



# Heathfield Academy

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# Newsletter

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## Upcoming dates

**Maths Virtual Workshop for parents**

Tuesday 11th January 9.15am

**Phonics and Spelling Virtual Workshop for parents**

Tuesday 18th January 9.15am

**History of Croydon Airport presentation for Year 2 children**

Wednesday 28th January 1.30

**Reading Virtual Workshop for parents**

Wednesday 2nd February 9.15am

## Happy new year!

Welcome back to school, it has been wonderful to see the children back this week and we hope you all had a safe and restful Christmas holiday.

It has been a busy week back and the children have thoroughly enjoyed catching up with their friends and teachers. The children have settled back into academy life beautifully and have enjoyed spending time in lessons with the children hearing sensational singing in music lessons, incredible counting in maths from children in Reception and fluent French from the super stars in Year 2. As always, the children's conduct has been impeccable and their behaviour for learning continues to blow me away.

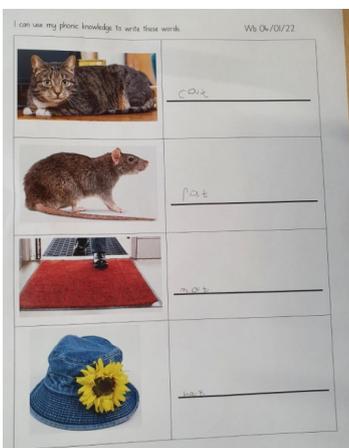
This half term in our wider curriculum, our focus across the school is history. The children will be engaging with a variety of different historical enquiries. The children will be taught a range of substantive knowledge, across the school, from a local study of Croydon Aerodrome in Year 2 to Ancient Greece in Year 4. We are looking forward to the children being able to share their work and knowledge with you.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome two new members of staff to the Heathfield team and introduce them to you. We have Miss Gilbert, who is our new admin assistant and Miss Kidd, our new senior office manager.

## Attendance

Chestnut	Juniper	Birch	Maple	Holly	Beech	Pine	Hazel	Elm	Oak	Elder	Willow
98.33%	93.22%	81.74%	93.33%	81.82%	93.63%	98.31%	90.91%	95.34%	93.30%	86.25%	87.61%

## EYFS (Reception) News



The children in Reception continue to amaze us each day. They have returned from a busy holiday and settled back into school beautifully. We have been working very hard on our phonics lessons and can apply the sounds we have learnt to our independent reading AND writing.

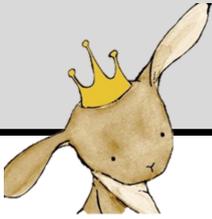
This half term our new topic is transport and we will look at different modes of transport and what we use them for. Each half term, we are learning about a different religion. Last half term, we learnt about Christianity and this half term we will be learning about Islam. We can not wait to share our knowledge with you!



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## Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) News



Year 1 have had a great start to the term and have been enjoying reading their new book, 'The Velveteen Rabbit'. They have made predictions about what will happen and have practised using conjunctions in their sentences. Chad and Eli in Maple Class have written some impressive compound sentences! Year 1 have also started Music sessions with Rhythm Connections and Eugenia in Birch Class expressed great musicality!

Year 2 have begun reading 'The Wind in The Willows' and Eva and Emon blew Mrs Greer's socks off with such detailed descriptive writing about the river bank in the story. Year 2 have also discussed the concepts of imagination, creativity and dreams as part of their big ideas in P4C, with Victoria being a top philosopher!

## Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and Year 4) News

Welcome back to Year 3 and 4 after the winter break. It has been lovely to see so many smiling happy face this week. Year 4 started the term strong with an exciting algorithm lesson where they worked together to program Miss Stephenson to do a task. They worked so well as a whole class to complete the task. This term, Year 4 is reading 'Who Let the Gods Out' and have written some detailed predictions about the story by reading the blurb. We are looking forward to seeing if anyone's predictions are correct when we read more of the book.

Year 3 have made an equally good start to the year this week. In ICT Year 3 are beginning to learn about algorithms and programmed a rocket to fly using J2E software. They have started their new text 'Stig of the Dump' and have started to write a character description on the main character 'Stig'. The Stone Age is the history topic in Year 3 this term and they have begun their learning this week. It has been a great week all round for Year 3 and 4, keep it up!

## Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and Year 6) News

Year 6 have begun our new history topic which is all about the British Civil Rights Movement. This includes learning about the post-war arrival of the HMS Windrush from the Caribbean and the hardships that many black and other ethnic minority groups went through during these times in the United Kingdom. We have started reading a novel, called The Windrush Child, written by world renowned author, musician and performance poet -Benjamin Zephaniah. We have also looked at some of his poems that related to this topic. These are called: "The British" and "We Refugees". The children are already thoroughly enjoying the topic and are fully engaged in the learning .

This half term for Art our focus in Year 5 is Form. This week we learnt the difference between line, shape and form allowing us to explore various types of form. In terms of art, form refers to objects that are 3-dimensional, or have length, width and height. We began by turning a 2D word into 3D form and then explored creating the illusion of form using shapes.





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At Heathfield, we are a rights respecting school. As a Pupil Parliament, we believe that all children have rights that deserve to be respected by adults and other children. We will be sharing one of these with you weekly in every newsletter.

## Right of the week



**Article 15 – Every child has the right to meet friends. Unless there is a good reason not to.**

**Classroom:** Playtimes and Lunchtimes are great times to spend with friends. This is good for our mental wellbeing.

Rasiel: "I like spending time with my friends as it helps me to relax and have fun."

Jayden: "I think being around friends is equally important because it gives us a chance to socialise."

★ Word of the week – Loyalty ★

Definition: the quality of being loyal, committed and faithful towards something or someone.

In a sentence: Jake showed great loyalty to his friend (Emma) by keeping her greatest secret.

