



We are now half way through the academic year and as the evenings get lighter, I am sure time will fly between now and July! I hope that you were all able to have a rest over the half term holiday.

Y1 trip to Wetlands

'We went to the Wetlands Centre and had a fun time. We had to look for different birds and then we had a go at pond-dipping – there were lots of different animals in the pond.' Luca, Year 1

Y5 materials workshop

'We had a really interesting science workshop this week. The most amazing part was when a mint was put inside a coke bottle. The drink blasted out like a missile.' Yusein, Year 5

Spelling Bee

We start a Spelling Bee competition next week – ask your child all about it!

Parents' Evening

School will close for the children at 2pm on Tuesday for Parents' Evening. If you haven't already, please make an appointment with your children's teachers. Nursery and Reception parents will have 20minute appointments and some will be during the day.

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March, we will be dressing up as a book character. Please help your child make a simple costume so they can come dressed up. Lots of fun reading activities will be planned by the teachers, where we will be exploring 'wordless' books, focussing on the power of pictures and images in stories. We will also hand out some £1 Book Tokens, which can be swapped for a brilliant £1 book. This can be used in most bookshops

School Improvement

Monday's training day consisted of spending some time looking at the vision of the future of Heathmere and how we are going to keep moving the school forward. There is still lots of enthusiasm on the staff team to keep improving all of the time! The staff were also trained in how to develop 'reasoning' skills in maths in order to demonstrate a secure understanding of mathematical concepts. Our aim is for the children to become much better at explaining their mathematical understanding.

Rights Respecting

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, each half term we talk to the children about a different 'right'. Last term we looked at children's right to make friends. This half term we are focussing on the right for children to have different beliefs and to practise their own religion.

KS2 fence/sports hall

I hope you have noticed the new fence in the KS2 playground. Please accept my apologies if any of you were disturbed by noise over the weekend. The project overran so the work had to take place on Saturday and Sunday in order for it to be ready for the children this week. Lots of work has also taken place in the sports hall. The stage has been removed and the base layer of flooring is down – the final flooring will be completed in a couple of weeks.

Spare uniform

If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition, please can we have it? Trousers, skirts, tights and pants up to the age of 10 years would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Attendance

Highest attendance: 3H, 5M and 2L with 99%.

Most punctual class: 6J

Whole school attendance last week: 93.5%

Individual attendance winners: Tyler, Ruby and Nevaeh

House point winner: Mars

	Events	Clubs
Monday 29 th February	Parents' Meeting appointments for some Nursery children Y2 to Wimbledon Common	
Tuesday 1 st March	Some Y3/4 children to athletics tournament Parents' Evening – school closes at 2pm	8.00-8.45 Y5/6 football
Wednesday 2 nd March	Trumpets 3.30pm Y6 school journey meeting	3.30-4.30 Y1/2/3 Art 3.30-4.30 Y4/5/6 Hockey
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day – come dressed as a book character	8.00-8.45 Y3/4 football
Friday 4 th March	Y4 swimming Attendance assembly	3.20-4.30 Y1/2/3 dance 3.20-4.30 Y4/5/6 dance