



I am going to use most of this week's newsletter to talk to you about attendance and punctuality. I know that the majority of parents get their children to school every day on time. However there are too many children who arrive late and who miss too many days of school. It is against the law to remove your children from school for holidays, days out, family occasions or for any other reason without authorisation. If your child is genuinely unwell then we understand however there are currently too many absences that are unauthorised.

For the first time in its history, we genuinely believe that Heathmere can become a 'good' school. Ofsted take a very dim view of poor attendance and it could stop us from becoming a 'good' school. On a very personal note, I will be devastated to have worked so hard for your children to give them a better education only for us to fail on our attendance figures.

I can make sure that your children are learning, however if they are not in school they are not learning. The first thing I ask from you as parents is to please get your children to school every day so they are in class and ready to learn by 9am. We cannot teach children who are not here.

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July, we are going to have a bouncy castle, slide and an ice-cream van in the playground. Any child who comes to school every day from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July will receive this treat as a reward. Those children will also be able to wear their own clothes on that day. Please support your children to win this prize!

## Recycling

We have started paper recycling in every class. This is a project that is being led by school council and will help our drive to becoming a greener school!

## Ofsted Update

Wandsworth Local Authority are in school again today. This time it is to check that our Reception children are being accurately assessed. I have also spent time in every classroom this week looking at provision for children who have additional needs. I am very proud to report that the staff are working very hard to ensure this provision is strong and children are having their needs met.

## Artist in Y3 and Y4

Yesterday, Y3 and Y4 were possibly the most focused I have ever seen them! We were visited by an artist called Darcy who worked with the children, some newspaper and some unusual looking equipment! Y3 have made a rocket and Y4 a pyramid! He is coming back next week to finish the project off. Once completed, we will make a time for you to come in and see the finished models!

## Friends of Heathmere

A reminder that Friday is mufti day and so children can wear their own clothes and bring in a donation of £1. Please see the back of the newsletter for more information.

*This week, our whole school behaviour focus is:  
making good choices*

## Attendance

The class last week with the highest attendance was 4G so they sat on the benches. Whole school attendance was 88.9% last week and it needs to be at least 95%. Now we seem to be over our serious bout of chicken pox it needs to improve again. Congratulations to this week's individual attendance winners Gracie (3S), Lucie (4G), Charlie-Ann (5A), Grace (2M), Camilla (2M) and Licinia (1H).

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	Events	Clubs
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 to London Dungeons	Y1/2 football club
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 and Y4 artist in school	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Trumpets	Y3/4 football club
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	9am Boost (healthy living) for Nursery and Reception parents Y3 to Sports Festival	Y5/6 football club
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y2 swimming Mufti Day	