

Heathmere Primary School Newsletter



4th March 2022

Ukraine

I am sure that over the past couple of weeks, you have been watching the terrible scenes unfold in Ukraine. First News is a children's newspaper and they have published this week's online newspaper for free – the link is being sent out with the newsletter.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all of the parents who attended parents' evening on Tuesday. It felt very positive and I hope that you received useful information about your child's learning and progress. As I write this, we have received 60 responses to the parent survey. We will leave it open until Tuesday for you to respond.

<https://bit.ly/parentsurveyMarch2022>

ZooLab visit Year 2

Yesterday, Year 2 had an exciting visit from ZooLab, where they learnt about a variety of mini-beasts and small animals. The animals that visited the class were an African snail, a tarantula, a green tree frog, a Madagascan hissing cockroach, an American corn snake and a Mongolia desert gerbil. The children got an opportunity to hold the animals and ask lots of questions.

Y5 to Flip Out

Year 5 went to Flip Out on Thursday to study the effects of gravity and air resistance on our bodies. The children had loads of fun experimenting with how gravity constantly pulls us to the centre of the Earth. *"I loved how gravity pulled me down after I jumped off the trampoline."* Melisa

School Improvement

I have been working this week with Miss Durston and Mrs Kennedy to review our progress against our long term priorities. These are:

Quality of Education: To develop a broad curriculum that delivers the highest possible educational outcomes for all children

Behaviour and Attitudes: To create a culture of ambition

Personal Development: To develop children's character, confidence and resilience through broadening their experiences

Leadership and Management: To have a sustainable and ambitious model of leadership

Hyacinth Road Gates

I have received several complaints from parents about the behaviour of other drivers outside the Hyacinth Road gates. Please be aware that this is housing land so can I politely request that parents are considerate of the residents who live around the school. If there are any issues, please:

- Do not block other parents in with your car
- Speak politely to each other if there are any issues that need resolving

Fleur Anderson

It was a privilege to welcome our local MP Fleur Anderson to Heathmere on Monday. She spoke in assembly to the children in Y3 – Y6 about her role as a Member of Parliament. She explained about her campaign to ban the use of face-wipes, cleaning-wipes and baby-wipes that contain plastic. At home, I am going to check all of the wipes that I use are plastic-free and I would encourage all households to do the same. All children in Y3 – Y6 will bring home a letter from Fleur today.

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Monday 7 th February		Y1/2 Tennis, Y3/4 Football Y5/6 Gym, Y5/6 Cooking Y2 football (by invite)
Tuesday 8 th March		Y1/2 Multi-sports, Y3/4 Netball Y5/6 Art, KS2 Choir with Rosie
Wednesday 9 th March	Trumpets 5B Rackets Cubed	Y1/2 Gym, Y3/4 Multi-sports Y3/4 Art, Y5L/6 Cooking
Thursday 10 th March		Y1/2 Art, Y4 Cooking, Y5/6 Football, Y5/6 girls' football
Friday 11 th March	Teacher Training Day – School Closed	

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