

Heelands School News

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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*



CHRISTMAS BREAK

School CLOSES on Thursday 21st December at 3:10pm

School OPENS on Monday 8th January at 08:30am



HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

December is upon us and has brought a cold snap of weather. It has been lovely to see the children bundled up in coats, hats and scarves enjoying the frosty mornings and noticing how the environment is changing now that we are in winter.

December has also brought the season of celebrations. Our Nativity performances were outstanding, and we have all been so proud of all the children. Thank you to all family members who attended.

The school has been decorated and cards are being written and sent. Next week our children will enjoy festive food, wear their festive clothes and celebrate with a party and entertainment with Colonel Custard.

While these celebrations are keeping us busy, Mr Fraser and I have been reflecting on the past year at Heelands and ensuring that all members of our school community celebrate the successes of our school and all those who contribute to it. Some highlights are;

- Summerfield and Heelands School became a Federation enabling staff to work together.
- Our youngest children who joined us in September, have grown socially and academically and we saw that growth in the wonderful Nativity performances this week.
- External visitors to the school always comment on the exceptional behaviour of the pupils.
- Learning walks and looking at work with other schools highlights that teaching and learning at Heelands is on an upwards trajectory.
- Attendance is now generally in line with that Nationally.
- The children all enjoyed a visit from Alina band and were thoroughly entertained by the live music.
- Our support for families with food, uniform and support — It is a real strength.

Thank you to the staff at Heelands for making this happen. Kindness, nurture and the highest expectations of every child are ever present, enabling our children to reach their full potential.

As always thank you to our parents. If you didn't trust us with your children each day, we wouldn't have the school of wonderful young people that we have. It is a time to celebrate indeed.

Miss Daley

Associate Headteacher

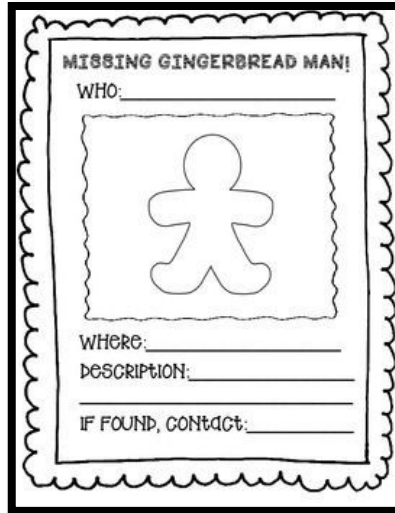


EYFS - Monkeys

The Great Gingerbread Man Mystery!

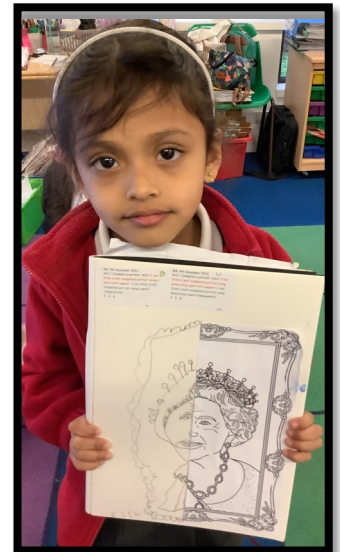
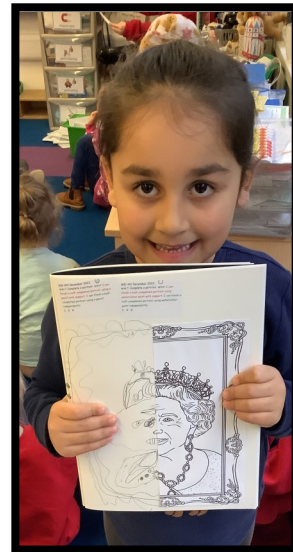
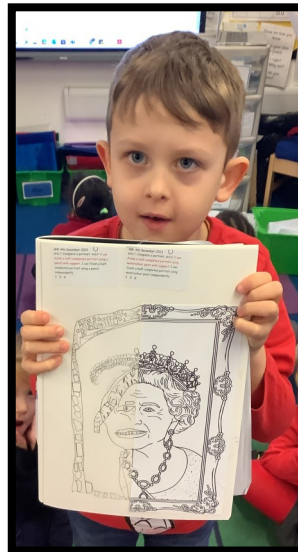
This week we decorated Gingerbread men but had noticed when we came back from lunch that they had disappeared! We saw a video where they were caught on the cameras- they had run away!

