Heathfield Primary & Nursery School Weekly News – 1st March 2024



Each week our newsletter reflects the wide range of activities and enrichment which go on in school. We are very proud of this offer and we aim to ensure all children can play a part in what is going on. The Arbor app is the place to go to find dates, payment options and where you may receive messages. If you have not yet signed up please do so to avoid your child missing out.

Happy, Safe & Confident

World Book Day - 7th March

To celebrate World Book Day 2024, we will be having a special day in school, celebrating all things reading! On the day, children are free to dress up in their PJs, ready to 'get cosy and read' or, if you already have a costume, they are welcome to come dressed in a book-themed costume. However, we would really encourage all parents to not spend money on expensive costumes that they are likely to grow out of quickly.

All children received a World Book Day voucher, which you can use to get a free World Book Day book or use as a £1 voucher towards any other book.

Y6 Parents' SATs meeting

Please come along and find out more information about Y6 SATs which are KS2 curriculum tests

SR – Tuesday 5th March @ 3.30-4pm (hall)

KD – Tuesday 12th March @ 3.30-4pm (hall) I will be available to speak to after, or to ask any questions to. I will stay around until about 5:30pm for any parents whose children attend after school club and/or can only attend later so I can go through the information with you.

If you cannot attend, but wish to hear the information, please message me at v5and6@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk and we can try to organise something that works.

I will also send out the information to all parents after the meeting.
Thank you, Miss Shaw

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Whole School Attendance: 94.2%



SR: Foxes 98.5%

KD: Hedgehogs 98.1%

Important dates coming up:

4 th -6 th March Y4 Castleton Residential 5 th March Reception & Y6 weight & measure check 5 th March SR Y6 Parents' SATs meeting: 3.30-4pm 7 th March World Book Day & Disco 8 th March SR Friends of Heathfield stall @3.15pm 12 th March KD Y6 Parents' SATs meeting: 3.30-4pm 13 th March KD Y3/4 Church visit @1 & 2pm 15 th March Red Nose Day 21 st March Y1 Movie Night @ 3.15-5.30pm 28 th March End of term 15 th April School Reopens 24 th May End of term 3 rd June School Reopens 24 th June INSET day – school closed to all pupils
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8 th -10 th July SR Y6 London Residential
10 th -12 th July KD Y6 London Residential
25 th July End of term
26 th July INSET day – school closed to all pupils
2 nd Sept School Reopens

National Child Measurement Programme

On Tuesday, 5th March, school nurses are coming to measure height & weight of Reception & Year 6 children. For more information follow the link https://rb.gy/m48atg.

Please contact the school if you DO NOT want your child to take part.

Friends of Heathfield

Friday 8th March 2024 at 3.15pm - Scotland Road Site

Our Scotland Road Friends of Heathfield Group will be running a small stall, selling Small gifts and cards to celebrate our lovely mums, grandmas and caring figures in our lives.

All proceeds will go to our School Activity & Prize Fund.

World Book Day Disco

Celebrate with us <u>World Book Day 2024</u>! There will be music, lights, games and prizes! Children can stay dressed up in their World Book Day outfits or wear non-uniform clothes.

There will be a **shop** for children to buy various items (sweets, light-up bracelets and squishies – all priced between 50p - £1) so children can bring money (in a named envelope/purse/wallet). All money raised will go towards our school fund, which we use to purchase multiple things to support our curriculum including our Rainbow Reading prizes.

Tickets are limited and will be offered on a firstcome, first-served basis. Tickets are available to purchase through the Arbor app School Shop.

Details of the event are below:

Thursday 7th March (World Book Day)

Ticket Price: £3			
		Children may dress up	
Reception,	Straight	for world book day	
Y1,	after school	already!	
Y2 + Y3	till 4:30pm	Collect from playground	
		at 4:30pm.	
174 Y5 + Y6	4:45pm -	Drop-off and collect	
	6:00pm	from playground.	

Please note that all children will need to be collected.

