



What a great turn out of parents we had for the attendance assembly today! It was a pleasure to give so many children their green badges for 100% in the first half term.

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who has supported the British Legion by purchasing poppies for Remembrance Day. And well done to our school ambassadors who have done such a great job selling them! On Monday, we will be holding a minute's silence in school to remember everyone who has died in the line of duty.

Children in Need

Children are invited to wear sports clothes on Friday 15th November to raise money for Children in Need. We are asking children to contribute £1 and they will be partaking in a 1 mile challenge during the day with their teachers. We hope you will all support this worthy cause.

Staffing Update

The 1H parents are already aware that Ms Hussein has started her maternity leave this week. She is going to get some rest before her baby girl arrives in the next few weeks. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best. Mrs McNulty has decided that she will be staying at Heathmere after all and will be taking over 1H. We also are officially welcoming her as a permanent member of the staff team.

Craig Jenkins

It is always a good day at Heathmere when we welcome Craig Jenkins – our Story-Teller in Residence. He did an assembly for the whole school on Thursday and then worked in Y3 for the day on their writing.

School Improvement

We have been thinking a lot in school about how to improve the children's vocabulary. We have been talking this week about Core Words, Describing Words and Specialised Words. It is important as teachers that we are teaching all three types of vocabulary – especially Describing Words. Look out for the Vocabulary Triangles that are present in the classrooms now. These will support the Knowledge Organisers that the children refer to during their topic lessons.

Library Visits

We are getting back in the routine of going to Roehampton Library every 3rd week. These visits are a really important part of developing children's love of reading so please encourage your children. They can also visit with their parents; it is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Visit to Shanghai

Tomorrow afternoon, Mr Howland (our maths leader) flies to Shanghai to spend 2 weeks in a school, learning about how maths is taught in China. This is an incredible opportunity for him, and also for the school. We wish him safe travel and we are looking forward to learning about it when he returns.

Attendance

Children have received their green badges today for 100% attendance in the first half of the Autumn Term. The next attendance badge to work towards is the orange badge. If your children missed their green badge last term, they can work towards earning it for the next half term. Do speak to Miss Green if you have any attendance queries.

	Events	Clubs
Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly	Football - Y1,2,3,4 - Tim Football Y4,5 -Matt
Tuesday 12 th November	Y5 Swimming	Tag Rugby – Y4,5,6 - Matt
Wednesday 13 th November	9am Open Hour (not Year 5) No Pens Wednesday Trumpets Some Y5/6 children to Southfields Badminton Competition Y4 Rackets Cubed	8:15am Cross Country/Athletics – Miss Mooney PM - Multisports –Pro Touch Coaches Y2,3,5,6
Thursday 14 th November	5T to Holly Lodge Y6 to Science Museum	Dodgeball -Y1,2,3,4 Tim Pitt
Friday 15 th November	Y5 to Wimbledon Music Festival Children in Need	