

# Heathfield Primary & Nursery School

## Weekly News – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Thriving Together

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### Greek Topic Day

On Tuesday **19<sup>th</sup> March** year 5 and 6 will be having a Greek day. During the day all children will be making a Greek Salad and enjoying a range of other activities on the Greeks. At 2:30 pm, parents and carers are invited to join us for a Greek themed quiz in classes! The day will finish at normal time.



We will have a short break with hot chocolate / squash and popcorn!  
Please sign up on the Arbor app.

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Orders for leavers hoodies should have been received by today (**15<sup>th</sup> March**), there is still time to give your letters in next week if you would like a hoody. Thank you to those that have already paid. If you haven't yet paid, please make sure you have by the **22<sup>nd</sup> of March**.  
**Hoodies will be ordered on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March.**

Whole School Attendance: **93.5%**



SR: Dolphins **98.2%**

KD: Squirrels **100%**



### Important dates coming up:

		Healthy Attitudes
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5/6 Greek Topic Day	
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Great Orchestra Experiment event	
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y1 Movie Night @ 3.15-5.30pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book Fair @ 3.15-3.45pm	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	8.45am & 12.15pm Nursery Easter Crafts	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet Parade & Egg stravanza	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Heathfield MasterChef	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	SR Friends of Heathfield Sale @3.15pm	
28 <sup>th</sup> March	End of term	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	School Reopens	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term	
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Reopens	
24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET day – school closed to all pupils	
1 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET day – school closed to all pupils	
8 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> July	SR Y6 London Residential	
10 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> July	KD Y6 London Residential	
25 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term	
26 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day – school closed to all pupils	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	School Reopens	



**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> & Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**3:15 – 3:45pm**

On the above dates, we will be holding a book fair in our school halls. There will be a great selection of books (ranging from £2.99 - £9.99) to choose from and a range of stationary.

Children will be able to use their £1 World Book Day voucher to get £1 off any book. You will be able to pay with cash, or card.

## Friends of Heathfield

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising sales on the playground. The last stall on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, raised over £45 to be used for equipment or activities for the children.

Our next sale will be held on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, at 3.15pm. We will focus on spring flowers and plants. Donations of plants, seedlings, seeds, flowerpots etc. will be much appreciated.

## KS2 Road Safety Quiz 2024

We will be taking part in the Road Safety Quiz over the next two weeks. The Road Safety Quiz has been created by Nottingham City Council Road Safety Education Team.

The purpose of the quiz is to educate pupils about road safety issues and what they can do to keep themselves safe. Learning the Green Cross Code and identifying safe places to cross the road are the first challenges for children. Nottingham City Council's target is to reduce road accidents to children by 50% and they appreciate our help in passing on this knowledge. Once children have worked through the resources in school, we will send them home for them to share with you.

## HEATHFIELD



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2.20pm, Year 3/4 invite parents to our 'Heathfield MasterChef' event. Linked to our Healthy Living topic, we would love for you to make a food dish / bake to share with us and other parents. It can be something linked to your cultural heritage, an old family favourite or something you are proud to make and share. If you are able to make a dish / bake, it will need to be NUT FREE and clearly state the ingredients.

**Please sign up** if you are able to do this.

We are also wanting **PERMISSION** for your child to taste other food brought into school on that day. Thank you

<https://forms.office.com/e/vTRZAqemzS>

## Book and Pay system for Lighthouse Club

Our booking system for Lighthouse Club is changing on Arbor. Places after 15<sup>th</sup> April will only be available if paid for at the time of booking via the app.

Full Ts&Cs will be available next week along with a FAQ sheet and a handy guide to booking a place.

Our Club is to support wraparound care for your children – currently there are too many unpaid fees for places. This change should enable the club to run efficiently for the future as a book and pay system.

## YEAR 4 Great Orchestra Experiment



The Year 4 pupils have been learning string instruments with the Nottingham Music Hub since September. They have been given the opportunity to attend the Great Orchestra Experiment (GOE) at Albert Hall in Nottingham on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March**.

The pupils will listen to, sing and play a variety of music on their instruments as part of a large, multi-school orchestra led by the Nottingham Music Hub staff and supported by their class teachers.

If you haven't already given consent for your child to attend this trip, please use the link below to complete the consent form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/0mYEUuTHmz>



## Egg stravaganza!

*On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, KS2 (years 3-6) are invited bring in a decorated egg or eggs for an Eggtastic Display!*

*Be as creative as possible. We will all get a chance to see the displays either in the school hall or our classrooms. They will be cracking!*



## Easter Bonnet Parade

On Thursday 28th March 2024 EYFS and KS1 children at both Kersall Drive and Scotland Road are invited to make and wear an Easter Bonnet for our annual 'Heathfield Easter Bonnet Parade'. Children can come into school in their homemade creation and parade them around school.

We can't wait to see them!

## CAREERS

We are continuing to promote a range of careers and jobs to our children as part of the Start Small, Dream Big project that we are participating in. This week at Scotland Road we had Olga in to talk to us about her job as an interpreter. She explained how she can interpret for Greek, Ukrainian and Russian speakers to support them when they have medical appointments or operations. She said that having good communication skills and compassion were the most important elements to her job. Many of our children are able to speak another language which is such an incredible asset and so they were captivated by seeing how this skill can fit into the world of work. Please email Mrs Rogers at [whales@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:whales@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk) if you are interested in supporting us with this project.

