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Thursday 10th February

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well. I cannot believe it is the last week of the half term! I hope you all have a restful break when it finally arrives.

A NEW MEMBER OF THE HEATHFIELD FAMILY



Through the 'Pets as Therapy' team we have a new member joining the Heathfield family. Daisy is 3 years old and is a golden cocker spaniel and loves cuddles. Daisy will be in school on a Wednesday working with children across school.

Numerous research studies have shown the benefits of therapy dogs in schools. Therapy dogs have been working in schools across the UK for many years and are becoming increasingly more common as a result of the broad-ranging benefits achieved.

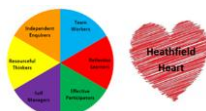
Dogs teach children responsibility; develop care, consideration and empathy. They teach children compassion, socialisation, promote children's enjoyment at being in school, wellbeing, increase confidence, enjoyment and progress when reading. Research has shown the benefits of children reading aloud to dogs: reduced anxiety, increased fluency and improved confidence. Last, but certainly not least, dogs are a lot of fun. They greet you with a wagging tail every day and can cheer you up even on your worst day. **We look forward to welcoming Daisy into school.**

CUPPA T WITH MR. T

It was wonderful to meet with a group of parents on Friday morning – it is always so useful to hear what parents think we are doing really well and how we can further improve and develop the school. Parents were glad to see trips are starting up again, we discussed the lunchtime menu, after school clubs, fund raising events and Heathfield's upcoming 50th birthday. The leadership team have already started to take action about some of the things we can tweak and improve.

Thank you to all parents/carers for you time and support – it is acknowledged and appreciated.

If you haven't already, please come and join us at our next 'Cuppa T with Mr. T'

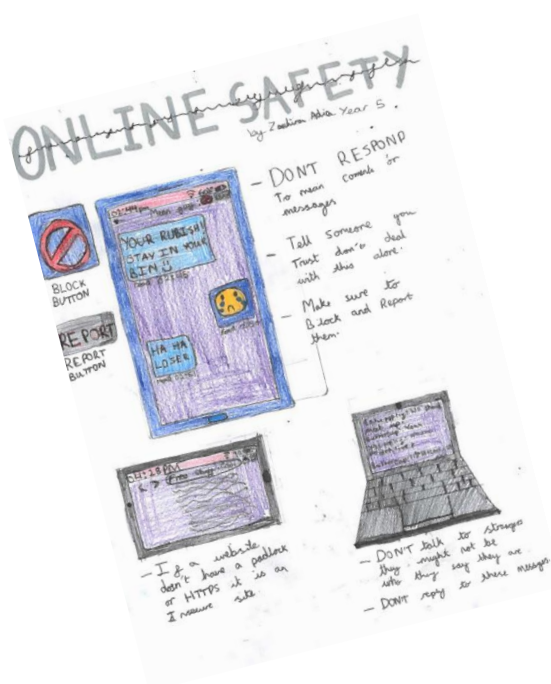


SAFER INTERNET DAY



On Tuesday we focussed on the importance of internet safety. Our theme this year was about **respect, particularly when gaming**. We discussed this in the context of the Heathfield Gold standard.

Some children have produced some excellent posters to share key messages and these are being shared across school.



MATHS APPS

Please see two apps below that are really useful for Early Years and Key Stage 1 children.

1 minute maths (White Rose maths)

<https://whiterosemaths.com/1-minute-maths#download>

Number blocks app

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/meet-the-numberblocks/id1445555400>

WORLD BOOK DAY – ADVANCE NOTICE

Thursday 3rd March is World Book day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite characters from books.

EARLY YEARS OUTDOOR DAY

Early Years children enjoyed a full day of outdoor learning yesterday.



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DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY DAY

Today and tomorrow is Design and Technology day. More pictures on next newsletter!



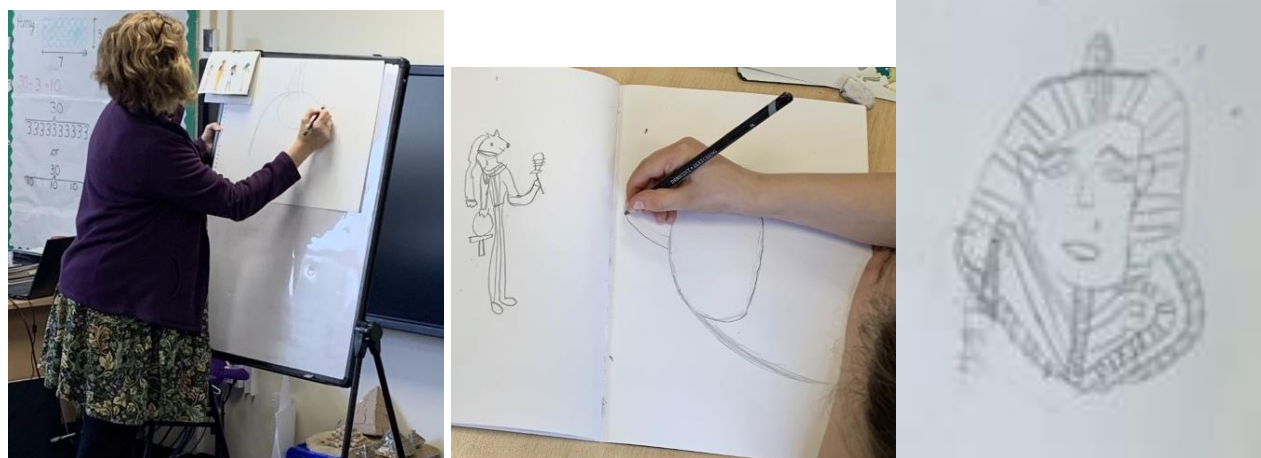
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ARTIST IN SCHOOL

Year 3 are working with an artist – Belinda- over the next two days.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENT OPPORTUNITY – PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS

We have an exciting opportunity for six children (Year 2 – 6) to take part in keyboard lessons. Bolton music service are prepared to offer a free 6 week trial and then following this the lessons cost £22 per month. We currently have children learning the recorder, flute, clarinet, violin and guitar – this will be a welcome addition to build our Heathfield orchestra. Please email parents@heathfield.bolton.sch.uk with your child's name and class. (First come basis)

KEY DATES

We will be hosting some informal 'stay and play' events next half term, inviting parent/carers into school – keep an eye out for dates and times on the next newsletter.

THURSDAY 10TH AND FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY Design and Technology days

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FRIDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 3:15pm End of the half term

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY School opens for Spring 2 term

MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY Early Years Music Project

MONDAY 21ST and TUESDAY 22ND FEBRUARY Art days (Year 3 Design and Technology day)

THURSDAY 24TH and Friday 25TH FEBRUARY Year 4 working with artist

Yours sincerely, Mr. M D Thornley Headteacher

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