



Heelands School News

Friendship, Respect, Self-belief, Cooperation, Challenge and Responsibility

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 17th November** **Children In Need**
- 7th December** **Christmas Jumper Day**
Children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper/Festive Clothes/Favourite Outfit in return for a £1 donation per family
- 11th December** **Nativity**
Dress Rehearsal at 9:30am
Evening Performance at 6pm
- 12th December** **Nativity**
Community Invited Performance 9:30am
- 13th December** **Nativity**
Daytime Performance 9:30am
- 21st December** **Christmas Party**
Colonel Custard
Children to come to School wearing party clothes or a favourite outfit
- 18th–21st December** **Christmas Jumpers**
Children are welcome to wear Christmas Jumpers or Favourite Outfits for the last week of Term
- 21st December** **END of Term**
School closes at 3:10pm for the Christmas Break
- 22nd December** **INSET Day**
School closed to Pupils
- 08th January** **School OPEN**
Welcome Back!
Start of Spring (1) Term

HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks back since the half term break! As you will see in this Newsletter, children have been really engaged in their new topics and they have all been really motivated. The Immersion Days help children to learn a lot of knowledge and be absorbed in the themes through exciting activities and reading and this sets them up for the half term ahead. Phonics teaching has also been relentless and our Spotlight on Stories has meant that adults across the school have been into each class to share a book and simply enjoy listening.

We were very lucky to be offered the opportunity to share a morning with the Alina Band in our school hall. The session was organised by The Robins Centre and it was a great opportunity for our children to experience – and join in by playing percussion along to – a real, live band of musicians. It was really good fun and we hope to provide more, similar experiences in school as the year progresses.

Remember, if there is anything you need help or support with, we are always available to talk to. Not only can you speak to me or Becky, but you can also speak to Emily Withington who is doing a fantastic job as our Pastoral support in school. If you have any concerns, difficulties at home or need advice on anything, do come and speak to us.

Have a great weekend when it arrives and thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Ian Fraser

Executive Headteacher



EYFS—Monkeys

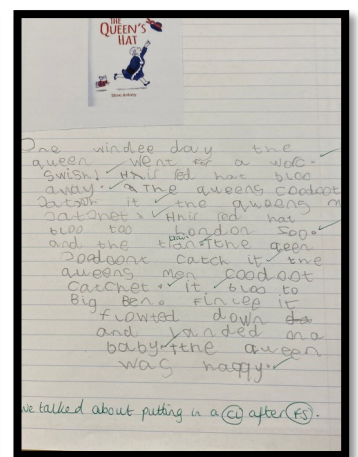
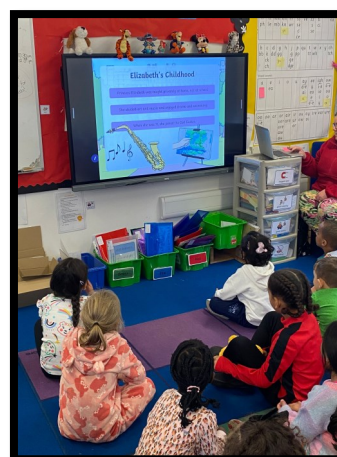
We started our new Topic Celebrations with a party day! We had so much fun party hats and decorations. The children made sandwiches and decorated cakes. We finished the afternoon with a tea party and party games.

It was the best day!



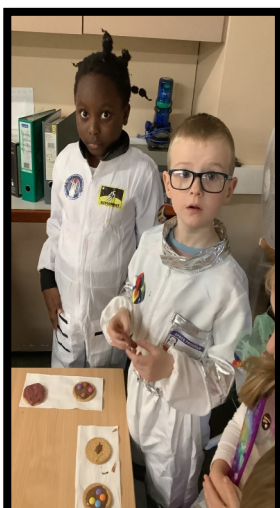
YEAR 1—Lions

This term our Topic is Guess Who? In History we have learned about Queen Elizabeth and Guy Fawkes. Our main text has been The Queen's Hat. We have learnt a story off by heart and have written the story—trying very hard to use full stops, capital letters and our best handwriting!



YEAR 2—Giraffes

This term we spent a day travelling to space. We got ready for blast off and then took a tour of the international space station, learning how astronauts, eat, sleep and go to the toilet! We wrote diary entries to explain how we felt in space. In Maths we helped space characters navigate their spacecraft using out subtraction skills. Then in the afternoon we decorated some space biscuits and designed some space shuttles which we will build and test in the next few weeks. We had a great day!



What we have been up to...

Alina Band...

On Tuesday 7th November a live band came to play to us at School. The Alina Band played many different songs, showed us how various instruments work and allowed the whole school to join in with some percussion instruments—it was a brilliant experience!



Children In Need...

Thanks to all our Children and Staff who supported our Children In Need dress-down day on Friday 17th November.

We raised a fabulous **£73.55**



Celebrations...

Assembly VALUES

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 6 core values:
FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, SELF-BELIEF, CO-OPERATION, CHALLENGE and RESPONSIBILITY

06.11.23



Emily

13.11.23



Isabella

17.11.23



Ethan



George

Niamh



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Celebrations...

Congratulations to our Sparkler Children. These assemblies celebrate children's efforts in all areas of work and play.

