



I hope you have all had a good week. We are all fully back in the flow after half term and the children have mostly been very settled this week.

Diwali

On Wednesday the children in Early Years had a wonderful afternoon celebrating Diwali by learning about the festival, making a Diva, dancing to Indian music, painting Henna designs on their hands with paint and making a card.

Tag Rugby

Our tag rugby team took part in their first ever tournament this week and performed extremely well. They impressed with fantastic teamwork and gritty determination which contributed to us scoring 13 points and finishing in a great 5th place with 18 other schools involved. 10 weeks of hard training certainly paid off – huge well done to the team!

1st Roehampton Scout Group

Beavers (6 to 8 yrs) and Cubs (8 to 10yrs) continue to meet on Friday's 5.00 to 6.00pm. New members are still welcomed

It is essential that you are early or prompt to gain access. The session is only one hour and we are keen to maximise the time for the young people and will move down to the hall promptly at 5.00pm

Reading Books

We have lots of reading books that are not being returned to school. Some are from the library and others are 'bug club' books that the children take as their home-reading book. Please can you have a good look at home to see if you have any that need to be returned.

Children in Need

Thank you for all the contributions you have made today – the money will be sent off to Children in Need.

School Improvement

We have been looking again at our reading provision in school. Children in Y1-Y6 have all taken part in a reading survey. The good news is that the response this year is much more positive than the response last year. We are looking carefully at the children's responses and how the views of the children can help us to further improve reading at Heathmere. Research shows that if a child reads for pleasure by the age of 11, it is the biggest single indicator of success at secondary school. So make sure your children are reading!!

Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week. We will be wearing something blue in school on Friday to represent our zero-tolerance to bullying. Please bring in a £1 donation.

Outside the gates...

I have received complaints recently about bad language and some anti-social behaviour from adults bringing children to and from school. I am sure you can appreciate it gives the wrong impression of our school and I am sure you all agree that children don't want to see or hear this.

Going for Gold

A big well done must go to class 5M who won the 'Going for Gold' for Autumn 1. They received the highest percentage of golds over the first half term so they have a reward afternoon.

Attendance

Highest attendance: 3R and 1V with 99%

Most punctual class: 1A – again!

Whole school attendance last week: 95.5%

Individual attendance winners: Prakish (2L)

	Events	Clubs
Monday 16 th November	Special Speaker 2W, 3R and Y6 to Roehampton library	3.20pm – 4.30pm Y1/2 football
Tuesday 17 th November	Y5/6 tag rugby tournament	8.00am – 8.45am Y5/6 football
Wednesday 18 th November	Trumpets Piers Torday (author in residence) in school 3H, 2L, and Y4 to Roehampton library	8.00am – 8.45am Y4/5/6 athletics 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y4/5/6 computing 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y3/4/5/6 art 3.30pm – 4.30pm Y1/2 multi-sports
Thursday 19 th November	Y6 to the science museum	8.00am – 8.45am Y3/4 football
Friday 20 th November	Y5/6 swimming 1V, 1A and Y5 to Roehampton library Wear something blue for Anti-bullying week	3.30pm – 4.30pm Y3/4/5/6 dance