



February Newsletter 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

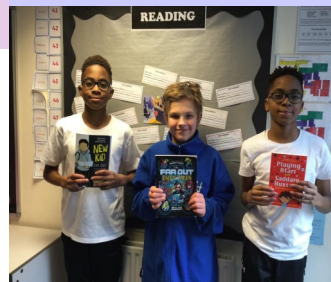
We come to the end of an incredibly unusual half term, and we felt it was important to share with you all of the good news that is happening during a time when life is very unusual and uncertain.

Kind regards

Lesley Reeves Costi and Sarah Shields
Co-Headteachers

New staff! A big warm Heathlands welcome to:

Miss Afari who joins Monkeys class, Mr Durant working in Sloths class, Miss Franklin who has joined the speech and language team, Miss Sadler who is our Covid Catch up worker in Upper School. Dr Rosenberg is also doing Covid catch up work in Lower School one day a week!



Pupils in both Upper and Lower have been taking part in Battle of the Books organised by Gallaudet University Youth programme in the

USA. We are the only non US school and honoured to take part. Each team has enjoyed their battles! The Green team made their way to the Championship finals last week and the Blue team are through to their finals in April with four new books to start reading!

Lower school have been enjoying our beautiful grounds in the wintry weather! They have written snow poems, hunted for shoes, been bird watching, taken up orienteering challenges and made some marvellous snowmen! Upper school have also been looking after the grounds with the gardening club planting bulbs to brighten up the school in springtime!



Upper science students have also had a range of interviews with different deaf professionals, learning about their jobs linked to science. The Science team have interesting plans for Science Week in March so watch this space!

Testing! In three weeks the Heathlands Testing Team has carried out over 500 tests on staff, students and transport staff to keep our school as safe as possible. Testing identified two positive cases, both of which were isolated immediately including their bubbles to eliminate further spread.

Please do not email teachers directly, but contact them through admin@heathlands.herts.sch.uk who will pass all messages on. During the school day it is not possible for teachers to be checking emails so the office will pick up anything urgent.

Thank you



A big thank you has to go out to our brilliant teaching team who are working really hard in difficult and worrying circumstances to ensure all our students both at home and in school are learning to the best of their ability. A big thank you to all of you at home for your work in supporting this too!