SPARKLER Assembly

06.11.23



Ola

13.11.23



Harry

17.11.23



Ally



Evanas

Karter



Julie

Support...

We appreciate that things are really tough for a lot of families. If we can help you with any of the below, please email us or come to the School Office and ask for Emily Withington or Diane Farmer

MILTON KEYNES
COMMUNITY FRIDGE

The Community Fridge is open to all and situated at:
34 Bramble Avenue, Conniburrow, MK14 7AP

[MK COMMUNITY FRIDGE - Home](#)



[MK FOOD BANK website](#)

Whatever circumstances leave families struggling to keep a roof over their heads, The Food Bank can provide short term, crisis food support. By working closely with local social care and health agencies we also ensure people are receiving help with their underlying issues.

We can help you with a referral to the MK Food Bank.
The address is:

14 Burners Lane, Kiln Farm, MK11 3HB

BabyBasics
Milton Keynes

[Home \(babybasicsmk.org.uk\)](http://babybasicsmk.org.uk)

Baby Basics MK can provide support for clothing, equipment and toys for children from 0-6 years.

We can help you with a referral.

The address is: 14 Burners Lane, Kiln farm, MK 11 3HB



[Home \(mkstorehouse.org\)](http://mkstorehouse.org)

MK StoreHouse provide donated clothing for adults and for children of school age upwards free of charge to families and individuals who are struggling financially and have been referred to them.

We can help you with a referral.

The address is:

Unit 5, Hollin Lane, Stacey Bushes, MK12 6HT

You may also be entitled to the following:

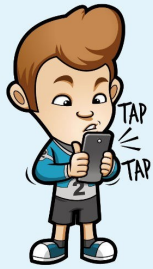
Household Support Fund - Energy Bills Rebate - Pupil Premium / Free School Meals - School Uniform Grant - Healthy Start Vouchers - Family Fund - Maternity Grant - Free dental products from Boots

Safeguarding...

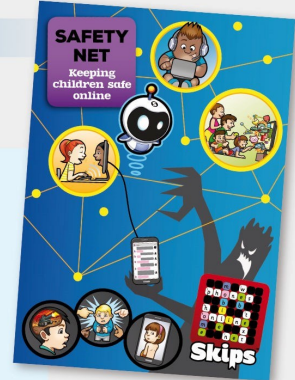
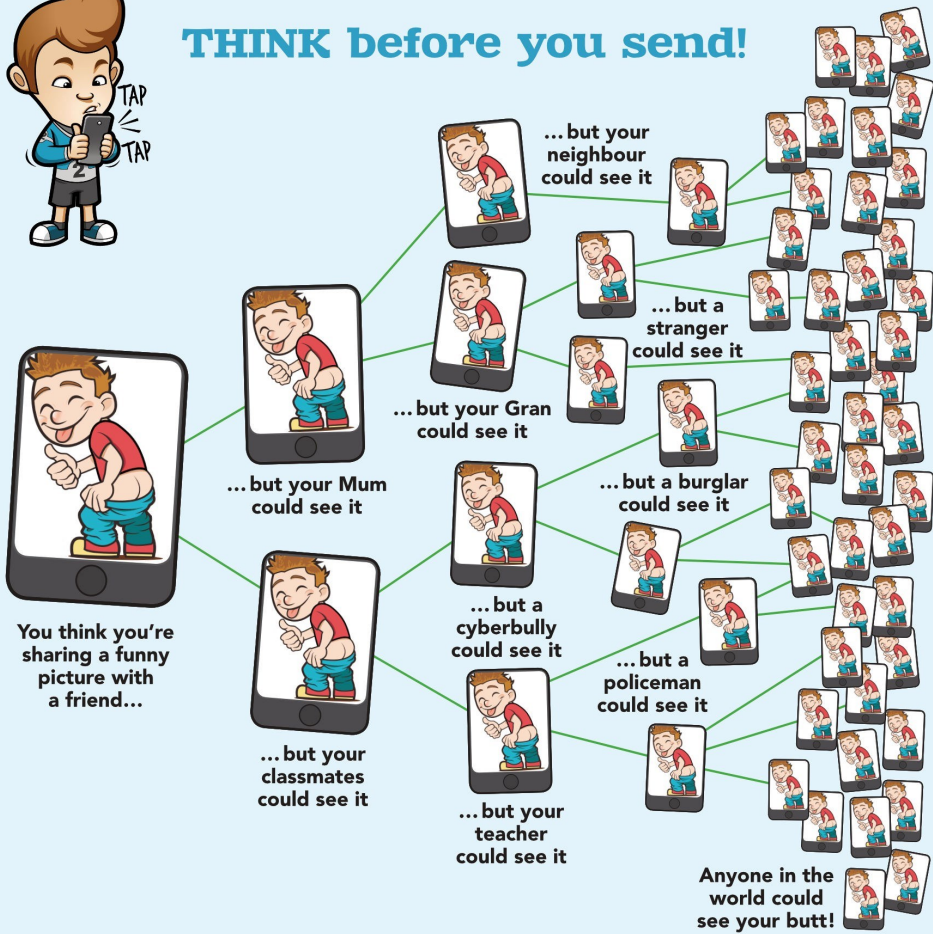


Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety



THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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