



Heathcoat Primary School Newsletter

Aspiring to achieve our best: moving forward together!

Learner of the Week

FSN Joey Mangnall
FSBB Oliver Hinc
1S Alfie Wright
1P Mason Parker
2G Ava Lees
2D Anna Simpson
3E Brandon Charles
3P Bradley Williams
4J Libby Clow & Miley Hill
4S Charlie Moullaris
5P Mollie Orr
5B Caitlin Phillips
6P Lexie Isaac
6H Amy Moore

Multiplication Tests

3E	74%
3P	67%
4J	76%
4S	7%
5P	42%
5B	48%
6P	60%
6H	42%

Lunchtime Behaviour

FSN Theo Kingdon
FSBB Oliver Hinc
1S Phoebe Groover
1P Olivia Weeks
2G Connor Pearce
2D Billy Morgan
3E Ethan Wood
3P Bradley Williams
4J Paige Clarke
4S George Sanders
5P Keira Barnes
5B Billie Tinniswood
6P Jodie Dilks
6H Leon Bush

Best Attendance

6H & 6P - 99.2%

Monday 27 February 2017

Friends of HPS

Forthcoming Events for your Diary

Yummy Friday - thank you very much to the parents of children in Year 1 who provided cakes to sell on Friday. We raised £123.80!

Disco - thank you to the members of the Friends who helped to make the disco a success. We raised an amazing £381.28.

Next Meeting - our next meeting will be on 13 March at 2pm. As always, everyone is welcome to come along.

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School Trip Packed Lunches - children who are eligible for free school meals are entitled to a packed lunch if their class is on a trip. However, please could we ask parents to think carefully about whether they need the school to provide a packed lunch. We often order a lunch from the kitchen which is then not needed on the day when children bring their own packed lunch from home. This obviously creates more work for our busy kitchen staff and additional cost for the school in purchasing a lunch that is not needed.

Payments - could we please remind parents that all payments for dinners, trips, nursery sessions, breakfast club and music lessons must, as always, be paid for in advance. We are currently owed £333.60 for school dinners alone.

Year 1 Museum Trip - On Wednesday and Thursday last week, Year 1 visited Tiverton museum as part of their 'Toys' topic. The children were shown some very old toys from the Victorian era, as well as toys from the 1950s and 1960s. They also looked at and compared the materials from which they were made. The children enjoyed

making their own Victorian peg doll, and loved playing with some of the old toys that their grandparents would have enjoyed as children. Finally, Year 1 relished the opportunity to explore the rest of the museum and the many interesting artefacts, such as the air raid shelter from World War Two and the Tivvy Bumper steam train. All the children were given a free adult entry ticket to the museum and can't wait to go again soon!



Gymnastic Competition - Heathcoat A team won gold for under 11s this weekend. They are going to nationals again! Well done to both teams who all performed brilliantly; Meryl Coffey, Millie Gubby, Amy Oswald, Billie Tinniswood, Meryn Ellis, Keira Barnes, Maggie-Ella Hussell, Amber Shakespeare, Hollie Richardson, Caitlin Phillips, Jodie and Gemma Dilks.

Mindfulness for Parents - Would you like a calmer home life? Positive World's Mindfulness for Families teaches parents how to use mindfulness with their children to help reduce stress and improve behaviour. The 6 week course provides practical support for parents whose children are anxious, angry, unsettled or who have ASD or ADHD starting on 19 April 7pm – 8pm at Cullompton Community Centre and costs £120. To find out more and book a place see www.positive-world.co.uk.

Nearly New Sale - of baby and children's clothes and toys on 4 March 2-4pm at Cullompton Community Centre.

This newsletter will be available on the school website under the 'News' section

Diary Dates

Year 6 'The Twits'
Theatre Trip - 28 Feb

4S Heathcoat Factory
Trip - 28 February

Year 3 Tiverton Town
Trail - 28 February

Exmoor Meeting for
Parents - 28 February

World Book Day Dress-
ing up - 2 March

Exmoor Challenge
Walk - 2 March

Reception Alice in
Wonderland - 3 March

Year 5 Observatory
Trip - 7 March

Term Dates

Last Day of Term
Friday 31 March

Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 18 April

First Day of Summer
Term
Wednesday 19 April

May Bank Holiday
Monday 1 May

Summer Half Term
Monday 29 May -
Friday 2 June

Last Day of Summer
Term
Friday 21 July

The Twits - On Monday 20 February, the Year 6 children were thrilled to take part in two 1 hour workshops based on Roald Dahl's story, 'The Twits'. The Northcott Theatre's drama teacher, Lisa Hudson, talked to the children about the vile tricks that the Twits play on each other in the story. She encouraged them to think about how they might react if they had been the victim of a prank and show their reactions through their facial and body movements. The children collaborated brilliantly to put together short freeze-frames, telling their own 'prank' stories through silent drama.

Whilst one class worked with Lisa, the other class were having some arty fun with visiting artist and illustrator, Vicky. She asked the children to consider what might be found in Mr Twit's disgustingly dirty beard. The children used plasticine modelling clay to create miniature items of their choice such as a chicken drumstick, potatoes and peas on a mini plate, a mini McDonalds meal, the remnants of pasta and bread crumbs and others made small minibeasts and bugs. It was lovely to see some really intricate work and the feedback from the children has been super. Here are some of their comments:

"I loved the drama because the freeze-frames and facial expressions were really funny! I liked making up things and then seeing what other people had done. We all did different things and some were really funny."

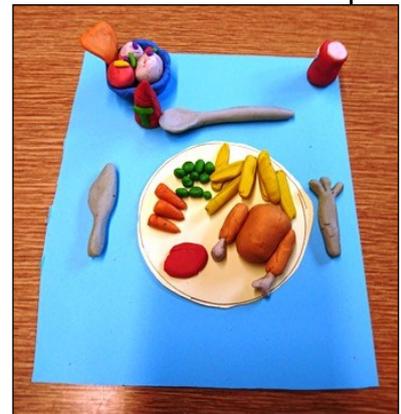
"The drama was so much fun because we could choose our ideas and make up the pranks. I liked holding the positions and showing what I was feeling with facial expressions. Showing other people what we did was great."

"I liked watching other people in the drama. It was really funny!"

"Making plasticine clay models was the best bit - I didn't want to make food so it was great that we got a choice."

"I found the clay work really relaxing. We got to talk and work and produce really cute stuff."

The visiting teachers commented on the superb behaviour and supportive way that the children worked together - Well done Year 6!



Photographs were taken of the two fabulously fun workshops and will be displayed in the foyer of the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, alongside their plasticine clay models. The children are extremely excited to be going to see the show - and the exhibition of their work - at the Northcott on Tuesday this week.

SATs Question - from a Key Stage 2 paper for 1 mark. Circle the word in the passage that contains an **apostrophe** for **possession**.

It's five o'clock. Let's leave early and we'll be able to go to Emma's house first.

Answer to last week's question - $0.9 \div 10 = 0.09$

Wow Slips -

Jessica and Naomi Evans - have been resilient rhinos, tackling the climbing frame and obstacle course at the park until they became confident, showing huge improvements.