

HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



7TH FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Parent/Carers,

OPAL

This week, our OPAL co-ordinator came to see our OPAL provision at Heath Mount. They were very impressed with the progress that we have made and how the children continued to amaze us with their creativity and imagination in their play. During the visit, all of our mid-day supervisors received training on how we can further develop OPAL. Please look out for the new areas!

We need to ensure that we regularly replace items for the children to use in their play. We would really appreciate any of the following:

- Garden spades, trowels, gloves and any other gardening equipment (not forks)
- Dolls/pushchairs
- Suitcases
- Old electronics such as keyboards, headphones and phones.

NSPCC Number Day

Well done to everyone who came dressed in numbers, calculators, shapes and patterns today to celebrate the NSPCC number day. The children have spent the day not only completing their maths lessons but also taking part in lots of different activities to show that maths is really fun! Thank you to Mrs Beech for organising this special day! We managed to raise £113.26, this will support the vital services like Speak out Stay safe and Childline. Well done everyone!

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Cross
Headteacher

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 10th February - Year 5 trip to
The City of Birmingham Symphony Hall

Tuesday 11th February at 8:35 am - 9:00 am
Year 4 Stay and Read Session

Thursday 13th February at 8:35 am - 9:00 am
Year 5 Stay and Read Session

Friday 14th February - School closes for the
half term break at 1:00pm

Monday 24th February - Children return to
school

Wednesday 26th February - Parents' Evening -
3.30-5.30

Thursday 27th February - Parents' Evening -
3.30-5.30

Attendance

What happens if I book a holiday during term time?

A single parent with one child planning to take a one week holiday during term time...

Your holiday will not be authorised, and we strongly advise you to speak with the school before making any bookings. Since your child will miss 5 school days, a penalty notice fine will be issued. The fine is £160, but if paid within 21 days, it will be reduced to £80.

A penalty will be issued for each child.

£160 + £160 + £160



3 x children + 1 parent = £480
reduced to £240 if paid within 21 days

For a family with 2 parents.

£160 + £160 + £160



3 x children + 2 parents = £960
reduced to £480 if paid within 21 days

If, in any period within three years, your child has a second and third leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance:

2nd Time

2 Parents and...

1 x child = £320

2 x children = £640

3 x children = £960

No discount for early payment



3rd Time

A penalty notice fine will not be given and your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2,500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000

2 parents & 4 children = £20,000



10 in 10

Irregular Attendance

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions (5 days) in 10 weeks, and their absences are unauthorised, you may be prosecuted.

1 day =
2 sessions



Coffee morning
Tuesday 11th February 2025
 9.30 am
 The Community Hub
 Heath Mount Primary School



Head Office
 110 Edward Road, Balsall Heath
 Birmingham B12 9LS

Alum Rock Community Centre
 1 Ward Close, Alum Rock
 Birmingham B8 3LT

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HEATH MOUNT PRIMARY MENU

WEEK 3
 20/01, 10/02, 10/03, 31/03

MONDAY
 Homemade Chicken & Leek Pie
 Fish Fingers
 Served with Lemon Wedge & Tartare Sauce
 Vegetarian Sausage (V)
 Spiced Potato Wedges
 Veg of the Day
 Raspberry & Vanilla Ice Cream Cake
 Fresh Fruit/Jelly

TUESDAY
 Chicken Burger
 Vegetable Burger (V)
 Paprika Sauté Potatoes
 Veg of the Day
 Chocolate Concrete with Custard/Fresh Fruit/Jelly

WEDNESDAY
 Roast Beef
 3 Cheese & Roast Vegetable Parsley Pasta Bake (V)
 Crunchy Roasts
 Veg of the Day
 Marble Sponge
 Fresh Fruit/Jelly

THURSDAY
 Spicy Beef Pizza with a Sweet Chili Dip
 Margherita Pizza (V)
 Chipped Potatoes
 Veg of the Day
 Lemon Drizzle Cake
 Fresh Fruit/Jelly

FRIDAY
 Chinese Chicken Curry Served with Steamed Rice
 Vegetable Samosa Served with Steamed Rice & Curry Sauce (V)
 Five Spice Wedges
 Veg of the Day
 Fruit Shortbread
 Fresh Fruit/Jelly

AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh Salad Cart
Jacket Potato with Fillings

ALL MEALS ARE HALAL

VEGETARIAN

STAY HYDRATED

COOMBS

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Don't forget parents' evening!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Parents' Evening will be taking place on **Wednesday 26th February and Thursday 27th February from 3:30 - 5:30 pm.**

Book a 10-minute appointment slot on the Arbor App or contact the school office.

Every effort will be made to give you an appointment in the slot requested but please note that appointments will be booked on a first come, first served basis

Well done to all the children who have been in school every day and on time.

