



In KS2 assembly on Monday, I asked all of the children to write down 'how we do things at Heathmere'. Several children spoke about our school values of respect, resilience and high expectations and they also spoke about learning. In addition, there were lots of responses around looking after each other and having fun. They were very positive in their responses!

## House Captain Elections

Yesterday the children took part in the voting for House Captain Elections. Several children made speeches and the children with the most votes were elected. Well done to all of those who took part!

Africa	Evie
Asia	Roksana
Europe	Isla
South America	Jaylen

## School Ambassadors

Instead of having a Head Boy and Head Girl, we are going to have 5 School Ambassadors. They have been appointed by myself and the Year 6 team and have been chosen as children who will represent our school well. They will have a range of duties through the year. Congratulations to Alisha, Seedy, Oliver, Pancho and Simra who are our School Ambassadors.

## Reading Award

I was thrilled this week to discover that we had received an award from the Society of Authors. We have been nominated by Piers Torday to receive the Reading for Pleasure Award. It has been given 'to honour our inspiring efforts to promote reading for pleasure'. The award has been signed by Philip Pullman, who is the President of the Society of Authors. Praise must go to Mr Cooper for his lead in this area. He is ably supported by Mrs Gaynor and Miss Bettridge who lead on literacy and the library respectively.

## School Improvement

We have already had our target setting meetings for children in Y6 and Y2. I meet with the class teachers, Mr Cooper, Mrs Kennedy and Mrs Gaynor to discuss the children's assessment data from their previous year and set targets for their progress over the next year. I have also been meeting with all of the leaders at school to support with writing action plans for the next year.

## Staff Changes

Miss Barrick (Early Years Leader) starts her maternity leave today. We wish her lots of luck as she leaves to have her baby – I will keep you updated! We also will sadly be saying goodbye to Miss Ahmed (Year 5 TA). She has made a great contribution to our staff team but is leaving to start her Masters. We wish her luck in her studies and thank you for all of your hard work.

## CGP Books

We have a new supply of English and Maths CGP books for children in Years 2-6. Some parents like their children to do some extra learning at home - these are good quality and good value books. They can be bought from the office for just £2.00 each.

## School Libraries

In 2017/8, there were 2004 books in total borrowed from our school library. This is a huge improvement from the 1200 in the first year. We are aiming high this year and looking for over 3000 books to be borrowed during the year. We will also be opening our Early Years library very soon so watch this space!

## Attendance

I will be keeping you updated on our attendance through the year. Well done to 4B who started with 99% for their first 3 days! We have 5 newly installed attendance monitors: Joel, Laiba, Nishat, Amy and Isla who will be assisting Miss Green with the attendance boards etc.

	Events	Clubs 3.30pm – 4.25pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Y6 Parent Information Meeting Y4 Roman Workshop	Competition Training – Matt Y4/5/6 Ninja Kids! – Tim
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming	Y3/4/5/6 Funky Moves Dance – Lara Y4/5/6 Tag Rugby – Mr Mtya
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Y3 Parent Information Meeting Trumpets	Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm Y1 Parent Information Meeting Neal Zetter in	Y4/5/6 Foot Team Training – Matt
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> September		Y1/2/3 Football – Nicola Y4/5/6 Dodgeball – Tim