



Welcome back after what felt like a very short Christmas break and Happy New Year to everyone. On behalf of the staff, thank you for those parents who kindly gave gifts. It is never expected but your thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Drama Workshop

On Thursday 'Perform' came in and took us on an adventure to outer space. We learnt some information about the planets, sang some songs and learnt some actions.

I liked it when the spaceman came in and we had to freeze like a star. Joao Pedro
I loved the dancing. Joy
I liked the spaceman dance. Vinnie D

Winter Fair

Thank you to all the families who attended the Winter Fair – it was lovely to see everyone having such a great time! We raised over £400 for the school. Thank you to Zoe and the rest of the team who helped organise things.

Reception Places

A reminder to parents in Nursery that you have to apply to Wandsworth Local Authority for a place in Reception in September 2018. The deadline is **Monday 15th January**. If you have any questions about this, please speak to one of the Nursery staff or to Mrs Scopes in the office.

Clubs

There are lots of clubs on offer for the children which start again on Monday. You should have already had a letter about them. Please contact the office if you would like a place. We ask for £2 per after school club and there are a few funded places available if you need one.

KS2 Playground

The improvement works have been slightly delayed and will now start on Monday 22nd January.

School Improvement

Despite it only being the 2nd January, the staff were all in school on Tuesday! We spent the day looking at the wider curriculum. As you know, we spend a long time at Heathmere focusing on reading, writing and maths as this is what underpins our curriculum. However, there are also many other subjects that are taught: Art, Computing, DT, Geography, History, Music, PE, PSHE, RE, Science and Spanish. All of these subjects have action plans and we looked at what needed to happen next in order to improve the outcomes in all subjects.

Staff Changes

We welcome Miss Balan to the newly-named 1B. We welcome back Miss Etienne after her maternity leave. She will be working Mondays – Thursdays in Reception. We haven't yet replaced Ms Simonelli in the front office so Mrs Goodall, Mrs Scopes and Miss Brown will be managing things between them in this interim period. We will sadly be saying goodbye to Ms Fernandes (Y4 Teaching Assistant) next week as she moves to a role closer to home before hopefully starting her teacher training and Mrs Chapman will have her last day next Friday before starting her maternity leave. We hope to see her again soon.

Attendance

Today we have given out the first of our Blue Badges for attendance (Rec – Y6). These are new and are given to any children who had 100% attendance between 30th October and 20th December.

If any of these children also have 100% attendance between 2nd January and 9th February, they will then earn a green badge.

Anyone who doesn't get a blue badge today, can earn one from having 100% attendance between 2nd January and 9th February!

	Events	Clubs
Monday 8 th January	Y2 to the science museum Y3 to Richmond Park	Y4/5/6 Ninja Fit! – Mr Meghie Y1/2/3 Football – Tim
Tuesday 9 th January		Y3/4/5/6 Street Dance - Matt Y1/2/3 Ninja Fit! – Mr Meghie
Wednesday 10 th January		Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Performing Arts – Mr Meghie Y3/4 Cooking – Mrs McNamara
Thursday 11 th January	Y2 to Polka Theatre 2.45pm Y6 School Journey parents meeting	Y4/5/6 Football Team Training – Matt Y1/2/3/4/5/6 Yoga – Mr Meghie Y5/6 American Football – Mr Burton
Friday 12 th January	Y4 Swimming	