



HEADCORN HEADLINES: Friday, 21 June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

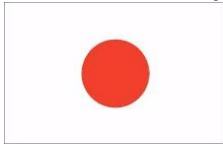



Thank you to everyone for a super Sport Day on Monday! The weather was just right and the atmosphere was electric, with cheers echoing across the field as the children competed with enthusiasm and sportsmanship. I am sorry to have missed it.




Families turned out in droves to support their young athletes, creating a vibrant and encouraging environment throughout the day. The fantastic turnout added to the excitement, and it was wonderful to see the community come together to celebrate our children's efforts.

The day was packed with thrilling events, including the classic relay races, where speed and teamwork were on full display. The javelin and shotput competitions showcased impressive strength and precision, while the long jump had everyone holding their breath as children soared through the air, striving for their personal bests.

The results for EYFS and KS1 Sports Day were:

White – Team Tokyo 	Red – Team Beijing 	Green – Team RioDJ 	Blue – Team Athens 
FIRST PLACE	SECOND PLACE	THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE

The results for KS2 Sports Day were:

Red – Team Beijing 	Blue – Team Athens 	White – Team Tokyo 	Green – Team RioDJ 
JOINT FIRST PLACE		THIRD PLACE	FOURTH PLACE

CONGRATULATIONS to **Red Team Beijing** who were our overall winners for the day with **White Team Tokyo** in second place and **Blue Team Athens** and **Green Team RioDJ** as runners up!

A BIG thank you to the **PTFA** for providing the toilets, refreshing ice poles and 'soon-to-arrive' rosettes! Another BIG thank you to **Mr Harris** for organising the day, all the teachers and TAs for training and encouraging their classes and to **Mr Peters** for being our MC!

We congratulate all the children for their outstanding participation and effort in each event. Special congratulations go to the **Red Team Beijing** for their remarkable performance and the honour of winning the Sports Day Cup. This year's Sports Day will be remembered for its unique outcome and the joyous spirit that filled the air. Here's to another year of fun, fitness, and friendly competition! Go Headcorn!

A Message from Mr Keeler MBE – our Chair of Governors



Dear All, you will all be aware by now I'm sure, that I completed the Weald of Kent Rotary walk on the 9th June. I just wanted to say a very big thank you for the support I was afforded by parents, family and friends, to date raising in excess of £600, half of which will go towards Cancer research and the other a contribution towards the new children's library project.

Community Choir Performance – Last Saturday our choir performed their songs beautifully at the **Heart of Headcorn** for the pleasure of the community. A big thank you to Bella Mansfield and Mrs Hutchison for organising this, ably assisted by Mrs Morgan and Mr Wood.

Year 6 Leavers' Production - Today KS2 children enjoyed the **Dress Rehearsal** for the **Year 6 Leavers' Production** of **Matilda**. A fantastic production of acting talent, splendid singing solos, confident and fun choral numbers and a brilliant morning of entertainment.

A BIG thank you to **Mrs Bramley-Harker, Mr Harris** and **Mr Mortimer** for their directing genius, ably supported by their TAs for a busy few weeks rehearsing since their SATs week. We have the evening performance to parents and carers tonight and a second performance to EYFS and KS1 next week.



Have a lovely weekend! Miss Symonds

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 25th June: Year 3 Trip to Kent Life

Thursday 4th June: Transition Day for the whole school

Thursday 11th July: Year 1 Trip to Kent Life

Friday 12th July: Year R Trip to Rare Breeds

Mon 15th - Wed 17th July: Y6 Kench Hill Residential

Fri 19th July – End of Year Discos (YR/1/2 during school day, Y3/4 5-6pm & Y5/6 6.30 – 7.30pm)

Tuesday 23rd July: End of Term 6 / End of Year



NB These dates are also available on the calendar on our website: www.headcorn.kent.sch.uk

Assemblies

Every day the children have assemblies that are aimed at developing their understanding of the wider world, sharing our Core Values, and encouraging self-reflection.

Next week, our assemblies will focus on democracy as we get ready for the upcoming general election. Each day, we will learn about different parts of democracy, such as why voting matters and what elected leaders do. These assemblies will help us understand and take part in our democratic process.



Music of the Week

Each week, we're inviting members of our school staff to share their favourite songs and music with the children during assembly time. Miss Bramley-Harker's choice...

Crossing Muddy Waters by I'm With Her Want to hear it at home ? <https://youtu.be/BTDUDRIeifQ>

Parking Notice

We will be receiving up to 3 visit a week from the Parking Services Civil Enforcement Officers and two police officers covering random visits across the remaining weeks this term. We have been asked to inform parents and carers that the enforcement officers may issue penalty notices to any vehicles found parked in contravention of any parking regulations.



