



As we head towards the end of November, we are starting to think about Christmas preparations in school. Things will look very different this year but we will still be making things special for the children.

Coronavirus Update

Things remain stable with the covid situation at Heathmere. We still have not been made aware of any positive test results which means we've not had to close any year group bubbles. I will update you if this ever changes.

Craig Jenkins

Children in Year 3 enjoyed a virtual story-telling session with Craig this week. He sent the following message after the session:

I am writing to say the biggest thank you to the Year 3 children who actively participated in the virtual storytelling session and created such wonderfully creative ideas - inspired by the story of 'Lazy Jack'.

Their ideas were thoughtful, imaginative and well explained and were full of individuality and character. They also did some great disco-dancing at the end when I put on my rainbow dance lights and music.

I was wondering if you could pass on some praise for their hard work. I am a big advocate for positive reinforcement and they really did work very hard - especially considering that we did it virtually.

Craig Jenkins did some creative activities over Zoom! It was unforgettable, Junayd, 3R

Road Safety

For Road Safety Week, Nursery are learning to cross the road safely. We remembered to hold hands, to 'Stop, Look and Listen' before crossing the road. We looked for a safe place and spotted the crossing islands. On the way, we saw 3 buses, a van, a car, a bin truck and even a big mixer. It was a lovely morning for Road Safety.

School Improvement

This week, the teachers have received training on how to teach Geography. This is a three-week block of staff meetings and we started by looking at the different aspects of geography:

- Locational knowledge
- Place knowledge
- Human and Physical Geography
- Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

It is a pleasure to be able to look at some of the Foundation Subjects in a more detailed way. This links in with our whole school improvement target of embedding a purposeful, skills-based curriculum.

Digital Access

Thank you so much to all the parents who completed our digital access questionnaire. We have a really clear picture of how we would need to support individual families if we had to close a bubble and activate our remote learning plan.

Parent Questionnaire

As Parents' Evening took place over the telephone this year, we have sent this to you over a google-doc. Please do complete the questionnaire as it gives us some important feedback on how parents are viewing Heathmere.

London Mini-Marathon

Well done to all the Children in KS2 who completed the 2.6 miles for the London mini-marathon. What a lovely way to stay fit and healthy. All children received a medal today as a thank you.

Traffic Control

I have now worked at Heathmere for over 8 years, and for the first time ever this week, I saw a traffic control officer on a moped around the school. Several tickets were issued, including to both vehicles that were parked in the 'no parking' bays outside Hyacinth Road. I also understand that some tickets were also issued to vehicles on the zigzags on Alton Road. Please be aware and don't park illegally.

Tuesday 24 th November	Y3 Chocolate-Making workshop	
Wednesday 25 th November		
Thursday 26 th November	Miss Durston to introduce Reading Challenge	
Friday 27 th November		