



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2020

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

9th - Mental Health Awareness Day

19th - Non-uniform day (school fund)

23rd - Break up for half term

November

3rd - Back to school

Autumn term overviews to be sent out

11th - Remembrance Day

13th - Non uniform day (Children in Need)

23rd - Year 6 assessment week

December

17th - Christmas parties

18th - Break up for Christmas holiday

January

4th—Teacher Training Day

5th—First day of spring term

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fortnight it has been! It has been an incredibly busy time in school and the children are working very hard. We are making sure that they are doing lots of exciting learning as well as focusing on the basic skills that they need to build upon for success this year. You will be receiving emails with the work to be done if the children are at home self-isolating—this matches with what the children are being taught in school so they don't fall behind and it means that it is really important that they complete it (unless they are unwell). So that it can be marked by the teacher, email it in to enquiry@heathfld.bham.sch.uk and it will be passed on to them.

We are encouraging children to follow the Heathfield Ways and display positive behaviours both in and out of the classroom and there are very few sanctions being applied currently, which is lovely. However one or two children are receiving reminders about their behaviour and we hope that the messages are reinforced at home as well as at school on these occasions.

Unfortunately, our Nursery has been closed for self-isolation for the last two weeks, but we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 12th October. I have been fortunate enough to see some of the home learning sessions being delivered by Mrs Patel and they have been lovely! It's nice to know that in the event of a year group closure, the learning will continue and the children have the opportunity to see and engage with their teachers.

Walk to School Week

We are working alongside the Living Streets organisation and will be joining in with a Five Day Walking Challenge on the week beginning the 19th October. You can find more information here <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/wtsw> and if you live too far away for the children to walk the whole way, the idea is that you park a little further away than usual and walk for the last ten minutes of the journey. The fresh air and exercise that the children get from walking to school sets them up well for a day of learning.

Low traffic neighbourhoods

As I'm sure lots of you already know, Lozells is part of a pilot scheme where the aim is to reduce traffic around schools. A virtual meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at 7pm and the link if you would like to attend to ask questions is:

<https://theaws-org.zoom.us/j/88001352534?pwd=bXk3ajNIUGRUB0pJSE96aEUyTmhMZz09>

Meeting ID: 880 0135 2534

Passcode 835595

Mrs. Atherton

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HOME LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Following our home learning policy being sent home (this replaces the homework policy and is not to be confused with the remote learning plan), we would like to reiterate the expectations for children's home learning outside of school hours:

- Children read 5 times a week, record the book and pages read with a short comment OR signature in their School Planner
- Children practise their spellings weekly on Spelling Shed and using their printed spelling list in their School Planner (all passwords on info page of planner)
- Children use either Numbots or TTRockstars to practise essential number skills

VACANCY - LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor to join our team. This role is for 7.5 hours per week in term time.

Please visit www.heathfld.bham.sch.uk —Vacancies' to find out more or to complete an application.



World Space Week OCTOBER 4-10

www.worldspaceweek.org @worldspaceweek #wsw2020

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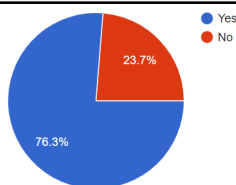
OBSERVING SATELLITES

This week marks World Space Week and the children have learnt about satellites and how they improve life, as well as facts about the International Space Station. Ask your child if they can tell you something about it. Why not try and spot satellites from your home together this weekend—the naked eye is all that is needed! You can tell a satellite from a star because satellites move across the sky gently. Do let us know how you get on!

Mr Mazhar

COLLECTION SYSTEM

We asked for your feedback and listened to the 201 responses we received. 76% of parents agreed that switching the one way system to entering via the Heathfield Road gate was worth a try. Of course, with any change, this poses new challenges and we are in the process of ironing these out. Year 2 will now be the only year group collected from the top astro turf, Year 6 are towards the front of school and all other year groups will be situated on the playground at the end of the day. The best way for you to help is to arrive between 3:10 and 3:20pm, collect your child swiftly, keep moving as best you can when exiting the school grounds and remember to wear your face covering from gate to gate. Thank you for all of your continued support.



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Announcement - Rights Respecting School Award

We are excited to announce that this year we are continuing to work towards gaining the 'Rights Respecting School Award'. Together with the children and the school community, we will learn about children's rights and putting them into practice every day. This came from an international agreement on childhood which was developed thirty years ago by world leaders to make a historic commitment to the children across the world by adopting the United Nations [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#).

The Award is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In Rights Respecting Schools, children's rights are promoted and recognised; adults and children work towards this goal together.

We are all looking forward to continuing this journey!

Miss Elahi



Awards this fortnight

Focus: Always smiling and making others smile too

RA	Zoya & Saaqib
RT	Amirah & Maya
1B	Siyana & Muzzamil
1P	Zunaira & Umar

Focus: Promoting happiness in others and having a positive mindset

2E	Skylar & Haseeb
2R	Subhan & Abdullah
3H	Zahra & Jinan
3M	Adyan & La'sharnti
4C	Ehsaan & Dhiya
4Co	Sara & Abdur Rahman
5A	Suheyda & Lucien
5N	Isaam & Denis
6M	Khadija K & Umair
6W	Inaya & Abdullah

ADDITIONAL LAYERS FOR WARMTH

Not only is the weather getting colder, but to aid ventilation in the classrooms, we have the windows open for the foreseeable future. Whilst we have ensured the heating is increased, it is still chillier than usual in the classrooms.