### Parent Survey

As part of the project, we would appreciate your support in completing a short survey using link <https://impacted.typeform.com/to/ICyCXyXm?typeform-source=euc-word-view.officeapps.live.com> which asks about your understanding of the world of work for your child. This is part of a national evaluation so we will not see your results directly, but a summary of findings will be reported by the programme team (your response will be anonymous). The survey will take no more than 5 minutes to complete and also gives an opportunity to express interest in potentially participating in a focus group session to speak to the research team more about this topic if you would like to.

The survey is open now until the 19th April 2024.

## KS1 Parents!



We invite you to enter a world of pure imagination and come and listen to your child sing about what they want to be when they grow up at our **Roald Dahl Musical Medley Assembly** at 2:45 on Wednesday 27th March 2024.

This half term we are focusing on our well-being area of

## 'Give'

Research suggests that acts of giving and kindness can help improve your mental wellbeing by:

- Creating positive feelings and a sense of reward
- giving you a feeling of purpose and self-worth
- helping you connect with other people

It could be small acts of kindness towards other people, or larger ones like volunteering in your local community.

Giving is a great activity to support our mental wellbeing & well-being. It is also considered to be one of the finest qualities of human nature that shows kindness, empathy and support.





## EYFS

**This Week...** In F1 we have thought about our journey to school and have drawn simple maps of how we get to school. We have also created our own transport pictures from paper plates. We have continued to retell the story "We all go travelling by" and we have sorted different modes of transport if they go in the air, on the road, on water or on tracks. Finally, we have looked at unusual forms of transport and tried to decide which one we would like to have a go in! In F2 we have learnt all about the signs of Spring. We have learnt about different parts of a flower and name the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. We have also written sentences about what the different parts of the plant do. We were inspired by artist Rachel Bottomley to create pictures of Spring flowers.

**Next week...** in F1 we will start to use the story "We're Going on An Egg Hunt" to think about what comes from eggs. In F2 next week, we will be reciting and writing our own spring poetry.

### **Save the Date!**

*Jellyfish and Seahorse parents are invited to join us for a Spring Craft event on Wednesday 27th March at 8.45am for morning and full-time children, and 12.15pm for afternoon children. Please stay at drop off and take part in some Easter Crafts with your child!*

## KS1

**This Week...** In Year 2 this week we started to explore the Roald Dahl text 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' in particular they have begun to learn about the key features of instructions ready for writing our own set of instructions on 'How to make Willy Wonka's Chocolate Cake'. In our grammar session we focussed on adverbs to explain how to do things in more detail. Year 1 have also been looking at instructions for teaching George's Grandmother 'How to brush your teeth'. In Maths Year 2 have begun their unit on Money, firstly counting in pence (p), then pounds (£) before moving on to mixed £ and p. Year 1 continue to develop their understanding of place value- this week to 50. In DT most children designed their chocolate lollipops ready for making them next week. In Reading Skills, the children have been enjoying extracts from 'The Twits' predicting the silly and mean tricks Mr and Mrs Twit will make on each other. We concluded the week with 'Red Nose Day' and the children looked brilliant in red! We enjoyed hearing some of their cracking jokes and some of the children even shared them in our celebration assembly.

### **Next week...**

Year 1 children have been invited to 'Movie Night' on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The link to sign up to attend this event is on the newsletter again this week. If you would like your child to attend, you must sign up before the day please so we can cater for the right number of children. Thank you!

## Year 3/4

**This Week...** we have been starting to learn about writing diary entries linked to our class book, 'The Soup Movement'. We have been exploring acts of kindness and emotions too, thinking about how they can positively change our day-to-day lives. In maths, year 3 have been consolidating division using formal methods. Year 4 have been learning about equivalent fractions using a range of strategies including number lines and fraction walls. Kersall Drivers went to the local church to learn about the Easter Story (part of our RE learning with Christianity). You will have seen the pictures they made using stickers from the church on Wednesday. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come with us!

**Next week...** we are making our fruit turnovers! Please can your child come to school with **the fruit they would like to have inside of their puff pastry** and/or a fruit they love or have never had but would love to try for taste testing? On Wednesday, Year 4's will be going to the Great Orchestra Experiment at the Albert Hall! They will be showing off their musical skills using their violas, violins and cellos.

## Year 5/6

**This Week...** Year 5&6 have finished their non-chronological reports inspired by Mythological and published them beautifully in order to show you at our parent event next week! We have now begun to explore narrative writing that will adapt the ending of a very famous myth from Greek History (no spoilers, as some children don't know yet!). Y6 have finalised their decimal learning ready for moving onto percentages - an area they really need to build their confidence with if you can talk about it at home. Y5 are continuing to develop their understanding of fractions. In Art, the vases are constantly being developed with decoration, or more parts added. In Geography, the children teamed up in pairs and/or groups to create beautifully presented presentations all about the country of Greece.

### **Next week...**

Topic day on Tuesday 19th: the children will cook food, do a mini Olympics, and do various fun activities to learn more about Ancient Greece. Parents - you are welcome to join us from 2:30 to look at our learning and take part in a fun-filled Greek quiz!