



It has been wonderful to see so many parents in school supporting their children this week. We had a really successful open hour on Tuesday and will continue to run these every half term. We also had lots of parents come to the Reception Maths morning. Thank you for turning up to these events – your children really appreciate your time.

Anthony Horowitz

Of all the things I have ever written on the newsletter, I never expected to be able to tell you about our visit from Anthony Horowitz. Considering he ‘never does school visits any more’ it was a real privilege to welcome him to Heathmere. He spoke to Y4/5/6 for 15 minutes and then did a lengthy question and answer session with the children. He was very inspirational and encouraged the children to use people they had met and places they had seen in order to provide inspiration for their own characters and settings. He also talked about finding school hard when he was a child. Surprisingly, he published 9 books before things started to take off. I am sure the children and adults will all agree what an excellent speaker and how funny we found him. Thank you to the children from The Alton and Sacred Heart who also attended and of course to Mr Cooper who worked tirelessly to get this amazing opportunity set up for the children.

Football Update

There were two more victories last night in the football league as we beat All Saints 2-0 and Sherringdale 4-0. Well done to the Y3/4 girls who took part in last week’s football event. They represented the school well and received their certificates today.

School Improvement

Following our school inspector visit last week, we have started taking on board some of her feedback about how writing is being marked and how we are approaching the teaching of writing at Heathmere. This is something that we will be thinking about further in the next few weeks. Mrs Kennedy and I also met with the Nursery team this week to talk about every child and how they are progressing as they start in Nursery. It was pleasing to hear how settled the children are; certainly on my visits to Nursery, the children have been very settled and engaged with their play.

Babies

Firstly, congratulations to Mrs McNamara who had her baby girl this week – she has been called Penelope. Mrs Gaynor is starting her maternity leave this week and is due to have a baby boy in the next few weeks. And congratulations to Miss White who is pregnant and expecting her first baby in February.

Parents Evening

You should all have been offered your appointments for parents evening by now – please sign up if you don’t yet have one. School closes at 2pm on Tuesday so we can get started.

Training Day

School will be closed on Monday 29th October for a training day. Half term starts on Monday 22nd October and we will see you back on Tuesday 30th October.

Attendance

It is still going well and is now up to 96%! Thank you and let’s keep this going please!

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.25pm
Monday 15 th October	9.30am ESOL Class for parents Drama workshops for Early Years and KS1 Parents Evening meetings for Early Years	Competition Training – Matt Y4/5/6 Ninja Kids! – Tim
Tuesday 16 th October	9.30am Maths Class for parents No swimming this week Parents Evening – school closes at 2pm	Y3/4/5/6 Funky Moves Dance – Lara Y3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby – Mr Mtya
Wednesday 17 th October	Trumpets 5J to Rackets Cubed	Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt Y3/4/5/6 Arts & Crafts – Miss Agyapong
Thursday 18 th October	Individual photos 10am Police visit to Nursery	Y4/5/6 Foot Team Training – Matt
Friday 19 th October	Y6 Viking Workshop am Reception to the Polka Theatre Break up for half term – normal time	Y1/2/3 Football – Nicola Y4/5/6 Dodgeball – Tim