

HEATHFIELD Times

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Welcome to another edition of the Heathfield Times, your community school newsletter, giving you news, views and opinions. It has been a busy couple of weeks with TISAC events such as badminton and this week table tennis.

Well done to all those that attended and we had some winners, showing once again how good our sporting prowess is. Here is a picture of one team representing the school.

To represent your school team is a great honour and as along with having fun and enjoyment, you get to see other pupils at other international schools. It really is about taking part and trying. Winning is nice but it isn't the only thing.

As Michael Jordan the famous basketball player quoted. "I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed." I have to agree with him.



This Wednesday saw the finals of the annual Heathfield's Got Talent (HGT) show. I would like to thank all the parents who came and all of the contestants, who showed some breathtaking performances and skill. It isn't easy standing up in front of people performing and showing your talents. Congratulations to Omelet who came first and to Nean who was runner up. Well done, to all the other finalist who showed some fantastic talent. As Sir Arthur Conan Doyle eloquently put it, "Mediocrity knows nothing higher than itself; but talent instantly recognizes genius."



I would just like to inform parents that Monday 28th May 2018 is the last day of the half term and that the school will close. The school will reopen on Monday 4th June 2018 for the second half of term 3. I hope everyone has a relaxing holiday.

Early Years

Wow! What a busy first half of term 3 we've had! Nursery 1 has 5 new additions to the class. Their names are Kook, Pleng, Richie, Sea and YouBin. All children have settled in just fine and have already made great friendships with the other children in their class, which is always great to see!

This term we have been learning about all kinds of transportation such as air, land and sea transport. The children really enjoyed making submarines and have learnt the song 'we all live in a yellow submarine' by the The Beatles.



They have also tested their counting skills in maths last week when we made a rocket and counted backwards from 10 to 1 before the rockets launched. This week we are continuing with our transport theme by making aeroplanes which the children are really excited about. If you wish to come and see any of our work then please don't hesitate to stop by Nursery 1 to look and say hello.

Over the next few weeks as we're heading towards the end of this school year, Nursery will be preparing themselves for Reception 1. We will encourage more independency in their daily routines such as helping dress themselves and also during their activities they will practice more tracing/writing skills.

Ms Sophie Eden
Nursery 1 Teacher



Primary

This term has flown by in Year 2. The class have been busy learning many new things and have been working very hard!

Our English topic for the term has been writing a Non-Chronological report. The children chose either dragons or unicorns to base their report on. Using information books we managed to find all of the features of reports and began to plan our work. The final step will be for the children to use their plans to create their independent report, including all of the main features.

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The London Gazette

Written by Jeena Chesters ♥

On Sunday 2nd September a fire started on Puding Lane in a bakers shop 1666 Thomas Farriner root to put out the fire that he baked his bread

The fire spread quickly because the houses were too close together and because the wind blew hard.

People tried to stop the fire by buckets of water and gunpowder and they would put down the houses and some water squirt. fire hooks


Many houses had been burnt and people had died and people are homeless.

The fire now seems to have stopped because the wind has died down and the houses have filled with water and the belongings have burnt.

Samuel Pepys, an eyewitness said that "there is a fire spreading around London!"

houses cannot be built with wood only bricks and stone."

Puding Lane





The London Gazette

Written by DIN

On Sunday 2nd September the fire started in the back of pudding lane.
The fire came in the night and people ran to boats.

The fire spread quickly because the wind blew quick, the fire spread to Fish street to Samuel Pepys house.
300 homes were burnt and lots belongings were burnt.

People tried to stop the fire by using buckets of water, fire hooks squirt and gun powder.
only a bit people fight the fire.
lots of people were scared and home less homeless.



Many houses had been burnt and people died and homeless.
Even St Paul Cathedral burnt but not the tower of London.
people saved the tower of London but the fire still burns.

The fire now seems to have stopped because the wind died down, people come back to the town and where they live and use tent for their home.
London has been burnt. The king got food for homeless people.

Samuel Pepys, an eyewitness said that "houses cannot be wood, it only can be brick or stone."

This term in Maths we have been learning how to multiply and divide. I have been very impressed with the children's mathematical skills and their problem solving. The children can rapidly recall multiplication and division facts on the spot. The next step will involve us tackling word problems using all four mathematical functions.

We have had a 'very hands on' topic in Science this term as we have been learning all about forces, in particular friction. The children conducted their own experiment to determine which surface had the most and the least amount of friction. We used toy cars and ramps and made accurate measurements to record our results. Our investigation was then written up in neat in our science books, a very useful skill to learn.

Finally in History we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children have loved learning all about life in London during the 17th century and the catastrophic fire which burnt down most of London. The children wrote up their own newspaper reports on the incident and included some really great information. As we go into the final term of the year I am sure we will have many other interesting learning journeys ahead of us.

Mr. Ferguson Year 2 Homeroom Teacher

Secondary

Computing at Heathfield International School.

With the onset of the new GCSE Computing Course, Year 9 have been preparing for the course in their lessons. Although they had previously learnt about programming in earlier lessons in a program called VBA, they now have started to learn how to code in the programming language Python. This is one of the languages that is most commonly used when doing their GCSE Computing course. Some pupils have taken to programming like a duck to water and are already adept at solving problems. So far pupils have been leaning how to code:

- If statements
- Input functions
- Loops
- Elif functions
- Import Functions
- Write their own function and call it

Some students have started to incorporate If functions within a while loop. Below is an example of the sort of advanced coding that Y9 are now doing.

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Stage 2.py x
1  import random
2  guess=int(0)
3  name=input("What is your name?")
4  number=random.randint(1,1000)
5  numberguess=int(0)
6  while guess!=number:
7      guess=int(input("Guess my number 1-100. "))
8      if guess<number:
9          print("Too low")
10         numberguess=numberguess+1
11         if guess>number:
12             print("Too high")
13             numberguess=numberguess+1
14         if numberguess==6:
15             print("Too bad the number is",number)
16             break
17         if guess==number:
18             break
19         new=numberguess+1
20         if guess==number:
21             print("well done ",name," you took ", new, " guess to guess my number")
22         else:
23             print("You lose")
24
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Mr. Steven Rodgers
Secondary ICT Teacher

5 Questions for Ms. Sarah Adam Nusery 2 Teacher



Q: Name 5 people living or dead who you would invite for dinner and why?

- A:**
- 1) Darren Brown** because he is a mentalist and illusionist; I find his shows fascinating and would like to find out how he does it!
 - 2) Stacey Dooley** because she is a feminist TV reporter and journalist making very topical and interesting documentaries, I would love to hear some of her stories.
 - 3) Bob Marley** because his music always makes me happy! I grew up listening to him as my dad is a huge fan which has rubbed off on me too.
 - 4) Vivienne Westwood** because she is a major fashion icon and even better designer, who's now heavily focused on being Eco Friendly.
 - 5) Alexander McQueen** because he is another fashion icon!

Q: Name 3 of your favourite books/films?

- A:**
- 1) Titanic
 - 2) High School Musical
 - 3) Twilight

Q: Name 4 things you still haven't done and want too?

- A:**
- 1) Visit Finland (my nan is from there) and see the northern lights.
 - 2) Climb the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu.
 - 3) Learn a new language.
 - 4) Volunteer for a year educating poor children.

Q: Name 3 of your favourite books/films?

- A:**
- 1) Harry Potter
 - 2) Moulin Rouge
 - 3) A Handmaid's Tale

Q: Name two people who have inspired you?

- 1) Stacey Dooley
- 2) My parents

Q: What is the one thing in the world you would like to change?

A: Poverty! No one should have to live in poverty.



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