We made traps and missing posters in school. They were caught in one of our traps! We then enjoyed eating them while watching the Gingerbread Man story. The Monkey children have loved this and it has caused great excitement.



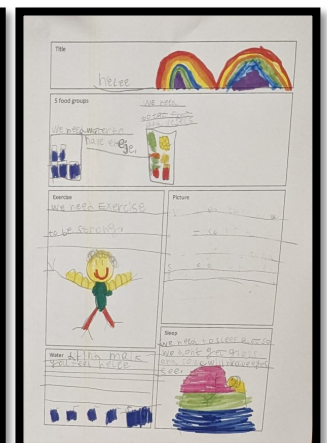
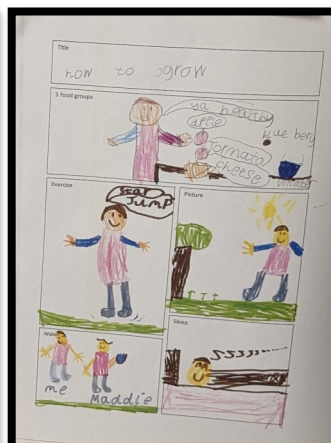
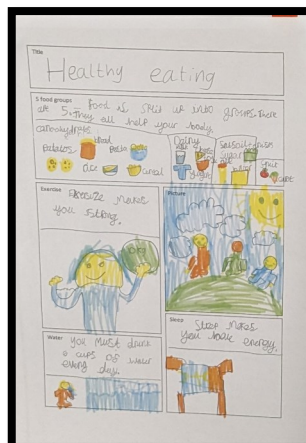
YEAR 1 - Lions

In the Lions class we have been drawing portraits of Queen Elizabeth II and then painting them with watercolours. We tried really hard to use different lines and to mix the colours to make different shades. We have been learning to mix Primary colours to make Secondary colours on a colour wheel. We have been brilliant this week with our performing of our Christmas Nativity and have been singing beautifully! The Lions have worked really hard with their Phonics over the last few weeks, and Miss Burt is very impressed with how confident we have been using our 'fred talk' and 'speedy reading'!



YEAR 2 - Giraffes

As well as being super performers in our Nativity, we have been very busy scientists thinking about how the human life cycle and how we grow, develop and change. We have also talked about the importance of living a healthy lifestyle; learning about food groups, balanced diets, hydration and how to stay hygienic by washing our hands. We finished this topic by designing some wonderful healthy living posters. In the final few days of term we are planning to build our rockets and blast them to space. We are also going to produce some special artwork to bring home for Christmas.



Christmas Jumpers...

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December, in aid of Save the Children.

You helped us raise a fabulous festive amount of **£46.55.**



Save the Children



Welcome...

From January 8th, Miss Jones will be teaching Monkeys class on a Monday and a Tuesday. She has met the class and is very much looking forward to teaching the children.

We wish Miss Warner every happiness as she leaves us to have her first baby.

Mrs Flynn will be teaching Giraffes class on a Monday and is very excited to be joining the teaching team.

Nativity...

We are so proud of all the children. They did tremendously well and have worked so hard with rehearsing and memorising their speaking lines and the songs and actions. It was so wonderful to see all the cheery faces. Well done!

Thank you to all the Staff who helped make these Nativity Performances magical.



Festive Raffle...

Thank you so much to everyone who donated some fabulous prizes for our Festive Raffle. Lots of happy smiling winning faces. We raised a wonderful amount of **£194.75** Thank you so much for your support.



Celebrations...

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

SPARKLER

Assembly



Winnie-Grace

Lacey



Duarte

VALUES Assembly



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



Grayson

Nieve

Amber

Safeguarding...

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



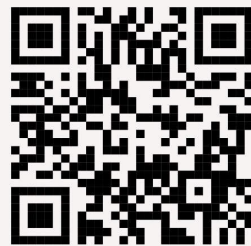
A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



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A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

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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VINTAGE
CHRISTMAS
AT BLETCHLEY PARK
THIS DECEMBER!



Discover the once top-secret work of the Codebreakers in our exhibitions and explore the wartime buildings to walk where history was made. Visit the Codebreaking Huts and Mansion, dressed in vintage 1940s decorations.

Follow the Reindeer Ramble to discover all Father Christmas' reindeer or test your riddle solving skills with our Christmas Puzzle Challenge.

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

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