



**Respect Resilience High Expectations**

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. I hope that you all had a relaxing time and were able to enjoy spending time with your families. Heathmere has been a very exciting place to be this week with a winter walk in Reception and some very interesting starting points for writing in Y5 and Y6! And as I write this newsletter, Y1 are conducting a traffic survey at the front of the school.

## Good news

I am sure you would all like to join me in congratulating Mrs Goodings who is pregnant with her first child and is due at the end of May. I will keep you updated as I work out who will be replacing her when she goes on maternity leave.

## Y1 trip

On Tuesday we travelled on a bus and underground tube to visit the London Transport Museum. We saw a bus, old cars, an old train and a taxi. My favourite part was when I pretended to be the driver of the bus (Alisha 1H). My favourite part was seeing the horses pulling the carriage (Perry 1H).

Thank you to Miss Holford and Miss Faris for organising the trip and also to the parents who came with us on the day.

## Students

We would like to welcome Miss Baxter who will be working in 1F and Miss McAvoy who will be working in Ladybird class. Both have just started teacher training and will be working with groups of children under the close supervision of Miss Faris and Miss Barrick. In addition, there will be groups of students coming in on Wednesday afternoons to work in all classes from Nursery to Y4 on creative projects, and there are other groups coming in to do 1:1 reading with all children from Nursery to Year 2.

10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

## Ofsted Update

This week I have been meeting with Y6, Y5, Y2 and Y1 teachers for our half termly pupil progress meetings. We discuss every child to check they are making at least expected progress and identify anything extra that needs doing to help them further. The other year groups will follow. I also met with members of the Local Authority and some Governors this week and we are all in agreement that we continue to be on track to get Heathmere to a 'good' school when Ofsted next come.

## Well done!

Well done to 3S who won the Going for Gold last half term. They had the highest percentage of golds with 67%. And congratulations to 6P who had the highest attendance last half term. Both classes will receive a reward afternoon.

## If your child is unwell

Please phone the school if your child is poorly. If your child is off for 3 days or more, you are required to take your child to the GP and provide the school with evidence to explain the absence.

*This week, our whole school behaviour focus is: talking kindly to each other*

## Shoes

I wanted to clarify the situation with shoes as there has been some confusion. Black trainers are not permitted. Children need to be wearing sensible black school shoes. I know that most parents have made sure that this is the case for their children – thank you for the support.

## Attendance

Well done to 6P and 5G who had 99% attendance in the last week before Christmas and so were on the benches today! Well done to Ali (Ladybird), Karina (4G) and Mohamed (4G) who won the individual attendance awards.

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	Events	Clubs
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January		3.20 – 4.30 Y1/Y2 football
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 and Y4 to the Royal Albert Hall and the V&A Museum	3.30 – 4.30 Y3/4/5/6 dance
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Trumpets 12.30pm ESOL class	3.20 – 4.30 Y1/Y2 dance 3.30 – 4.30 Y3/Y4 football
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	9am 6P class assembly	3.30 – 4.30 Y5/6 philosophy 3.30 – 4.30 Y5/6 football
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Y3 and Y5 swimming	