



Well that half term went by in a flash! We are now half way through this academic year. I hope that you all have a good half term and we will see you again on Tuesday 23rd February at 9am.

Piers Torday

We have our author in residence who comes to school regularly to talk about reading and writing with the children. Yesterday he spoke with Y5 and Y6, and did some small group work with some children. This really is a great experience!

*We got to write a story and Piers Torday gave us recommendations. Mia 5M
We also read stories to him and he was very impressed! Sumayah 5M*

Did you know that children who read for pleasure at the age of 11 have a much greater chance of success in secondary school? This is one of the many reasons why we love reading at Heathmere! Please make sure you read over the half term holiday.

Internet Safety Week

On Monday, we had an e-safety workshop. We played lots of games, like 'corners' - we had to decide whether to 'block it', 'report it', 'talk to parents' or 'talk to the person'. We learned lots of new information about e-safety. Alfie 6J

Thank you to all those children who took part in the e-safety poetry writing competition. There were some fantastic entries! Miss Jackson will be sharing the winning entries soon!

Student Parliament

*On Monday Labiba and I went to the Student Parliament. We talked about what local charities we support. We were even asked which charities our school supports. It was very exciting!
Iman 6J*

School Improvement

This week there has been a big focus on Maths. Books from every class have been looked at by a maths advisor from Wandsworth LA. She found lots of strengths in the books in terms of the progress that the children are making and also gave us some pointers to move forward. We have also had our visit from the Maths Mastery Team. This is a particular approach to teaching maths that we use in Year 1 and Year 2, based on the Singapore style of teaching maths. Again, there were lots of strengths and ideas to improve things further.

Building updates

There are so many improvements taking place at the moment! The EYFS outdoor area is really starting to take shape now – especially as the tunnel has arrived! The new Sports Hall flooring will be done next week and we are also going to be marking out the KS2 playground with lines. The windows are finally being painted in KS1 and the fence in the KS2 playground is also being replaced.

Special Speaker

KS2 had a real treat this week when Dan Bloxham, Head Coach at Wimbledon Tennis, came in to talk to the children. He talked about working with famous tennis players like Andy Murray and even Daniel Sturridge, the footballer. He also said it is important to practise and to be enthusiastic. An inspiring talk – ask your child all about it.

Attendance

We didn't have a celebration assembly this week as there were so many other things going on! We will instead have our gold awards on the first Friday back. Highest attendance: 3R and 2L with 98%. Well done – we will make sure you have your turn on the benches after half term! Most punctual class: 6J again
Whole school attendance last week: 95.0% Thank you this is much better!

	Events	Clubs
Monday 22 nd February	School closed – teacher training day	
Tuesday 23 rd February	Y5 materials workshop	8.00-8.45 Y5/6 football
Wednesday 24 th February	Y3 road safety trumpets	3.30-4.30 Y1/2/3 Art 3.30-4.30 Y4/5/6 Hockey
Thursday 25 th February	Y1 to Wetlands Reception and Y6 height/weight checks	8.00-8.45 Y3/4 football
Friday 26 th February	Some Y5/6 to a hockey tournament Y4 swimming	3.20-4.30 Y1/2/3 dance 3.20-4.30 Y4/5/6 dance