

HEATHFIELD Times

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Welcome to another edition of the Heathfield Times, your community school newsletter. We are comfortably into term 3 and the pupils are working hard in all subjects.

In the next coming weeks we will have quite a few activities going on with the TISAC badminton and TISAC table tennis. Let's hope we have some successes to celebrate with the many we have had, so far this year.

It would seem that the rainy season has started early and this is always a time when the weather and in particular the temperature, changes so quickly, within a short time frame. As this happens, it is inevitable that some children will get sick. Whilst it is impossible to avoid all illnesses and diseases there are some basic things that can help like, keeping out of the rain. Also ensure if your child is felling sick in any way, have runny noses, coughs or headaches, to keep them off school. Young people and children take time for their immune systems to develop to their maximum strength, to fight off colds and flu and can easily spread disease, to others.

Here is an interesting study just completed in the UK that looked at parents in the primary school who attended training or supported their child in literacy. Have a look for yourself. Coming to parent workshops helps you to get a greater understanding of topics and on how you can help your child. The evidence is below and that it works.

<https://www.tes.com/news/getting-parents-school-key-literacy-success-study-finds>

I know from various parent discussions and meeting that many of your children find that reading a book is not exciting or as interesting as playing on an Ipad. Well to get the maximum interest in reading books. Here is an article that lists the 40 most interesting books to read for primary pupils and lower secondary. As I know some of these book titles and have read some of them, I think they are very exciting.

<https://www.tes.com/news/40-childrens-books-struggling-and-reluctant-readers>

It is the 'heats' of Heathfield Got talent this week with the list of finalist coming out to you soon.

We have so many talented children in school and it really is a great way for children to show and express their creative side and personality. More information is to follow. Have a great weekend.

Early Years

A big hello from Reception 1B!

This term, Reception 1 have been learning about different forms of transport. The children have enjoyed exploring the different ways we can travel from A to B, as well as discussing important issues such as road safety and how we impact on the environment and what we can do to make the earth, and ourselves, healthier.

So far the children have enjoyed creating colourful collages of boats and trains, using their ever improving drawing skills to add extra details. This week the children will be making model airplanes out of recycled water bottles. We will also explore and making more unusual forms of transport such as hot air balloons, rockets and even magic carpets!

This term we are learning the final letters in the alphabet: W, X, Y and Z. When learning about the letter W, the children loved playing with water and exploring how some objects float and others sink. We also pretended to be witches and wizards and learned about different capacities, using various sized containers to make our own magic potions. For the letter X, the children created x-ray pictures, using chalk and cotton buds for bones.



The whole school topic this term is all about healthy eating. R1B enjoyed a lesson where they learned what food is healthy and unhealthy and why it is important to eat healthy food. Some children used their scissor cutting skills to create a healthy lunchbox and others designed a healthy plate. Afterwards all the children enjoyed playing together and they made their own party, pretending to eat the plastic fruit and vegetables.

Ms Gaynor Britten,
Reception 1B Teacher



Primary

Well it's almost the end of Term 3a already! Hasn't that gone by quickly. It has been fantastic to see how much the children have grown up and learnt over the last 8 months in year 1. The children have all been working really hard on their reading and have shown excellent motivation towards reading and understanding stories.

In literacy we have been learning conjunctions and how to extend our sentences using conjunctions. The children worked really hard, with their friends, to write exciting sentences and we played lots of games to help their understanding.

The children also created a beautiful ice cream shop for the class. They have loved role-play with their friends and it has proven to be really effective in promoting English language and speaking with their friends. The children enjoy getting their ice cream and then pretending to sit down in a café to have a chat with each other.

In Maths we have been learning about pictograms and data handling. The children have really enjoyed making their own pictograms and answering questions to show their understanding.

At the end of last term we were learning about capacity. The children really loved getting to experiment with water and learning how to read scales in millilitres and estimate how many cups it would take to fill up a container with water.

I can't wait to see how much more the children grow in their last few weeks of year 1.

Thank you for all your support over the last 8 months.

Ms Lauren Jones, Year 1 Teacher



Secondary

There has been a great deal of Mathematics work completed in the few weeks since the Songkran holidays. The Year 12 and Year 11 students have been particularly busy as they prepare for their respective A/S and IGCSE Maths examinations, both begin on Thursday 24th May.

In Year 10, the new Shape and Space (Geometry) work we have studied has required students to apply their prior knowledge and their problem solving skills to successfully answer the questions. Most importantly, it was Pythagoras' Theorem, Trigonometry and rearranging equations that were needed as they tackled questions on prisms, pyramids, cones and spheres.

Year 9 have also been improving their Shape and Space skills. After reviewing their understanding of rectilinear shapes, circles and prisms we moved onto right-angled triangles; and for most students this was the first time they had met Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry.

Algebra has been the main focus for the Year 8 students. We started by reviewing the basic language of Algebra, and went on as far as factorising and solving quadratic equations. This week, Year 8 have begun to discover and apply probably the most famous theorem in all Mathematics - see the photos and details below from Conrad and Mark's report of one activity.

Measurement of the School

Today, before we left the classroom we tried to estimate the diagonal lengths of different places in our school. We then went out and measured the widths and lengths of the football pitches, the swimming pool and the Gym (pictures show us doing this). We used the results to find the diagonal length of each one.- We were able to do this with the help of Pythagoras' Theorem.

Our closest estimate was the swimming pool because we knew from PE lessons that it was 25 metre in length, and we guessed that the diagonal would be 27 metres - it was actually 26.6 metres.

Challenge for all students - and parents can have a go.

A circle with circumference 22 cm fits perfectly inside a square. What is the diagonal length of the square to the nearest cm?

Mr. Paul Chesters, Secondary Maths Teacher



5 Questions for Ms Rufie Gonzaga Year 5 Teaching Assistant

1. Name 5 people living or dead who you would invite for dinner and why?

- Taylor Swift-She's one of my favourite female singers.. I would love to sit down with her and just listen to her singing and tell her story.
- Rodrigo Duterte – He is the current president of the Philippines He would bring his sense of humor to the conversation, and we might even be able to get him to explain about politics without feeling bored.
- Ed Sheeran– he could entertain me while having a dinner, He's one of my favourite male singers.
- Marcelito Pomoy-a Filipino Singer known for his ability to sing in both tenor and soprano so it will be fun and request all of my favorite songs.
- My Father- because we separated almost 20 years and for sure we will talk a lot as much we miss each other.



2. Name 4 things you still haven't done and want too?

1. Skydiving
2. Bungee Jumping
3. Skiing in Iceland
4. Travel Around the world

3. Name 3 of your favourite books/films?

1. Titanic
2. High School Musical
3. Twilight

4. Name two people who have inspired you?

1. My Beloved Mother, Zenaida
2. My Math Teacher, Cynthia Basa

5. What is the one thing in the world you would like to change?

Equally- No poor, no rich, all are equal.

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