

# HEATHFIELD Times

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## Headmasters Headlines 29th June 2018

Welcome to the second to last edition of the Heathfield Times your community newspaper for this academic year. The idea of a bi weekly newspaper is to keep you as parents informed about what is happening in the school and also to ignite your interest in various aspects of school life and education.

For those that read the newsletter every 2 weeks will know the importance I place on reading. Reading for me is the biggest factor that can help your children with their English. Your children can do this activity of reading, on their own and also there are so many different books, to choose from. The equipment required is minimal and you don't need a lot of space. It is perfect for increasing vocabulary, understanding and comprehension. Reading will also give your child more confidence when speaking as they have more words to use.

This article below gives you some tips and understanding on the difficulties some children find with reading.

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2018/may/30/children-reading-teachers-students-evidence>

The last few weeks we have had the IGCSE and also A/S exams at the school. It is a very intense and tiring time for the pupils, students and teachers. Let's hope all the hard work and revising pays off and everyone gets the grades they expected and deserved.

We have also had some mock exams for the year 10 to give them some good practice and so they get familiar with the exam techniques required, for getting the best grades possible. Here is the year 10 during the recent maths mock exam.



Here is another article on maths and what some people are saying is a crisis. Have a read and make your own mind up.

As we are coming to the end of the year I would like to remind you that we have the end of year show on Friday 13th July 2018. This will start from 8.30am until 12.00pm when you can take your children home. This will be a half day and will be the end of the academic year.

## Early Years

A big hello from everyone in Reception 2A.

We have had a fabulous half term in our class learning all about the weather. The pupils have really enjoyed this topic, especially learning about tornadoes and hurricanes. They have drawn some fantastic pictures of them which you can see in our classroom.

During Literacy we have been learning how to write in sentences. We have linked this together with our weather topic and written about windy and sunny days.

Our other exciting activity was our school trip. We went to Ocean world and learnt all about the ocean and ocean animals. The pupils were still so excited when they returned the next day we decided to make craft aquariums.

Here are a few pictures of them.



So the pupils only have 3 more weeks left in Early Years and then they are moving to Year 1. It has been a pleasure to teach them all and I hope you will come to see us all in the end of term show.

Please take time to come and visit our classroom to look how much progress the pupils have made.

**Mrs. Helen Hodges**

**Reception 2A Teacher Acting Deputy Head**

# Primary

We're coming to the end of another school year. This year really has flown by. The pupils and I have had a very productive year.

In literacy a lot of progress has been made with the pupils. We have been group reading the *War Horse* by Michael Morpurgo in class and there have been huge improvements in their reading of texts as a result. We have also looked at stories from different cultures focusing on a selection of stories called *One Thousand and One Nights*. Additionally, we covered the topic Explanation Texts.

The Science topics covered in Term 3 were Electricity and Evolution. We designed different types of electrical circuits and created Electrical Safety Tips that everyone should adhere to. We researched leading scientists, such as Darwin, Mendel and Wallace under the topic, Evolution.

This term we have been doing Geography. We have looked at the topics Biomes and Rainforests. We made our own Mini Eden Projects choosing our own biomes to research about. For the topic, Rainforests, we worked in groups and produced our own 3D continent showing the Rainforest and surrounding landscape.



In Term 3, the Maths' topics covered included challenging topics such as Algebra and Decimals. The pupils have got through some very difficult work and have given themselves a good solid mathematical base for life in Secondary. I have been very impressed with the improvement they have all made in Maths.

I wish all my pupils good luck in Secondary. They are such a wonderful class; I will definitely miss teaching them. Don't forget to enjoy your holidays!

**Mr. Kertesz Year 6 Teacher**



# Mandarin

It's almost end of this year, I have been here for 2 years. Those 2 years I have witnessed a lot of kids' improvement on learning Mandarin in Heathfield. The kids keep working hard around me.

For primary and secondary we have been learning numbers, greetings, introduction, families, pinyin, phonetic, vowels, consonants, tones, strokes, ages, colours, clothes, animals, fruits and vegetables, drinks, school bag , home, Chinese characters, dates, occupation, time, means of transport, parts of the body, telephone number, Chinese culture etc. They also played Chinese games and activities in class, I witnessed they joined the Chinese new year show and cooperated with their mates really well.

Some kids always showed me how excellent they are in learning Mandarin, including answering the questions, pronounce Chinese pinyin and Chinese character writings. I am so proud of their hard working and get a high level in Chinese Mandarin learning. I wish they have a bright future and keep being a good person.



**Angel**  
**Chinese Mandarin teacher**

## 5 Questions for The School Newsletter. Ms. Cynthia McCarthy



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

I would invite ...

-My father.

-Frank Sinatra (a deceased American singer, musician, actor and filmmaker, my dad loves him and I also love his music and style).

-Paul Watson (a Canadian-American marine wildlife conservation and environmental activist, Sea Shepherd Conservation Society).

-Tommy Tiernan (an Irish comedian, actor, writer and presenter).

-Ric Barry (an American activist and founder and director of Dolphin Project and featured in “The Cove” movie).

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

-I would love to work and volunteer with “Sea Shepherd Global” and get involved with marine conservation campaigns around the world.

-I would love to work and volunteer with Ric O' Barry's “Dolphin Project” in Taiji, Japan.

-I would love to go on a Greenpeace expedition to explore and to protect the Antarctic.

-I would love to go on an Eco Tour and Wildlife safari in South Africa to Ann Van Dyk – Dewildt Cheetah Centre and Sanctuary Hartbeespoort Tour.

### 3. Name 3 of your favourite books/films?

-My favourite book is “The Prophet” by Kahlil Gibran.

-My second favourite book is “Reindeer Moon” by Elizabeth Marshall Thomas.

-My favourite movie is “The Wizard of Oz” the 1939 American musical fantasy film.

### 4. Name two people who have inspired you?

-My father who has taught me many wise and valuable life lessons.

-Paul Watson (Sea Shepherd) and Ric Barry (Dolphin Project) as they never give up fighting for what they believe in.

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

-One thing I would like to change in the world would be to eradicate all animal cruelty and suffering.

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