Breakfast and Afterschool
Lighthouse club sessions open to
all children.

Sessions must be booked and paid for in advance.

After the Easter holidays (week beginning 15th April) we are moving to a 'Book and Pay' system.

The Arbor app will enable all parents/carers to book the breakfast or afterschool Lighthouse Club sessions you require in advance. All sessions booked will need paying for at the time of booking. If you have not booked and paid for a session in advance, your child will not be able to attend club for that session.

Free School Meal Voucher Scheme Ends 31st March 2024

At the current time there has not been any confirmed HSF5 Funding for April 2024 to provide Free School Meal shopping vouchers for pupil attending school in Nottingham. The February half term was the last issue of FSM vouchers for eligible families.

Other forms of support continue to be available to those in need, so if you or someone you know is in need of support you can still contact one of the many organisations using the links below for help and advice.

Further information on the support that is available to help with the cost of living can be found on the UK government Website Cost of Living Hub here: Cost of Living Support: Overview - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

RED NOSE DAY -15™ MARCH

The School Council have decided how we will mark Red Nose Day this year.

Children can wear something red and bring in £1 to support Comic Relief. As the theme is 'Do Something Funny For Money', we are also inviting the children to share their favourite joke with their class. The funniest jokes will be shared in assembly.

KD Year 3&4 church visit – parent helpers needed



Eagles, Falcons, Peacocks and Pelicans are visiting the Bulwell United Reformed Church, on Broomhill Road, on **Wednesday 13th March** to find out more about Christianity and how Christians celebrate Easter.

We need parents and carers to support us with the walk there and back.

- * Falcons and Pelicans will be visiting at 1-2pm
- * Eagles and Peacocks will be visiting at 2-3pm

Please let your child's class teacher know if you will be joining us and are able to help walk with us there and back. Thank you.



We will have a short break with hot chocolate / squash and popcorn!

Please sign up on the Arbor app.

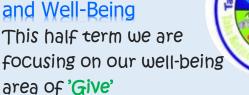
Parking around Scotland Road

We appreciate that parking is very limited around school. Please can all parents/carers be courteous to our neighbours and ensure that you are only parking in designated parking bays. Do not park across the drives of the residents or on the newly constructed raised buildouts which are there to make the area safer for all of the pupils. If you are able to walk to school, please do so as this will reduce congestion at the start and end of the day. Thanks for your support.

Happy Retirement

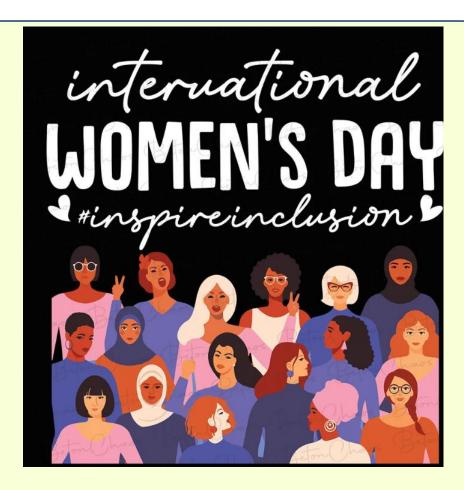
Linda White has been a childminder for over 40 years for many children at Heathfield on Scotland Road. She is retiring at the end of March and we would like to mark the occasion. If you have any photos or messages that you would like to pass on to her we will collate it together as a thank you for all her years of support to Heathfield families.

Positive Mental Health and Well-Being



Any acts of kindness, whether small or large can make you feel happier and more satisfied about life. Seeing yourself, and your happiness, linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and creates connections with the people around you. Do something nice for a friend, thank someone, smile, volunteer your time, join a community group, look out, as well as in.

This week we are encouraging the children to find and share positive notes and messages around the school. If the children find a positive note, they can keep the message or 'GIVE' it to another person, adult or child and spread the happiness.





