



It has felt very busy in school this week and apologies that I have not been seen much on the morning and evening gates this week. Please be aware that if you ever need to see me, you can call the office to make an appointment.

Maths Bee

Every point mattered in the 3rd Annual Heathmere Maths Bee as we had a thrilling ending to the competition with just 7 points separating the top two!

Congratulations to Africa for winning the Maths Bee as they came from last place in Week 2 to win the competition! Their ribbon will be displayed on the trophy for the next year!

- 1st - Africa (658)
- 2nd - Europe (651)
- 3rd - South America (637)
- 4th - Asia (573)

There will be individual awards for outstanding effort given out after half term.

Staff Absence

It is very rare that we have any long-term staff absence at Heathmere however I wanted to keep you updated. As you know, Mrs Earle (Reception teacher) had an accident back in September. She is hoping to return after half term but this will initially be on a part time basis. Mrs Antonio (Nursery teacher) had an operation in January and we are hoping she will be back after half term. Mrs Tofts (Y4 teacher) has had a bad throat infection and keeps losing her voice. We hope to see her back some time after half term.

School Dinners

I have had confirmation through that the cost of school dinners will remain at £2 for the next financial year. Please speak to the office if you have any queries about school dinners.

School Improvement

We have been thinking hard as a staff about how to make sure all of our children are challenged in maths. We were visited this week by a specialist maths teacher who is leading our Teacher Research Group. He worked with Mr Howland and Mr Burton and watched a maths lesson being taught to ensure our teaching is the best quality that it can be. We have also been looking at our problem solving and reasoning in maths to make sure that our most able children are receiving problems that they are having to grapple with to improve their maths skills.

PATHS

PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) is something new in our curriculum and helps the children to talk about and understand their feelings. Tim from Barnardos has helped us introduce PATHS and he came last week to see PATHS in action at Heathmere. The children said:

- 'We learn how to fix problems.'
- 'We learnt about different types of feelings.'
- 'We know how to control our feelings'
- 'Anger is not bad but it's what you do with it... it's the decisions that you make'

Attendance

Whole School Attendance 29th January – 2nd February: 95.7%

	Attendance	Lates		Attendance	Lates
RL	88.4% ↓	2 ↑	RB	89.5% ↓	0 ↑
1B	94.5% ↑	5 ↓	1M	99.1% ↑	3 ↓
2L	96.2% ↑	5 ↔			
3M	93.5% ↓	3 ↓	3H	99.4% ↑	3 ↓
4R	97.4% ↑	9 ↓	4T	97.2% ↑	7 ↔
5D	98.2% ↓	6 ↓	5B	97.7% ↑	2 ↑
6C	95.9% ↑	12 ↓	6B	95.4% ↓	3 ↑

	Events	Clubs
Monday 19 th February	Y6 School Journey	Y4/5/6 Ninja Fit! – Mr Meghie Y1/2/3 Football – Tim
Tuesday 20 th February		Y3/4/5/6 Street Dance - Matt Y1/2/3 Ninja Fit! – Mr Meghie
Wednesday 21 st February	Trumpets Y3 open hour (rescheduled from 2 weeks ago)	Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Performing Arts – Mr Meghie Y3/4 Cooking – Mrs McNamara
Thursday 22 nd February	Y5 science workshop Remaining Y6 to Box Hill Y1 to Wetlands	Y4/5/6 Football Team Training – Matt Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Yoga – Mr Meghie Y5/6 American Football – Mr Burton
Friday 23 rd February	Y4 Swimming Y6 return early afternoon	