



Great Heath Academy and Nursery



Summary of the Year 2019

Key Events by Month

January

Shortly after our return to school in January we once again welcomed the pantomime back to school. Many children dressed in pantomime costume to join the fun. The pantomime was very well received with lots of audience participation.

February



Many parents joined us at the beginning of February for Safer Internet Day where the children shared their learning with them. We competed against other local schools in the Basketball tournament and the swimming gala. We said goodbye to Mrs G.



March



We celebrated World Book Day with an array of interesting costumes and the opportunity to share lots of stories with parents joining us in the morning. We also participated in raising money for Comic Relief through bag packing at Sainsburys and wearing red on Red Nose Day. We raised an amazing £509.73.



Our travelling book fair also arrived in school which not only continued sharing our enthusiasm for reading but also raised money for books in school. We competed in the Under 10 boys' football tournament held on our field. Our Year One classes visited the church and we were visited in school by a representative from the charity Street Child. We competed in the Tag Rugby competition.

April



Our Year 3s and Year 4s sang their hearts out as they performed songs from the decades. We returned from our Easter break to be entertained by the author James Campbell. Reception started their balanceability training. We welcomed Miss Smith and Mrs Davenport back from their maternity leave and welcomed Mrs Golding and Mrs Morgan to our teaching assistant team. In continuing our sports competitions we hosted and participated in the netball and orienteering tournaments.



May



While we were looking out for hints of summer our Year 6 children demonstrated great maturity as they took the KS2 SATs tests. They arrived every day at 8.15am to share breakfast with friends and go over any last minute revision. Straight after this our Year 2 undertook the KS1 SATs tests. For these the results are used alongside the work they have completed throughout the year and as always our children impressed us all with their dedication and enthusiasm. Year 6 visited Abbey Gardens in Bury to inspire their writing relating to the book *The Secret Garden*; they also found time to enjoy the play equipment there!



June



We returned from our summer half term break to our assessment day for our Silver Linguamarque award in recognition of our work learning French. Our Year Ones and some Year Twos undertook the phonics screening. Our boys' and girls' teams took part in the local cricket competition. Year 4 visited Africa Alive and we had our class photos. Year 5 performed at the Apex playing their guitars and flutes. We held our KS1 and KS2 sports day on our field. Miss Parish returned from maternity leave. Some Year 5 and 6 children took part in Bikeability training.



July

July brought us some very hot and some very wet days. The children continued to make the most of the opportunities on offer to them. Year 6 attended Crucial Crew in Bury and some spent a week at Kingswood enjoying the variety of activities on offer. While they were away the rest of the school learnt about inspirational women. We entered the rounders competition. We held another successful and very entertaining Great Heath's Got Talent and held our first multiplication competition. Year 6 showed off their talents in their end of year play *Troy Story*. Year 2 visited West Stow and Reception went to Church Farm. We said goodbye to Miss Clough and Mrs Stimson and a temporary goodbye to Miss Clarke who went on maternity leave. We awarded our first ever Gold behaviour awards and chose Behaviour Ambassadors. We waved goodbye to Year 6.



August

The month where you all keep the children busy! Well done to everyone who completed the Summer Reading Challenge at the library and those who took part in our sponsored read raising over £500 to buy books for the school. Over the summer holiday we said goodbye to Mrs Allen and Mrs Smith.



September

As we returned after our summer break Mrs Brown took on the role of Principal and we welcomed four new teachers: Miss Brown, Miss Holden, Miss Hornsby and Mr Skillern. At the same time Miss Saunders, Mrs Firek, Mrs Fowler-Simpson and Mrs Carton went off to teach at Beck Row. We welcomed Mrs Jones, Mrs Rice, Mrs Palmer and Mr Danes to our teaching assistant team and Miss Smith to our office team. We had a very positive visit to the school from the CEO of our Academy chain. Our team leaders, deputy team leaders and school council representatives were elected into post.



October



Our sporting events restarted as we entered the football tournaments that were held on our field. We held our parent teacher meetings which were very well attended. We all had our individual photos taken and our class assemblies started. Year 4 visited Africa Alive. We were visited in school by Buddy from the NSPCC in assemblies and workshops for Year 5 and 6. We spent time learning how to look after our mental health and observed World Mental Health day by dressing in yellow. We welcomed Miss Harvey and Mrs Whalley to our teaching assistant team.



November

We held our sponsored Wake and Shake raising £1950 for NSPCC and having great fun in the process. We entered the hockey tournament. Our Team Leaders laid the poppy wreath on remembrance Sunday and our Year 6 classes attended the war memorial for the two minute silence on Remembrance Day. We raised £328.50 selling poppies and other items in school. We learnt all about what bullying is in Anti-bullying week using the word STOP for our definition – several times on purpose. We wore blue for anti-bullying and yellow for Children in Need. We had the book fair in school again. We said goodbye to Mrs Harris.