Homework Art project

On Friday, 8th March, it is International Women's Day and to celebrate we would like children to create poster of a woman who inspires them and bring into school by Thursday, 7th March. This can be women from the world of sport, film, music or women from home. **All posters will be displayed around the school site on International Women's Day itself creating a 'Wall of Wonderful Women' display**. Please bring your completed posters to your class teacher at any time on or before the 7th March.

We will also be having a whole school assembly on Monday, 4th March, to launch the celebration and there will even be an opportunity for children to design a limited edition International Women's Day 5 badge throughout the week.

If you would like know more about International Women's Day here are some links that you can share with your child.

https://www.internationalwomensday.com

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-

EYFS

This Week...

F1 have continued to learn about Little Red Riding Hood. We have hidden in disguises like the Wolf hides as Grandma, and we have also decorated biscuits Little Red Riding Hood might have been carrying in her basket.

F2 have continued to learn about Jack and the Beanstalk. This week, they have innovated the story to find different magical lands at the top of the beanstalk. A favourite has definitely been the thought of finding Candy Land at the top of the beanstalk!

Next week...

F1 are going to start learning about different forms of transport using the story/song We All Go Travelling By. We will also be thinking about our Mummies ahead of Mothers' Day!

F2 will begin to learn about the different seasons in the year and use some poetry to help them explore what each season is like.

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This Week... In English, both Year 1 & 2 have been orally rehearsing the story 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and have begun to innovate! The children have been changing many different elements of the story- characters, ingredients, the weather and many other bits. They have been excited to set into Roald Dahl's shoes. In maths Year 1 started the week by finding near doubles before moving on to look at subtraction- by counting backwards, taking away 1 from number bonds and finding the difference. Year 2 have been focussing all on the 5 times table and the division facts that go with it this week. This has included working in pairs to match arrays, calculations and answers. They have also had the opportunity to practise on 'Times Table Rockstars'- remember this is a useful resource to use at home too! In Science we have been working scientifically, making predictions about whether ice would melt faster on its own or wrapped in some kind of insulator. We look forward to testing this next week. In History, we continue to learn about the life of Roald Dahl and we began putting all the information we have learnt into a fact file with subheadings, pictures and captions. In DT we have been learning all about chocolate in preparation for making our own lollipops, we have looking at wrappers of existing products and evaluating them.

Next week... we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 7th March. Children are welcome to come in cosy PJs ready to snuggle up with a book (which they are also welcome to bring in) or a costume if they wish! The day will conclude with a disco after school which there are some tickets available on Arbour. Don't miss out!

Year 3/4

This Week... Our instructions planning is well underway, getting ready to write a recipe for our fruit pastries. We have been experimenting using different subordinating conjunctions and ordering the clauses differently. The children are really excited to be actually making them soon! In our PSHE lessons, we have been learning about the importance of having healthy attitudes. We discussed types of choices including decisions only children can make and decisions only adults can make. We talked about how this might impact our daily lives and how we can make better choices for healthier attitudes. Our indoor PE lessons are focused on different balances and positions for Yoga. Ask us why it improves mindfulness!

Next week...

is our Year 4
Castleton
Residential!
Year 3's and
others who stay
in school will be
taking part in fun,
team building
activities!

Year 5/6

This Week...

Y5&6 have created the most unbelievable pieces of artwork that represent the character they've created inspired by Greek Mythology. They've now begun to build a bank of high-quality vocabulary and figurative language in order to create the right atmosphere for the non-chronological report that will match the artwork they've designed. We've also explored some key grammatical features such as the different types of past tense. Some classes have also begun to make their Greek-inspired pottery using paper mache. In computing, the children have been considering variables before creating their own game with plenty of reminders about online safety to keep it fresh in their brains too! In history, the children have begun to see where Ancient Greece stands in history before finding out more about a significant individual - Alexander the Great.

Next week...

Parents' SATs meeting (SR) on Tuesday 5th at 3:20pm in the hall.

KD will be the following week on Tuesday the 12th at 3:20pm.