



Another busy week has gone by at Heathmere. Thank you to all of those parents who attended Open Hour on Tuesday. You should have seen maths being taught in most classes – I hope you found this useful. And thank you to everyone who has joined us to raise money for Children in Need. The hats and headbands have looked great!

SF Said

We were honoured to welcome SF Said to Heathmere yesterday. He is the author of *Varjak Paw* that the Y4 children have been reading.

*When we were in class, SF Said told us that the character of the 'bad guy' in Varjak Paw popped out of his head. Nazila Y4
SF Said told us he was born in 1967 so he is 51 years old. Abdi Y5*

Neal Zetter

We welcomed Neal back to Heathmere yesterday. He makes regular visits as our Patron of Poetry and the children love working with him.

We had lots of fun with Neal Zetter and we wrote poems. We also learnt about editing our work. Brynee 6H

Football Tournament

The football team went to Fulham on Monday to take part in a tournament. They had an opportunity to play against lots of teams from Hammersmith and Fulham.

*We played in muddy conditions but still managed to come 3rd. Oliver 6B
We played well and managed to get 3rd place. Zac 6H*

School Improvement

I met the Y4 team this week to talk about the progress of every child in this year group. There were so many positive stories of how well the children were doing. It is the turn of Y5 and Y3 next week. I have also attended the Wandsworth Heads meeting where the key issues discussed were around the pressures all schools are facing with their budgets and how schools are managing this. It is certainly a challenge to make sure all children receive the support they need while balancing the budget. At Heathmere, we will continue to do our very best with this.

Parents at the Gate

I have received complaints this week about parents smoking outside the school gates. While this has improved over previous years, can I politely request that parents do not smoke anywhere around the children outside the school gates. It is something I really hope you will help me to resolve please.

Lantern Festival

Many of you will know that this is something we have supported for many years. I have been talking to the organiser and after last year, it seems to be returning to how it used to be. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 will make their lanterns in school and then leave for the festival around 4pm on Wednesday 12th December. Please put the date in your diary and come along.

Attendance

We are clinging onto our whole school attendance of 95.9% so thank you to everyone who is working hard to make sure their children are in school every day. Well done to 5T who had their whole class mufti today for getting their HEATHMERE SCHOOL letters. And well done for 5J who had 100% attendance last week!

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.25pm
Monday 19 th November	Y2 to the London Eye	Competition training – Matt Y4/5/6 Ninja Kids! – Tim
Tuesday 20 th November	Y6 Cabinet of Curiosities Y3 to Richmond Park	Y3/4/5/6 Funky Moves Dance – Lara Y3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby – Mr Mtya
Wednesday 21 st November	Nursery Road Safety walks 5J to Rackets Cubed	Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt Arts and Crafts – Miss Agypong
Thursday 22 nd November		Y4/5/6 Football Team Training – Matt Y5/6 American Football – Rob
Friday 23 rd November	Y5 to Wimbledon Music Festival Some children to Tag Rugby tournament	Y1/2/3 Football – Nicola Y4/5/6 Dodgeball – Tim