Discovering Generative AI: The Magic Behind Your Child's Favourite Games

Have you ever wondered about the magical elements that make your child's favourite games so captivating? One of the fascinating technologies behind many modern games, including popular platforms like Roblox, is something called Generative AI. But what exactly is Generative AI, and how is it shaping the digital playground for our kids? Let's dive in and explore this together!

What is Generative AI?

Imagine a world where computers can create new content all on their own! That's the essence of Generative AI. Unlike traditional AI, which follows strict programming, Generative AI learns from data and then uses that knowledge to produce new and unique creations. Think of it as a digital artist that learns different styles and then paints its own masterpieces!

Generative AI in Games

In the realm of games like Roblox, Generative AI is like the wizard behind the curtain, conjuring up amazing new worlds and experiences for children to enjoy. Here's how it works and why it's so exciting:

Endless Creativity: Generative AI can design game levels, characters, and even entire worlds from scratch. This means that every adventure your child embarks on can be fresh and different, sparking their imagination in new ways each time they play.

Personalized Experiences: AI can tailor game content to suit each player's preferences. If your child loves exploring magical forests, the game can generate endless enchanted woods filled with surprises just for them!

Learning and Growing: Just like our kids, Generative AI learns and improves over time. As it interacts with players, it gets better at creating content that is more engaging and enjoyable, ensuring that the fun never gets old.

A Safe and Fun Playground

While the technology sounds complex, the most important thing to know is that it's designed to make games more fun and engaging for kids. Developers also work hard to ensure these AI-driven experiences are safe, educational, and appropriate for young players.

Encouraging Creativity at Home

Games like Roblox, powered by Generative AI, can also inspire creativity outside of screen time. Encourage your child to draw, write stories, or even try simple coding activities based on their in-game adventures. You might be surprised at how their digital creativity translates into real-world skills and interests!

So next time you see your child exploring a vibrant world on Roblox, remember that there's a bit of AI magic making it all possible. And who knows? Maybe this technology will inspire the next generation of creators, right in our very own homes.

Happy gaming and exploring!

Shaun the Sheep

Finding your way to the trail

The trail route is split into three areas:

Heritage Walk with sculptures located in Maidstone Town Centre, at the Museum and Brenchley Gardens

River Walk with sculptures located along the river, at Allington Lock and at Lockmeadow

Nature Walk with sculptures at two beautiful green spaces – Mote Park and Whatman Park

It's easy for everyone to take part in the trail, as the location of each Shaun is shown on the Shaun in the Heart of Kent map or via the free trail app which will be available from 27 June (available to download from the App Store or Google Play).

Maps can be picked up the two Shaun Shops in Maidstone Town centre:

Shaun's HQ – Fremlin walk

Shaun's Baa-rn – The Mall Shopping centre

They are also available to pick up in locations throughout the Town centre businesses including the Kent History and Library centre and Maidstone Museum as well as at one of our [14 Heart of Kent Hospice charity shops](#)

There are a number of events taking place throughout the trail [visit events to find out more](#)

There is still time to donate at https://www.justgiving.com/page/headcorn-school-1702295401506?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fheadcorn-school-1702295401506&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share



Headcorn Girls' Football Team Dazzles at All-Girls Tournament...

On Tuesday, 18th June, the Girls' Football Team showcased their skills and determination at the All-Girls Football Tournament hosted by Greenfields Community School. Competing in Group A, alongside five other schools, our talented team delivered an impressive performance throughout the day.

In the group fixtures, the team achieved two wins, two draws, and one loss. Their victories were hard-fought, demonstrating their teamwork, resilience, and love for the game. The two draws showcased their defensive solidity and strategic play, while the single loss was a closely contested match that highlighted the competitive spirit of the tournament.

Despite their excellent football, the team faced challenges in converting their numerous chances into goals. This lack of goals unfortunately made it difficult for them to secure a place in the semi-finals without favourable results from other matches in their group. Ultimately, Headcorn finished third in their group, just missing out on progressing to the next stage but should hold their heads high knowing that they were never out played throughout their time in the competition.

Nevertheless, the girls displayed fantastic sportsmanship and skill, making everyone at Headcorn proud. Their effort, dedication, and positive attitude throughout the tournament were commendable and a testament to their hard work in training.

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the team from the sidelines. Your encouragement and enthusiasm were invaluable to the girls, boosting their spirits and motivating them to perform their best. While the outcome may not have been what we hoped for, the experience was incredibly enriching for the team. They gained valuable match experience, strengthened their teamwork, and had a lot of fun along the way. We look forward to their continued growth and future successes on the football field.

Well done, Headcorn Girls' Football Team! Keep up the great work!#



PTFA News

A reminder that sadly we have had to cancel the summer social on 29th June due to low ticket sales. We have to balance all events sales vs expenditure and this one sadly wasn't going to be viable but thank you all for your votes in our polls this week it helped us make the decision. Summer always a busy time in the diary!

Thanks for final donations for Jack's charity walk. We raised over £600.

Also another shout for any good condition branded uniform you no longer need. Please drop into the wheelie bin as it will really help another family.

