

Heathmere Primary School Newsletter



Covid Update

As you are aware, we have had an increase in the number of covid cases at Heathmere over the past couple of weeks. We are continuing to be really careful in school with regular hand-washing, keeping the windows open and avoiding mixing year groups wherever possible. Please keep testing your children and keep us informed – especially if they appear to be unwell.

Currently, some classes have 0 cases and others have 1-2 confirmed cases. Reception numbers are higher so I have written separately to those parents.

Athletics Competition

Yesterday, a group of children in Year 5 and Year 6 travelled to Battersea to compete in an athletics competition. They took part in mixture of running and field events. They competed really well and proudly represented our school. They were very resilient and enjoyed the event. Thank you to Mrs Van der Merwe for organising the trials and for Mrs Lipinska and Tim for taking the children.

Y2 Trip to London Zoo

Year 2 had an amazing trip to London Zoo on Thursday! We saw lots of incredible animals including lions, tigers, giraffes and gorillas!

We also had a fantastic workshop on how animals camouflage to adapt to their habitat.

Mr Howland, Mrs De Mel and Mr Bartlett all told me how well behaved the children were on the trip. They were also very impressed with the knowledge the children shared about the animals.

21th January 2022

School Improvement

This week, Miss Durston has visited Nursery, Reception and Year 1 to look at how phonics is being taught. She was very impressed with the learning behaviour of all the children and was also very positive about how the teachers were delivering phonics. It's so important that your children develop those early reading skills and it's fantastic to see them being delivered so well by the teachers. Children in Reception and Year 1 will be receiving decodable phonics books to read at home. Please take the time to read with your children daily.

Card Payments

We are really pleased to have moved over to card payments in the office. However, there is quite often a queue in the office to pay by card. Instead, can you please phone the office so you don't need to wait. The best times to call are 10am – 2pm.

Rackets Cubed

Class 5B have settled into their Rackets Cubed activity on a Wednesday afternoon. They leave school at 3pm and walk to Roehampton University. The children are separated into 2 groups and half receive tennis coaching while the other half receive maths tuition with a teacher from Ibstock School. They swap over and then later they receive their dinner together from the catering team at Roehampton University. It's a great experience for the children so thank you to the parents for supporting this.

Swimming

Y6 will stop swimming at February half term and we will start to take Y5 instead from Friday 25th February. Please make sure your children have swimming costume and swimming hat ready!

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Monday 24 th January	Y6 to Wetlands Centre 3.45pm Y6 Parents Meeting for Kingswood	Y1/2 Tennis, Y3/4 Football Y5/6 Gym
Tuesday 25 th January		Y1/2 Multi-sports, Y3/4 Football Y5/6 Art, KS2 Choir, Y3/Y4 Netball
Wednesday 26 th January	Trumpets 5B Rackets Cubed	Y1/2 Gym, Y3/4 Multi-sports Y3/4 Art
Thursday 27 th January	Y1 to Birdworld 3.30 Y5 Parents Meeting for Juniper Hall	Y1/2 Art, Y3/4 Hockey Y5/6 Football
Friday 28 th January	Y6 swimming Some Y5 SEND reviews	Y3/4 Dance, Y5/6 Athletics KS2 Band with Mr DJ

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