

EYFS and KS1 Great Heath Academy News



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Welcome

A big welcome to all our new families. We have been very impressed with how well all the children have settled, especially our youngest and newest pupils in Nursery and Reception. Everyone looks super smart and ready to learn!

Reception Information Morning

There will be an information morning on Wednesday 25th September at 9.15, in the main hall, for parents of Reception children. Please drop your children off as normal and then walk around to the main entrance and sign in. The Reception teachers are keen to share how we teach early reading and number skills and how you can support this learning at home. We'd love to see you all there.

Literacy Strategy

We have recently developed a new Literacy strategy, which can be found on our website following this link <https://www.greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/literacy-strategy-sept-2019.pdf> The strategy also lists the stories that will be covered by each year group this year. I know Year 1 have already enjoyed re-telling 'Peace at Last', Reception have been rocking in their school shoes with 'Pete the Cat', Year 2 have been discovering 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and it has been a real pleasure hearing Nursery retell 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What can you see?' – what an exciting start to the Autumn term!

Can you help?

It is really important that children read regularly and wouldn't it be lovely if our children could have the opportunity to regularly read to you? If you are able to spare 30 minutes of your time each week to hear children read across Year 1 and 2 we would love to hear from you. We promise that you will have a great time! I am very happy to offer training for those parents who would like some support before offering their time.

Coffee Morning

Michele Homer runs a fun and informative coffee morning, every Tuesday from 9, for all Great Heath parents and carers. Everyone is very welcome to drop in and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee with new friends. Little tots are also welcome – it was great to see so many children enjoying the toys in this week's group. Michele also sells our pre-loved uniform during the coffee morning.

Achievement and attendance

Below you will see the winners from our first celebration assembly as well as the attendance for each class over the past month. You will notice that our **new target for attendance is 97%**. It is fantastic to see that nearly every class is above 97% - such amazing attendance -well done everyone!

Class	Writing Star 13/09/19	Monthly Attendance Target = 97%
Nursery	<i>We will start handing these certificates out to reception and Nursery as of week beginning 23/9/19</i>	
Kiwi		98.4%
Watermelon		98.1%
Mango		94.8%
Peach	Rosemary Flack	97.5%
Apricot	Emery Jenkins	98%
Pineapple	Mikaela Roach	98.6%
Blueberry	Paavan Balrey	97.1%
Strawberry	Lara Izzo	97.3%
Loganberry	Elissa Ayvaz	98.7%

Mrs E Mitchinson
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