



We are really thrilled to be welcoming all children back to school on Monday! Please arrive via the Hyacinth Gate and be aware that if you come onto the school site, you will need to exit via the Alton Road Gate. If you have any queries, please contact the office. Do remember that school is closed on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March as there is a Teacher Training day.

## World Book Day

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day both in school and remotely. This year we were treated to two performances from the Really Big Pants Theatre Company. Nursery to Year 2 watched 'The Really Big Love Book Day Play' all about a bookworm called Joe and a reluctant reader called Willow who just wanted to play. Year 3 to Year 6 watched 'Suddenly...!' which was a fun, fast storytelling quest twisting traditional tales. Laughter could be heard all around the school whilst the children were watching both performances and we're sure many of you laughed along at home too!

In addition to these two performances, we also ran a #QuirkyReading competition throughout the day via the year group emails. We were delighted to see so many unique and hilarious photographs of the children reading in weird and wonderful ways. Check out our school Twitter feed to see some of the entries we received! Class teachers have selected their winners, who can collect their prize of a brand-new book from Miss Durston on their return to school.

A big well done to everyone who sent in a photograph and a huge congratulations to these winners:

- Nursery - Ameth and Maya
- Reception – Aryan and Hanna
- Year 1 - Adam and Mahnoor
- Year 2 - Tiffany and Naomi Lee
- Year 3 - Amy and Georgia
- Year 4 - Ahmednur, Amira and Bilal
- Year 5 - Maliha and Chelsea
- Year 6 - Nikola and Ihcene

## School Improvement

This week, I have met with every teacher across the school to reflect on what has been working well and what they think needs to happen next to keep improving the quality of teaching and learning across the school. I will be thinking carefully about how to implement their suggestions.

### Lateral Flow Tests

Many of the staff at Heathmere are taking regular lateral flow tests but we will not be testing the children. However, tests are available for adults in families and households with children, including childcare and support bubbles. Tests in these households can be accessed via employers if they offer testing to employees, at a local test site, by collecting a home test kit from a test site or by ordering a home test kit online.

### Uniform

Children will be expected to wear their school uniform from 8<sup>th</sup> March. While the windows in the classroom will still be open, it's not so cold now so the children shouldn't require extra layers of clothing. Children should wear trainers as part of their uniform as it allows them to be more active at playtime.

On PE days, Y1 – Y6 can come to school in their PE kit. This should be plain grey, black or blue tracksuit and white or blue t-shirt. Children can either wear a plain tracksuit top or their school fleece/jumper.

Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Monday (2DM), Tuesday (2HD) and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Thursday and Friday

Please be aware that sometimes PE days do change.

### BBC Filming

BBC London News will be filming in the background on the Hyacinth Road Gate as children arrive in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Watch BBC1 at 6.30pm all week!

	Events	Clubs 3.30 – 4.45pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		Some afterschool clubs for KS2 will start from week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> March.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Trumpets start	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>School Closed – Teacher Training Day</b>	