December



Our Christmas celebrations started with creating decorations for the tree in the church. This year the theme was different countries and each class found out about traditions in another country and created decorations to reflect what they had learnt. We also decorated our school tree with these. We enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner dressed in our Christmas jumpers. Our Reception classes walked down to the church to see the Christmas trees. We were truly spoilt this year with some superb Christmas performances. Year 1 and 2 sang beautifully sharing with us a range of Christmas songs; Reception performed their 'Wiggly Nativity' and Nursery entertained with Christmas performance. Thank you to everyone who came and supported these and thank you for all your positive comments – we are glad you enjoyed them as much as we did. Our choir entertained the residents of Mildenhall by singing at Sainsburys. We ended the year with Christmas parties and a final assembly with our attendance awards and Bronze behaviour awards and Christmas entertainment from the staff.



What next for 2020??!!

Attendance

As you know we are aiming for an overall attendance figure of at least 97%. Up until the end of November we were at 97% but with all the winter bugs this has dropped to 96%. As we enter the Spring term we hope that there will be fewer bugs and we can bring our attendance figure back up. Well done to the 25% of the school who managed 100% this term!

Academic Performance



Always!!

As you may know our performance as a school is measured in the main by how well our children do in tests and assessments. This is done in two ways – how many achieve the level nationally expected of them for their age and how many make nationally expected progress from where they start. You may also know that the children are assessed and the data sent to the Department for Education, Ofsted and the Local Authority at the end of reception, year 1 (for phonics) and years 2 and 6 for reading, writing and maths.

Overall we are making good progress with our scores and we are moving in the right direction up the published league tables. We want to continue this journey and be the best school we can possibly be. To do this we need your full support. We know that when home and school work together to help children with their learning the results can be amazing so **please help your child as much as you can** – we need your help!

Below and over the page are the summary figures for the school for the end of the academic year 2018/2019 for your information. If you would like any advice on how to get more involved with the learning of your child, please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank You

Reception

At the end of the reception year pupils are assessed as having attained a 'Good Level of Development (GLD)' if they score a level 2 (expected) or level 3 (exceeding) in all 12 out of the 17 Primary Goals.

	% Achieving GLD
All Pupils at Great Heath	74%
National Data 2019	72%

Year 1 - Phonics

	Percentage 'passing' the Y1 phonics screening check
All Pupils at Great Heath	85%
National Data 2019	82%

Year 2 ~ Attainment

Percentages attaining at or above the expected standard (EXS) and those attaining greater depth (GDS) in their learning.

	Reading		Writing		Maths	
	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS	EXS	GDS
All Pupils at Great Heath	72%	22%	63%	6%	74%	16%
National Data 2019	75%	27%	69%	20%	76%	27%

Year 6 ~ Expected and High Score Attainment

The percentages attaining a standardised score of 100+ and consequently working at or above Age Related Expectations (ARE) and the percentages attaining a standardised score of 110+ and consequently working above ARE.

	Reading		Writing		Maths		Combined - RWM	
	SS- 100+	SS – 110+	SS – 100+	SS – 110+	SS – 100+	SS – 110+	SS – 100+	SS – 110+
All Pupils at Great Heath	61%	14%	83%	20%	76%	12%	61%	3%
National Data 2019	73%	27%	78%	20%	79%	27%	65%	11%

Year 6 ~ Progress

Progress is calculated from the collective prior attainment of the children, namely their combined scores for reading, writing and maths in year 2 (whatever school they were in at the time). A progress score of 0 means that the children (as a group) have made expected progress. Consequently, a minus figure means they will have made less than expected progress and a plus figure more.

	Reading	Writing	Maths
All Pupils at Great Heath	-3	0.8	-1.5
National Data 2019	0	0	0

Thank you all for your ongoing help and support - may we wish you all a:

শুভ বড়দিন, Veselé Vánoce, Rõõmsaid Jõulupühi, Joyeux Noël, 圣诞快乐, Frohe Weihnachten, Boldog karácsonyt, メリークリスマス, Priecīgus Ziemassvētkus, Linksmų Kalėdų, Christmas inte mangalaashamsakal, ਕਰਿਸਮ ਤੇ ਨਵੀਂ ਸਾਲ ਖੁਸ਼ਿਜਾਂਵਾਲਾ ਹੋਵੇ, Wesolych Świąt, Feliz Natal, Crăciun Fericit, Счастливого рождества!, Muve neKisimusi, Vesel Božič, 'Feliz Navidad, God Jul, Maligayang Pasko, Suk sarn warn Christmas, Mutlu Noeller, کرسمس or **Happy/Merry Christmas!!!!**

- ✓ **Great Fun...**
- ✓ **Great Confidence...**
- ✓ **Great Future...**
- ✓ **Great Heath!**

**Great
Hopes
Achieved**