The classes with the highest attendance in each phase group last week are as follows;

Attendance of the Week

EYFS & Key Stage 1	
2Z	97.3%
Lower Key Stage 2	
4P	94.4%
Upper Key Stage 2	
6JB	98.7%

Be an attendance HERO Here Everyday Ready Ontime

OUR EXCELSIOR VALUES

EACH WEEK, OUR STAFF CHOOSE A CHILD WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED ONE OR MORE OF OUR EXCELSIOR VALUES IN AN EXCEPTIONAL WAY. THIS WEEK, WE ARE CELEBRATING CHILDREN WHO HAVE DISPLAYED WONDERFUL ACTS OF KINDNESS,

KINDNESS AWARD

- Reception – Mishal
- Year 1 – Fatema, Mohammed, Ihsaan
- Year 2 – Absalat and Inaaya
- Year 3 – Ahmed and Zakariya
- Year 4 – Khadijah, Basmah, Zohair
- Year 5 – Ilhan, Eliza M, Abdul-Haseeb
- Year 6 – Ruhan

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Well done to all the children who have been nominated. This week's winners are:

- Reception - Mishal
- Year 1 – Abdulhak
- Year 2 – Amal
- Year 3 – Fatima
- Year 4 – Zohair
- Year 5 – Abdul-Haseeb
- Year 6 – Yazan

WELL DONE!

TOP 3 PUPILS BASED ON...
BIGGEST IMPROVEMENT IN ACCURACY OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS
OUT OF EVERYONE IN
YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5, YEAR 6
ARE...

**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**

AA'ISHA P. URWA H. NOORULAIN M.

2ND PLACE **1ST PLACE** **3RD PLACE**

TOP 3 PUPILS BASED ON...
BIGGEST IMPROVEMENT IN STUDIO SPEED OVER THE LAST 7 DAYS
OUT OF EVERYONE IN
YEAR 3, YEAR 4, YEAR 5
ARE...

SARAH M. MUADH B. IBRAHIM H.

2ND PLACE **1ST PLACE** **3RD PLACE**

Spelling Shed 

CHAMPIONS

Congratulations

1st - Aylah Y4

2nd Hudeyfa Y6

3rd Zohair Y4

7.2.25



NUMBOTS

WELL DONE EVERYBODY!

TOP 3 PUPILS WITH THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF MINUTES PLAYED
OUT OF EVERYONE IN
Year 0, Year 1, Year 2
IN THE LAST 7 DAYS ARE...

Abdulhak K. **Aya H.** Eyad I.

2nd **1st** **3rd**

TOP 3 PUPILS WITH THE
HIGHEST IMPROVEMENT IN ACCURACY
OUT OF EVERYONE IN
Year 0, Year 1, Year 2
IN THE LAST 7 DAYS ARE...

Aayan Syed H. **Victoria M.** Raheail A.

2nd **1st** **3rd**

Star of the Week



- Reception – Bader and Alfie
- Year 1 – Aya and Ranya Umar and Eyad
- Year 2 – Habibullah and Sarah Luqman and Isaac
- Year 3 – Saima and Jerry Malak and Talha
- Year 4 – Zainab and Sundus Musa and Sabeen
- Year 5 – Elaph and Awais Maliha and Reilly
- Year 6 – Hafsa and Reem Khansaa and Aminah

Rights Respecting Article

We are actively promoting children's rights and ensuring they know them. Please see an 'Article of the Week' below for you to share with your child.

Safer Internet Day is marked on 7 February every year.

We all have a right to feel safe and secure and that means safe online as well as in the real world. Safer Internet Day is an annual event that promotes the safe, responsible and positive use of the internet.

There are a large number of articles that link with being online. This week's activities have a particular focus on Article 19, the right to protection from harm, Article 17, the right to reliable information and Article 34, protection from exploitation.

The internet can be a great place but needs to be used carefully. Please use these activities to start the conversation about internet issues that matter to you, what changes you would like to see and how we can make it a more positive and rights respecting place!

EXPLORING SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week there are **TWO** questions to think about!

1. What do you feel are some of the great things about the internet and life online?
2. What don't you like about the internet and life online?

Note your ideas down or discuss them in a group and then compare your thoughts with the next.

LINKED ARTICLES

This week's activities link to the following articles:

- Article 17, Access to information from the media - Every child has the right to reliable information from a variety of sources and governments should encourage the media to provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.
- Article 19, Protection from violence, abuse and neglect - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.
- Article 34, Sexual exploitation - Governments must protect children from forms of sexual abuse and exploitation.



EXPLORING SAFER INTERNET DAY

Great things ...

- You can find out lots of information quickly and easily.
- You can connect with your friends even if you can't meet face-to-face.
- Learning is possible even if you haven't got books at home or access to a library.
- There are lots of fun games and activities to do online.
- You can keep in touch with family and friends who live far away.
- It can increase equality and democracy because more people can have their voices heard.
- You can shop and bank online which is good for people who are busy, not near the shops or have mobility issues.
- You can visit places remotely that you can't get to in person.
- It helps you find places in the car and people you want to contact with.

I don't like it when ...

- People don't respect each other and make unkind comments.
- Children use it to bully other children.
- People's right to privacy is not always respected.
- Some information is not reliable and there is a lot of fake news.
- People are sometimes tricked out of money and savings.
- Companies and businesses are hacked and your information can be shared without your consent.
- I spend too much time online instead of doing other things.
- People make fun of others because they don't have the latest technology.

Did you think of any other reasons?