsar

Mr Mazhar



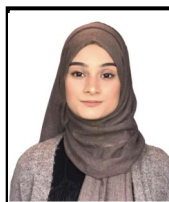
MEET THE TEAMS!

Meet the Year 5 and 6 staff along with Mr Stone and our Head Chef, Miss Powell...



**MRS
NAGRA**

I am a Year 5 teacher at Heathfield Primary School. I have been here for almost 3 years. It has been an exciting journey so far and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for Heathfield. I thrive when learning from others and seek inspiration in order to keep improving in my job. Positivity and laughter is at the core of my heart and helping others is my passion. I also have a passion for singing and dancing - I cannot wait to bring the dance club back to Heathfield.



**MISS S
AKHTAR**

I am Miss Akhtar and I am a Year 5 teacher at Heathfield Primary School. I have taught here for 2 years now and have extremely enjoyed my time here. In my spare time, I enjoy reading where I immerse myself in a world of books. I am very passionate about Art and love all things creative! As well as this, I enjoy spending time with my family and trying new things with them.



**MRS
MIAH**

Happy and creative, committed and motivated, I have been a faculty leader here at Heathfield for several years. I am someone who loves art, and music, and I'm extremely passionate about making a real difference to the lives of our young people. For me, there is no better joy than being able to support, educate and teach new skills to our children to overcome challenges. I currently support Year 5 and am more than happy to help and get to know you all.



**MISS
TARIQ**

I am Miss Tariq and I work within the Year 5 team and the inclusion department. I have worked here for just over 2 years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here so far. I love meeting new people as I get to learn much more about the society we live in. I am very keen to help others and love to see all children progress. Spreading laughter and joy is important to me as everyone deserves to be surrounded by a happy environment.



**MISS N
AKHTAR**

Hi, I have been working as part of the inclusion team for 6 years now. I really enjoy being part of the Heathfield family. I am currently supporting the children in Year 5 and am also found assisting children who are new to the country and require support with speaking in English (EAL). Apart from working in the school, I absolutely love travelling, enjoy visiting different countries and learning about different cultures. In my spare time I like baking, shopping and blogging about all things beauty.



**MR
MAZHAR**

I am a Year 6 Teacher and Phase Leader for Year 5 and 6. My other roles are Science and DT lead. I started my career at Heathfield Primary School over 4 years ago and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment. I have created many cherished and lifelong memories with children, parents and the community. I am a firm believer in hard work, self-belief and resilience and hope to inspire and instil these values to all the children I teach. Although I enjoy teaching all subjects, I have a keen passion for Maths and Science. I have a very competitive side to me and I'm always eager to win!



**MS
WAGENFUHRER**

I am a Year 6 teacher and I absolutely love what I do. I arrived in the UK nearly five years ago and I consider myself very blessed to be able to work in a community like the one I have found at Heathfield. My greatest love is a good book. There is nothing more magical than allowing a book to transport you to another world. My mission is to encourage all the children I teach to discover this magic. I am a teacher who believes that I have as much to learn from children as they do from me. Learning is a journey best shared with others.



**MR
STONE**

Hi, I am the Site Supervisor here at Heathfield. I am responsible for health & safety and the maintenance of our school. My role consists of a lot of behind the scenes work that ensures the school stays compliant and our children and staff learn and work in a safe environment. I have been based at Heathfield for just over a year, but I have worked for PACT for 5 years. Away from work I enjoy spending time outdoors with my family, socialising, listening to music, watching sport and I am also a season ticket holder at the mighty Aston Villa Football Club!



**MISS
POWELL**

My name is Miss Powell I have been working at Heathfield Primary School Kitchen for 13 years, as a catering supervisor. The last 5 years I have catered for schools across the Prince Albert Community Trust.

My passion and dedication is to ensure all the children are catered to their dietary requirements and satisfied with my services.