

HEATHFIELD Times

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Headmasters Headlines

Welcome back to another edition of the Heathfield Times for term 3 which is your community schools newsletter. The newsletter has details of events, articles on education and views and opinions. Firstly, I hope everyone had a great Songkran holiday. I know the pupils did on the last day of term 2, as they celebrated in a formal and traditional style and also in a more modern way, with lots of fun, splashing water. Either way I find it very nice to see the pupils celebrating their own countries traditions. Here are two pictures of the day

The start of term 3 is always a very busy and important one as it is the start of the IGCSE and A/S examinations and also a time for revising, for year 11 and 12 for all their exams.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2013/apr/30/student-advice-exams-success>

Here is an article above of interest on exam advice. We do teach pupils this very important skill of exam revision and exam taking but it can always be a stressful time, for your children. Hopefully the article will give you some tips and advice on how you can help.

As an educator I always find articles and topics on education so fascinating and interesting. Here is one such article and topic that is worrying to me. I have seen and witnessed this myself over the last few years. The beautiful language of English with British traditions, of greeting people with 'how do you do' seems to be dwindling with a 'howdy' or even 'yo'. I find this distressing and would like to see young people use the English language, in its correct form. This article explains what teachers are finding in the UK which is a grave concern, for me and I know others.

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2018/apr/19/teachers-in-uk-report-growing-vocabulary-deficiency>



Many of you may have seen that we have quite a few 'set of twins' in the school and there has been so much research completed on twins, in many various contexts. I have had meetings with parents previously on the concerns of twins, being in the same class or even the same school. I have always given my opinion on this from experience and also scientific research. The research here suggests, as I have mentioned, that twins should not be separated and it explains why. Have a read and see what you think.

<https://www.tes.com/news/no-evidence-twins-should-be-separated-school-finds-research>

This week was the year 9 IGCSE presentation to parents. I would like to thank those parents that attended and asked very important questions. Next Wednesday 2nd May 2018, is the A/S level presentation for year 11 parents. I look forward to seeing you at 3.00pm in the schools theatre, to answer any questions and give you an overview of what we are offering for the next academic year, for A/S level.

Here is my final article for you to ponder on, regarding the English language and the use of 'emojis'.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/2018/04/17/emojis-ruining-english-language-young-people-rely-communicate/>

Have a great weekend.

Early Years

A big hello from R1A, we hope that everyone had a lovely Songkran and is feeling ready for term 3.

Before the holidays we looked at 'People that help us' where the children enjoyed getting into the role of a doctor, dentist, policeman, builder, fireman and lots more.

Each week we focused on a person that helps us and the children enjoyed making a doctors bag and a set of teeth with a toothbrush and toothpaste.

We also had a visit from the school nurse, where the children asked questions about what it is like to work as a nurse.

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Ms. Sophie Gilkes
Reception 1A Teacher

Primary



Hello all students. Welcome back to school to school in Term 3. Hope you have had a good break.

From last week in Thai lesson. We have learnt all about what the students did in the Songkran Holiday.

Did they have a good time with family and friends? Did they see the tradition of Thailand with throwing water onto each other? Was it great fun!

This term we will carry on from last term 2.

In Reception 1 and Reception 2 we have learnt some new songs and stories that links to learning new letters, in the Thai alphabet. We also practised speaking and writing new letters.

In Year 1 and Year 2 we revised the alphabet and some pupils were excellent at this.

This term we will introduce all the vowels and this is related to the book called Tagsa Pasa.

In Year 3 and Year 4 we revised all the alphabets including all the vowels. We read stories and answered questions to each story. We have learnt new words and made short sentences using these words.

Hope this term all pupils will enjoy their Thai lessons.

