Heronsgate Primary School Newsletter

We discover and realise the genius in everyone!

Dear Parents...

Thank you to all who attended parents evening last week. This was an opportunity for teachers to share your child's progress thus far in the academic year. If you were unable to make your appointment, then please do get in touch with the office to rearrange. It is through partnership with yourself that we can best meet your child's needs and ensure they achieve their potential.

We celebrated 'Book Week' and 'World Book Day' with an array of activities to highlight the importance of reading- for pleasure as well as for information. The activities included a visit by the poet, Kate Wakeling, to work with a selection of classes as well as deliver a whole school assembly. On World Book Day, the school was awash with many famous faces as children (and adults!) dressed up as characters from favourite books. Poetry performances from each class rounded off a fantastic week which we hope will reinforce the enjoyment that can be gleaned from a good book.

Easter can be a time for reflection, new beginnings and celebration. For those of you celebrating whether it be Easter, Holi or Eid, we hope you have a fulfilling time with your family and friends. We wish you all a restful break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April 2024.

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Mr Hafeez Khan & Mrs Shahnaz Ahmed Heads of School (Royal Arsenal & Thamesmead)

KEY DATES

15/4/24 First day of Summer term

17/4/24 Class photos

22/4/2024 & 23/4/2024 RJF and RSM Maths 'stay and learn'

23/4/2024 3RM and 3CA British Museum trip

24/4/2024 3TF and 3AG British Museum trip

26/4/2024 & 29/4/2024 RSK Maths 'stay and learn'

2/5/2024 INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

6/5/2024 Bank Holiday

Please check the website for <u>full term dates</u>

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Bench Ball Victory!

A massive CONGRATULATIONS to our fabulous Year 3 and Year 4 bench ball team who came 1st in a competition at the beginning of March. The competition was between five other schools and the scores were: Windrush and Hawksmoor in joint 3rd place with 10 points each; Discovery, Linton Mead and Bishop John Robinson in joint 2nd place with 19 points; Heronsgate in 1st place with 21 points!



Our bench ball winners



Supporting Reading

At Heronsgate Primary School, we value reading as an essential life skill that empowers children to achieve their full potential. We would like to support our parents to understand the role of reading in our curriculum at school. Therefore we have created a guide to support you to develop strategies to support your child's reading journey whilst at school. Please click <u>here</u> to view it on our website.

VALUE FOR SPRING 2: KINDNESS

Our children show kindness through caring, sharing and thinking about others. They reflect on how their actions can help and support others in our community and in our world.

CLASS PHOTOS 📸

Class photos will be taken at both campuses on Wednesday 17th April 2024. Please ensure that your child is in **full school uniform** for this day.

Details of how to order a copy of the photo will be sent out after the day.

HIRING OUR FACILITIES 🏫

We have some lovely spaces at Heronsgate available to hire to businesses and community organisations looking for venues for training and other events. You can find further information on our <u>website</u>.



Autumn Coffee Morning Feedback

Thank you to all parents who attended our Autumn parent coffee morning at our Thamesmead and Royal Arsenal campuses. These were very positive and we enjoyed meeting so many of you.

Below you can find a summary of the points raised and what we have done to address these.

If you have any queries, please do email us at <u>sao@heronsgate.greenwich.sch.uk</u>.

You said	We did
More awareness of Maths curriculum	We are looking into parent workshops - Reception Stay and Learns are taking place in Summer 1.
Clarification on Y2 SATS	We have sent a clarification letter to KS1 parents.
Awareness on healthy eating and allergies	We sent out a letter and added details to <u>our website</u> <u>here</u> .
Chance to try school dinners (RA)	We are looking to run a taster session for parents at Royal Arsenal and will share details soon.
More awareness of learning and general curriculum	We have a wealth of learning and curriculum overviews on our <u>website pages here</u> . Parents receive half-termly year group newsletters with
	details of their child's learning which can also be found <u>on our website here</u> .
Explanation of school acronyms	We have added an overview to our website <u>here</u> .
	We have also added a explanation of common terms relating to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities <u>here</u> .
Chance to have feedback at end of school day	If you would like to speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day, it is best to make an appointment via the school office.
Unsafe motorist behaviour	We have contacted the school crossing patrol team and local councillors. If you would like to do so, please email:
	RBG crossing patrol team <u>Cllr Chris Lloyd</u> <u>Cllr Lade Olugbemi</u>

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