Please encourage your child to wear extra warm layers underneath their school uniform, such as an additional long sleeved top and vest.

When children come in their PE kit, they should wear the plain black zip jacket to avoid them being too cold during the day. Alternatively, wearing their school jumper is perfectly acceptable.

Head of School: Mrs F Atherton
Deputy Head: Mrs S Richards
Assistant Headteachers:
 Miss E Dicken, Mr R Jackson
Inclusion Lead: Mrs S Syner
Pastoral Manager: Mrs H. Toth

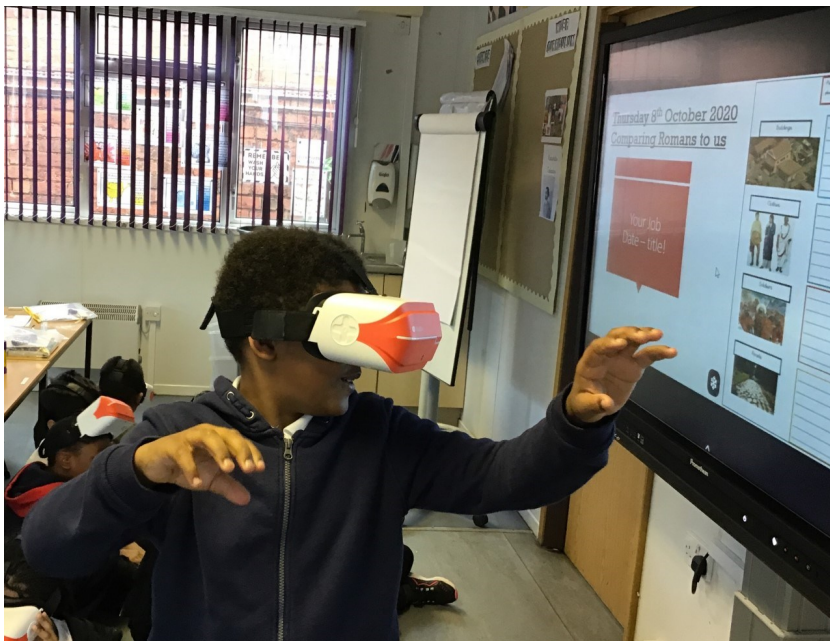


LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN LEARNING...

In Science, Year 2 have been investigating which materials would be most suitable to make a coat or an umbrella.



Year 4 children have been using the VR headsets to take a tour round Rome, we visited the Colosseum to see where the Romans held entertainment functions. We also visited the Forum and compared it to our city centre.



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
TOTH**

This will be my sixth academic year working for PACT as Trust Pastoral Lead. Having previously worked at two of our other schools, I joined Heathfield in September and I am really enjoying getting to know all our children and families. My job involves all things attendance, behaviour and safeguarding. I am passionate about breaking down any barriers to learning and ensuring all our children can achieve the very best.



**MR
BOGHARI**

I have worked for the Prince Albert Community Trust for little over a year now as the Attendance Clerk. I currently work across all PACT schools in this respect, being based at Heathfield on Mondays. I enjoy looking at innovative ways to monitor and improve attendance, whether through the use of technology or engaging personally with parents and pupils. I have an additional passion for reading and languages, particularly Japanese which I am slowly but surely self-learning.



**MISS
BEGUM**

Hi everyone, I am the Learning mentor at Heathfield school. I have been part of the PACT for nearly 10 years! I really enjoy being part of the Heathfield family. I have had the pleasure of working with many of you - parents and children - already so please continue to let me know if you have any concerns or questions. That might be about something at home or at school that you are feeling worried about. I am always here to help.



**MR
REYNOLDS**

I'm a Sports Coach here at Heathfield Primary School, currently in my third year working here. My favourite part of the job is taking the children on our sporting events and competing against other schools in the local area. My favourite sport is football and I'm also a season ticket holder for the pride of the West Midlands, West Bromwich.



**MS
ATWAL**

Hi, I am the Office Manager and have been working at Heathfield for over 15 years. I love working here amongst our lovely children and enjoy getting to know you parents. I am based in the main office and the madness starts as soon as I come in, but I enjoy every minute of it. I am always happy to help with any queries you may have; please feel free to contact the office.



**MS
BI**

Hi, my name is Sumya I am the Office Administrator at Heathfield Primary School. I have been working here just over a year; it has been a pleasure getting to know all the parents and children, and to be a part of the Heathfield team. I am always happy to help with any queries you may have. A bit about me - I enjoy spending time with family and friends to make happy memories.



**MRS
SYNER**

I'm Lead Practitioner for Inclusion and have been at Heathfield for 4 years now. I love supporting the children and seeing them thrive and grow as they move through the school. I currently look after the SEND and EAL children throughout the school and my most enjoyable time of the day is when I am teaching the children in the nurture room. I also enjoy sport and the outdoors and during the hockey season can be found most weekends, come rain or shine, on a hockey pitch.



**MRS
KAUR**

Hello, I am an Inclusion Support Worker here at Heathfield. I've been working here for two years; I am working in the nurture room where we have lots of fun with sensory and messy play activities. I enjoy watching films and pottering about in my garden. Come and say hello if you see me and the nurture room children.



**MRS
ALI**

I have been part of the inclusion team for more than 20 years. I am currently supporting year one children with their communication and understanding needs and also support children in the nurture room with sensory, social and independent skills. I love going on long walks and keeping active. I also love visiting different places and socialising with friends.