

KS2 Newsletter

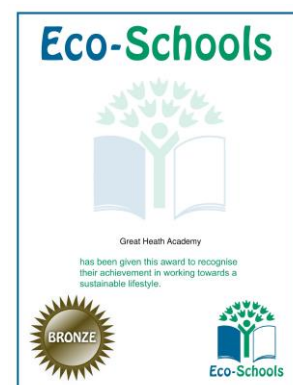
26th March 2021

Thank You!

It has been great to have the children back in school for the last three weeks. Thank you so much for all of your work over the recent lockdown, ensuring that the children carried on with their learning. It really helps, and we can definitely see the impact on the home learning for the children who really engaged in the lessons and activities set. We are now looking forward to the summer term to a full term of uninterrupted learning!

Eco Champions

Well done to our amazing Eco Champions. Thanks to their tireless work, we have been awarded the Eco-Schools Bronze Award. Well done to Luchia, Pippa, Monica, Pixie, Luca, Will, Nell, Martha, Ruby, Paxton, Kian, Lara, Aimee, Albert, Pippa, Ellie, Grace, Kate, Morgan, Kevin, Ryan, Rebecca & Bailey!



Parents' Evenings

We will be holding parents' evenings next term, but they will be a little different. All appointments will be remote via Microsoft Teams. After Easter, we will be sending home a letter with information on how to book your appointments. Parents' Evenings will be on **Monday 19th April and Thursday 22nd April, from 3.30pm – 6.00pm**. There will be longer appointments available the following week for parents of children on the SEN register. Watch out for the letter about specific times and how to book a slot.

Author of the Half Term

Each half-term, we focus on a particular children's author, looking at their books and at how they became a writer. This term, children have been looking at the author Tom Fletcher. Year 5 held a competition to design a character for a new Tom Fletcher book. Here is the display of their amazing work.



Rainbow of Reflection

Tornado class have created a 'Rainbow of Reflection' to commemorate National Reflection Day, marking one year since the first national lockdown. The children thought back over the year during the one minute's silence and reflected on what made the year unique for us.



- Red** handprints: Our family
- Orange** linked people: Our friends
- Yellow** sunshine: Something we are looking forward to
- Green** question mark: Something we learned during school closures
- Blue** teardrop: Something or someone we have missed
- Pink** heart: Words of kindness
- Pale pink** star: Something or someone we are proud of.

Parent Forum

Thank you to those parents who have put themselves forward to be on our new Parent Forum. We've had a great take-up from the younger years, but less so from upper Key Stage 2. If you would like to be involved, please send an email to your child's year-group email address. We would like to get a parent from every class, and still have gaps from Nursery, Watermelon, Strawberry, Loganberry, Hercules, Vulcan, Galaxy, Nimrod, Meteor, Tornado, Typhoon, Spitfire and Hurricane. The first meeting of the Parent Forum will be on **Tuesday 13th April**.

Amazing Art!

Spitfire class in Y6 have created these amazing collages using oil pastels and monochrome prints. Well done Spitfire!

PE kits

Please remember that PE kits should be a **bottle green PE t-shirt** and **black shorts/joggers/tracksuit**. Children can also wear a black or green sweatshirt/hoodie. Other colours of PE kit should not be worn.

Cycling on the playground

Please can you ensure that if your child comes in to school with a bike or scooter, they push it when on the school site. This includes pre-school children with balance bikes and scooters. We have around 800 people on site at the beginning and end of the day and it can be a hazard to have small children zipping around on bikes and scooters.



Achievement Awards

| | Writing Stars: 19/03/2021 | Maths Stars: 26/03/2021 |
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| Y3: Lightning | <i>Aiden Renton</i> | <i>Samuel Seaney</i> |
| Y3: Hercules | <i>Abigail Elutilo</i> | <i>Sapphire Desouza-Holwill</i> |
| Y3: Vulcan | <i>Keita Springe</i> | <i>Amelia Goodchild</i> |
| Y4: Galaxy | <i>Lillie Coleman</i> | <i>Nevayah Ayres</i> |
| Y4: Nimrod | <i>Lily Gates</i> | <i>Rhys Thomas</i> |
| Y4: Eagle | <i>Eve Kesterton</i> | <i>Ava Flatt</i> |
| Y5: Osprey | <i>Annabel Slack</i> | <i>Leisha Reddick</i> |
| Y5: Meteor | <i>Tristan Harlow-Dudley</i> | <i>Olivia Watts</i> |
| Y5: Tornado | <i>Guste Raudonyte</i> | <i>Tristan Harlow-Dudley</i> |
| | | <i>Benji Harmsworth</i> |
| Y6: Typhoon | <i>Bailey Pound</i> | <i>George Carter</i> |
| Y6: Spitfire | <i>Morgan Kachokammanja</i> | <i>Megan Stannard</i> |
| Y6: Hurricane | <i>Amy Firetto-Smith</i> | <i>Amalie Turner</i> |

Attendance

Well done to **Vulcan, Lightning, Nimrod, Galaxy, Eagle, Tornado,** and **Osprey** classes who all had above **98%** attendance during March. Top attendance was Osprey with 99.6%. Well done Osprey!

Diary dates

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| Monday 12 th April 2021 | Summer term starts |
| Friday 28 th May 2021 | School closes for half-term |
| Monday 7 th June 2021 | School re-starts after half term |
| Tuesday 20 th July | Last day of term |

You can find all term dates on our website at www.greatheathacademy.attrust.org.uk.

Yours faithfully
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