

## Message from the Head of School—Miss Jenkinson— Thursday 9th February

As you are aware, Ofsted came to visit Heaton Avenue last week. I cannot share the feedback or the result with you yet as it remains confidential to school however I can tell you how your children were praised for their learning and their behaviour by the inspectors. The report will be with parents in around 30 days after the findings have been quality assured thoroughly.

Many thanks to everyone who attended our Work Showcase Event this week. This was a parents' evening with a twist, as you were able to ask your children about the work they have done in their books this year. You will have also received a statement about their reading, writing and maths progress to date. Please do note that this statement does not replace their full school report. As usual your full school report comes in July and it will give you a full picture of your child's progress in all subjects as well as a personal and social statement too. Many of you were amazed at how much work the children had produced as you viewed their books; you will have been so proud of all that they have done I'm sure.

Jo Jenkinson

## Star Award



## School Council Book Sale

Our school council book sale will now take place on **\*Friday 24th February\***. Children will have the chance to visit the book sale with their class during the school day. Thanks to your generous donations, there will be a variety of books for sale—books will cost 20p or 50p. Please only bring a maximum of £2.00 in to school.

All proceeds made will go towards buying some new playground equipment. Thank you.

## Book Fair

Our Book Fair will take place on Tuesday 28th February, straight after school in the dining hall. Please use the concert entrance and don't forget your voucher which you will receive when we come back after the holidays.



## World Book Day— Thursday 2nd March

We will be celebrating World Book by coming into school dressed as our favourite book character. Mrs Spencer has also set some challenges to do if you wish, have a look on ClassDojo for these and they will also be getting sent home in bookbags. There are lots of Dojos up for grabs!

The Media Team are running a World Book Day competition beginning Monday 20th February. Foundation can design a book character, Key Stage 1 can design or draw a front book cover and Key Stage 2 are challenged to write a short story. The competition will be drawn on World Book Day and the winners will be chosen by our Media Team!

## Foundation Unit

Continuing with their Winter theme, our youngest children have been experimenting with ice. Simply through play, they are feeling the difference between warm and cold, wet or dry, rough or smooth, hard or soft. They were also given salt to see what effect this had on the ice. Discovering and differentiating these characteristics is a first step in classification, or sorting, an important part of their science learning and discovery.



## Key Stage 1

The children in 1VS started their new Geography unit last week and enjoyed learning the continents song to help us remember the different continents. They did a brilliant job and some of the children have been practicing the song at home.



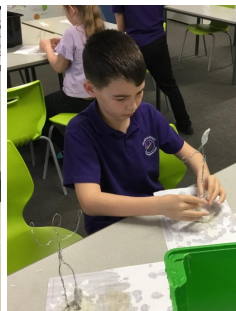
In Miss Whittaker's class for the last few weeks the children have been learning a dance routine in PE. They have tried so hard and are having so much fun (and so am I!) we are going to continue working on this routine and adding more moves so keep your eye peeled for part 2 on ClassDojo.



In Design & Technology the children did a taste test of a variety of fruit which they thoroughly enjoyed! This is in preparation for making their fruit salad next week.

## Key Stage 2

Year 6 had a creative day on Wednesday, they enjoyed creating artwork based on the artist Antony Gormley. His work includes many sculptures of figures, the children had the chance to make their own sculptures using wire and Modroc.



Time flies when you're having fun, and fun is what we've had in U2EA. Wider Curriculum has seen us use our geography skills to locate the different biomes in the world, using atlases, and identify regions within these biomes, drawing comparisons between them using their key features.

Maths has been quite challenging this week with us exploring fractions further - something the children find difficult - followed by learning all about which we've smashed!

English - the first think I would like to say is how impressed I am with the level of improvement in our writing. We've been working hard on our grammar - again not a strong point across the class - but have today, written some beautiful examples of characterisation including some rather technical grammatical features - well done everyone!



## Class of the Week

Congratulations to Mrs Patel/  
Oxtoby's class who won our Class  
of the Week Trophy!



Last week our class of the week trophy was given  
to the class with the best punctuality. Well done to  
Mrs Patel/Oxtoby's class for arriving to school on  
time every day! Keep up the good work!



## Latest Information

### FHA Valentines Disco Tickets

If you haven't got your tickets already for our Valentines  
Disco on Thursday, you can still purchase these from the  
office up until tomorrow. Tickets are £2.00 each.

### The Great Daffodil Appeal for Marie Curie

This week children will have the opportunity to purchase a  
daffodil pin badge in support of Marie Curie who provide  
care and support through terminal illness.

Suggested donation is £1.00.

Many thanks for your support of this very worthy cause.



## Friendly February— Happiness Action

- Share your true feelings with someone you really trust.
- Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference to you.

## Dates for your diary

**Thursday 9th February: Valentines Disco**

**Foundation & Key Stage 1 @ 5pm—6pm, Key  
Stage 2 @ 6.15pm—7.15pm**

**W/C 20th February:**

**Heaton Avenue's Got Talent Auditions**

**\*NEW\* W/C 20th February:**

**World Book Day Competition begins —** (See more  
information on ClassDojo soon)

**\*NEW\* Friday 24th February:**

**School Council Book Sale** (during school day)

**Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day**

**Friday 10th March: Break the rules day**

**w/c 13th March: Mother's Day Shop**

**\*NEW\* Thursday 16th March:**

**Year 1 trip to Eureka!**

**Friday 17th March: Red Nose Day**

**Wednesday 22nd March: Heaton Avenue's  
Got Talent Show**

## Stepping Stones Sessions

Is your child due to start nursery or school in the  
near future?

If so, why not come along and explore our  
excellent EYFS facilities with your child. Get to  
know our caring, nurturing staff who have years of  
experience in the early years setting and meet oth-  
er parents who are preparing for child to start  
nursery or school. We will do all we can to help  
you and your child to take the next big step in  
their development.

Our stepping stones sessions are for children who  
due to start nursery or school soon. The sessions  
will take place fortnightly, the first one starting on  
Wednesday 1st March.

Please contact the school office by phone or email  
if you wish to attend. We hope to see you there!