



It's been another busy week in school! The children continue to feel settled and are working hard on their learning.

## Coronavirus Update

We are getting more used to managing a school within a covid-world. The children and staff are washing their hands regularly and we are being very careful with our interactions. If there is a case of covid here, we will work with Wandsworth Council, the Department for Education and Public Health England to make sure that all the correct procedures are followed.

Some parents have asked me about our bubbles. Since September, the children have been in **year group bubbles**. Within this, the children mostly stay within their own classrooms but sometimes we have to move things around to manage staff absences. If you have any queries about this, please come and speak to me in the playground – I am outside most mornings and evenings. Alternatively, you can phone or email me directly:

[head@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:head@heathmere.wandsworth.sch.uk)

## Y4 Egyptians Workshop

On Monday, the Year 4 children had a visitor from History in Schools who shared with them lots of interesting artefacts and information about the Ancient Egyptians. This included learning about how mummies are made through the process of mummification. This was Vuk's favourite part of the day!

## Minibus

The minibus has been out of action for a couple of weeks. It is booked in to be repaired on Wednesday so hopefully we will soon return to the morning pick up behind Asda. We will keep you updated.

## School Improvement

In this week's staff meeting, the teachers were looking at some research around how to improve children's writing skills. It talked about how important handwriting was; children need to have a fluent handwriting style so they can focus on their other writing skills. If you are practising handwriting at home, please make sure you help children to form the letters properly. Within the next few weeks, we will send some information home to help you with this.

## Y1 Art Exhibition

A reminder that 1B have their art exhibition today in the playground (weather permitting). 1M have their exhibition next Friday.

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| 1B | 2.30pm – 3pm | Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September |
| 1M | 2.30pm – 3pm | Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October    |

## Craig Jenkins

It is always a pleasure to have Craig Jenkins (Story Teller) visit Heathmere. This week, he worked with Y6 who listened to him tell amazing stories which inspired them to write their own. Craig was very impressed with the children's engagement, critical thinking, creative story- making and how the children focused when working independently. He also emailed me directly after his visit to tell me how hard the children had worked that day.

## After School Clubs

I still haven't made a decision on what to do about after-school clubs. I don't want to mix bubbles but if I have one club per bubble, it's difficult to make it financially viable. I am still thinking of solutions and will keep you updated.

|                                      | Events   | Clubs              |
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| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September    | 6.30pm Meeting for local residents about the Celebration Hall redevelopment    | No clubs this week |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September   |  |                    |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September |  |                    |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October     |  |                    |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October       | 2.30 – 3.00pm 1M Outdoor Art Exhibition. Please come to the Hyacinth Road gate |                    |