Next Week's Curriculum Overview



Year R Cheetah and Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths- This week's focus is on assessing and deepening the children's understanding of our counting system.

Literacy- We will be designing and making our own pizza!

Topic- Looking at different foods from around the world.

Please note: Next week, our PE lesson will be on Tuesday, so PE kits will need to be worn on Tuesday not Wednesday.

RWI Links

Miss Young's Group- [Spelling using ea](#), [Spelling using oi](#)

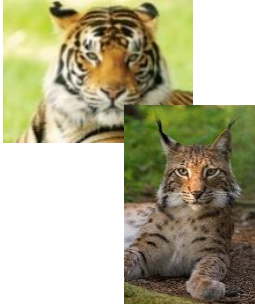
Miss Gelder's Group- [Spelling using oo \(zoo\)](#), [Spelling using oo \(book\)](#)

Mrs Day's Group- [Spelling using ea](#), [Spelling using oy](#)

Miss Ferguson's Group- [The sound n](#), [Learning to Blend](#)

Miss Creswell's Group- [The sound l](#), [Learning to Blend](#)

Mrs Griffith's Group- [Spelling words using u-e](#), [Spelling words using aw](#)



Year 1 Tiger & Lynx Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: We will be looking at information and discussion texts and how they are structured.

Maths: We will be continuing our money topic learning to recognise notes and count in coins.

RE: We will be thinking about why places of worship are important to our community.

PSHE: We will be learning about girls and boys bodies.

Read Write Inc: Please use the following links to recap sounds that your child has learnt in their phonics group this week.

Miss England and Mrs Tucker's Group: [the sound 'er'](#), [the sound 'ai'](#), [the sound 'ew'](#)

Mrs Baldock's Group: [the sound 'a-e'](#), [the sound 'i-e'](#), [the sound 'o-e'](#)

Miss Arthur's Group: [the sound 'oi'](#), [the sound 'a-e'](#), [the sound 'i-e'](#)



Year 2 Puma & Panther Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

English: We will be writing in role of a character.

RWI: Please use the video clips to recap sounds from your child's RWI (phonics) group:

Mrs Ferguson's group: [blending sounds](#)

Mrs Baldock's group: [ay sound](#), [ee sound](#) and [igh sound](#)

Miss Arthur's Group: [the sound 'oi'](#), [the sound 'a-e'](#), [the sound 'i-e'](#) Miss Harman & Miss

Stanton's groups: [er sound](#) and [ew sound](#)

Maths: Continuing learning on turns and using language such as 'clockwise' and 'anticlockwise'

Other: We recently began our 'Changing Me' unit in PSHE. This unit includes an RSE lesson. This lesson will follow on from the pupil's learning in Year 1 where they learn about the physical differences between girls' and boys' bodies and use the correct names for these parts.

We are excited watching our caterpillars grow in science!



Year 3 Jaguar & Pallas Cat Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Kent Life Trip Tuesday 25th June: The weather looks like it will be beautiful next week.

Please could all children bring a sun cap, extra bottles of water, a packed lunch and have sun cream applied before they come to school. *Children who have ordered a school packed lunch do not need to bring in an extra lunch but need to bring in a water bottle.* All children should wear their school uniform- not only does this help us look smart and ready to learn, it also means that all Headcorn learners are easily identifiable. Children can wear trainers if they like. The children will be back in school before the end of the school day therefore home time release will be as normal from KS2 playground.

PSHE: We will consider how boys' and girls' bodies change on the inside during the growing up process and explain that these changes are necessary so that their bodies can make babies when they grow up.

PE: With our Kent Life trip on Tuesday, there is just one PE day next week and this is Wednesday (cricket).



Year 4 Jungle Cat & Cougar Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We will be consolidating our maths next week so that we are feeling prepared for our NFER papers.

English: We will also be getting ready for our NFER English papers next week. To get ready we will be practising spellings and recapping various elements of SPaG.

Other: In French we will progress to learning how to ask for the bill and how to say 'goodbye' and 'thank you' in French. In PSHE we will be learning about the circle of change and to grow in confidence to make changes that will benefit us.

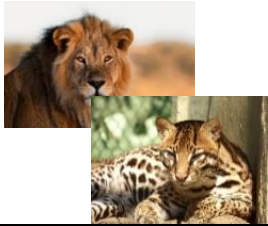


Year 5 Caracal & Snow Leopard Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

Maths: We will be converting units.

English: We will be finishing off our newspaper articles and then looking at some Greek Mythology.

PSHE: As part of our RSE curriculum, we will be looking at the idea of conception and linking this to our science about human gestation.



Year 6 Lion & Ocelot Classes: Next Week's Curriculum Focus

After working so hard on our leaver's production, it's back to reality for Year 6 next week! We will be having themed weeks leading up to the end of term. Next week is DT, as we start our topic 'Make Do and Mend.'