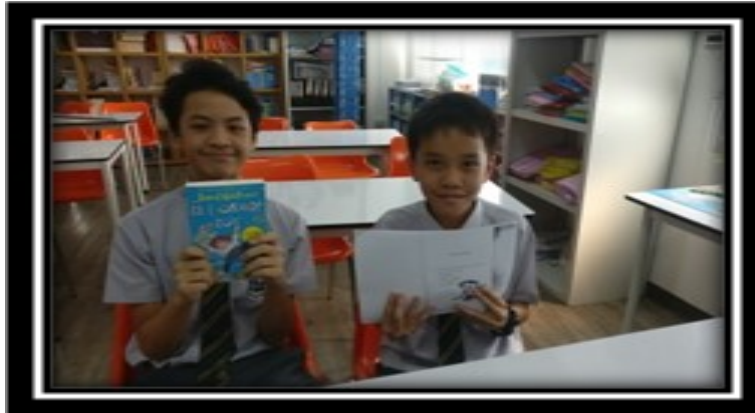
Kru Rose

Primary Thai Teacher



Secondary

Welcome to the start of Term three from the English Department. This term Year 7 are studying the novel, 'Billionaire Boy' by David Walliams. This touching and often hilarious story explores themes of wealth and poverty, friendship, bullying and the rocky road to happiness. Billionaire Boy examines some common childhood emotions and emotional experiences. This story is a great starting point for discussions and activities that will help children to manage these feelings



Premand/Win Year 7 studying themes in 'Billionaire Boy'

Year 8 are studying "Narrative Writing", they will write using metaphors, adjectives, similes, sentence variety, imagery, vocabulary, effective verbs and powerful adverbs. They will use the 5 point plan to build a story – gripping opening, back –story, problem and complication, crisis and resolution. I look forward to reading their completed story at the end of Term 3a.



Year 8 pupils composing their narrative in English class.

Secondary



Dnie and Carren Year 9 studying practice IGCSE assignments



Palmy, Mind and Jija Year 11 exploring sample IGCSE exam questions

Year 9 are studying the novel, 'Holes' by Louis Sachar and they will also be completing some IGCSE English assignments in order to prepare for their upcoming IGCSE course in Year 10. 'Holes' presents a wide range of learning opportunities for students, such as the themes of friendship, fate, cruelty, and the importance of history; issues related to racism and revenge; as well as symbolic meanings and other literary devices. By studying a novel like 'Holes', students are exposed "to complex themes and fresh, unexpected uses of language" 'Holes', as a part of literature studies, also provides a way "of contextualizing how a member of a particular society might behave or react in a specific situation"

Year 10 pupils are studying reading comprehensions, articles, reports, summaries, and letters on the theme of Global issues in order to prepare for next year's IGCSE Paper 2 Reading and Writing exam.

The pupils are learning about summary writing, letter writing, paraphrasing and how to skim and scan texts. Our First Language English pupil Harry is writing his 800 word Narrative essay for Part 1 of his Coursework portfolio

Years 11 are busy preparing for their IGCSE oral exams which will take place on 30th April – 3rd May 2018. They will also be completing 3 papers as part of their IGCSE English exam which will involve reading, writing and listening papers. We wish them the best of luck in their IGCSE exams and look forward to seeing their future successes.

Ms. McCarthy Secondary English Teacher

5 Questions for Ms. Lauren Jones-Year 1 Teacher

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

- Mo Farah because he is such an incredible athlete and I would like to find out more about how his biggest inspiration, his PE teacher, was able to help him channel his behaviour and got him to be the amazing athlete that he is today.
- Emma Watson because she is such an inspiration to women of all ages.
- Justin Bieber because I am a real Beliber.
- All of my best friends because what's better than hanging out with your friends?
- Amy Schumer because I love her films and she is hilarious.



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

- Volunteer at an Orangutan sanctuary in Borneo
- Sky dive
- Bungee jump
- Walk the Sydney Harbour Bridge

3. Name 3 of your favourite books/films?

- Matilda
- Love actually
- Notting Hill

4. Name two people who have inspired you?

- I used to be really into athletics as a teenager so I loved Kelly Holmes the 800m and 1500m runner.
- Amy Schumer

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

I love all animals so I would like to make the world a nicer place towards all living things.

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