



School Improvement

It has been great to see the children in KS2 using the new playground so well over the last couple of weeks. For those of you who have younger children who play on the equipment after school, please make sure they are being supervised safely.

Neal Zetter

We had a fantastic afternoon with Neal Zetter. We created our own food poems and we performed them to all the children in Year 6 to see which one was the best. The winner was 'Fizzy Drinks' by Evie, Tyiann and Lara. Pancho and Seedy Y6

Football Team

Matt was thrilled with the first football team performance of the year yesterday evening. We beat All Saints Putney 4-1 and Our Lady of Victories 5-0. Blake deserves a special mention for his outstanding contribution!

Y4 Roman Workshop

We took part in a Roman workshop this week and it was so much fun. We loved it when we got to be gladiators and fight with swords in front of the Emperor. An interesting fact we learnt was that soldiers used to walk for 18 miles a day with all of their heavy equipment and they ended up going back to wearing chain armour because it was lighter and cheaper. Gabriella and Daniya Y4

Clubs

Look out for the new Funky Moves Dance club that is taking place for KS2 children on a Tuesday. Lara is a new coach and Matt said that the club looked great this week. Please speak to the office if you want to get involved.

On Tuesday, I was invited to speak to other headteachers at the launch of the next Maths Teaching for Mastery Work Group. It is a project that we are entering the second year of, and it is helping us to significantly improve the quality of maths teaching across the school. I shared the Heathmere journey of mastery in maths and was able to talk about how much standards have improved in the children's mathematical ability over the past few years.

Safeguarding

There is a new version of 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. This is a statutory document that schools are expected to follow around safeguarding. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated accordingly and is available on the school website should you wish to see it. Paper copies are available on request from the front office.

Attendance

This morning it was great to see so many children achieve their final attendance badges for the last half term – well done to all of those children. We are continuing with the badges this term so make sure your children come to school every day!

Changes are also being made about how we communicate with you about attendance. Next Friday, I will be sending out the current attendance of every child and we will do this in the middle of every half term. The reason we are doing this is so parents can be more aware of their children's attendance throughout the year.

Attendance below 90% is concerning and means your child is classed as a 'Persistent Absentee'.

Attendance above 96% is what we are aiming for.

Attendance below 95% is considered to be below the minimum expected attendance.

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Monday 24 th September	9.30am ESOL Classes	Competition Training – Matt Y4/5/6 Ninja Kids! – Tim
Tuesday 25 th September	9.30am Maths Classes	Y3/4/5/6 Funky Moves Dance – Lara Y3/4/5/6 Tag Rugby – Mr Mtya
Wednesday 26 th September	Y2 to Pizza Express Trumpets	Y1/2/3 Ninja Kids! – Matt
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