



As we move into December, things will start to get busy in school with all of the preparations for this time of year. Please get involved and make sure you have all the dates in your diaries!

Neal Zetter – Patron of Poetry

We welcomed children and staff from 5 other schools as we hosted this day for Neal Zetter.

*Today was the Able Writers' Day with Neal Zetter. We took part in many activities such as games, performances and writing our own poems. It was really exciting and I hope I can do it again! Kara Y6
We wrote two poems today – one was a poem with metaphors and the other was a performance poem.
Artur Y6*

Winter Fair

Miss Agyapong is busy organising the Winter Fair with some staff ably assisting her for Friday 14th December. We will be having a Mufti Day on Friday 7th December - please can children bring in cakes, sweets or biscuits, or a £1 donation. Thank you for your support.

Dental Calibration

On Monday, we welcomed a team of 30 dentists to Heathmere who used some of our children and their teeth to undertake some training to make sure their practice is consistent. The children were absolutely amazing and we had so many comments about how well behaved they were. Thank you to parents for allowing your children to take part in this.

Playground

Please remember that children are not allowed on the climbing frames at the end of the day. They are not

safe for the younger children so please supervise your children to make sure they do not climb on them.

School Improvement

I met with the Reception teachers this week to talk about the progress of every child. There were lots of positive comments – especially about the children's writing. Mr Howland has also been observing maths meetings across the school this week. He was particularly impressed by how well the children in Nursery and Reception were doing with their early maths skills.

Diary Dates

Thurs 6 th Dec	4pm Y3 Carol Singing - Barnes Station
Fri 7 th Dec	Y1 and Y2 lantern making
Mon 10 th Dec	Y6 to Istock – Christmas Show Some Rec to Woodcote Nursery
Tues 11 th Dec	Y6 Ice Skating Some Rec to Woodcote Nursery
Weds 12 th Dec	11am Trumpet Concert Some Rec to Woodcote Nursery
Weds 12 th Dec	4pm Lantern Parade
Thurs 13 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 14 th Dec	2.45pm Christmas Fair
Tues 18 th Dec	2.15pm EYFS Christmas Show
Weds 19 th Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas Show 2.15pm KS1 Christmas Show
Thurs 20 th Dec	Pantomime
Fri 21 st Dec	10.15am KS2 Christmas Concert
Fri 21 st Dec	2pm Break Up
Mon 7 th Jan	Back to School

Attendance

Attendance was really low last week – we had so many children off with various illnesses. Our whole school attendance dropped from 95.6% to 95.0%. Let's please see if we can pick it back up between now and Christmas.

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.25pm
Monday 3 rd December		Y4/5/6 Ninja Kids! – Tim
Tuesday 4 th December	Y6 Cabinet of Curiosities	Y3/4/5/6 Funky Moves Dance – Lara Y3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby – Mr Mtya
Wednesday 5 th December		Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt Arts and Crafts – Miss Agyapong
Thursday 6 th December	9am 6B Class assembly Y3 Create Art Project Nursery walk to the Post Box Going for Gold Cinema trip 4pm Y3 Carol Singing at Barnes Station	Y4/5/6 Football Team Training – Matt Y5/6 American Football – Rob
Friday 7 th December	Bike training for some Y5 children Y1 and Y2 Lantern making workshop Mufti Day	Y1/2/3 Football – Nicola Y4/5/6 Dodgeball – Tim