

Heelands School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

05th–11th Feb	Mental Health Week <i>Various activities in school</i>
14th February	Parents Evening <i>3:30pm–5:30pm</i>
15th February	Parents Evening <i>3:30pm–7:30pm</i>
16th February	End of TERM <i>School closes at 3:15pm for the February Half-Term</i>
19th Feb - 23rd Feb	February Half-Term <i>School Closed</i>
26th February	Start of TERM <i>School opens at 08:30am for Spring Term (2)</i>
28th February	National Science Day
7th March	World Book Day <i>Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book.</i>
8th March	Mothers' Day Breakfast <i>Details to be confirmed</i>
21st March	World Poetry Day
28th March	End of SPRING TERM <i>School Closes at 3:10pm</i>

Place2Be's

CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK

5-11
FEB
2024

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HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I drove to work this morning, I noticed for the first time that it was almost light when I arrived at school! It seems that the longer days are almost here and hopefully the temperature and better weather will now follow suit!

Thank you to everyone who completed our Parent Survey. The overwhelming majority of responders said their child was very happy at school, felt safe and that our children are very well behaved; full details are on the end of this Newsletter. We are pleased that you agree with us on this and are grateful for your support. Areas for us to look at include how we communicate to you what your children are learning and how they are doing academically. We do send information out at least once a week on Class Dojo and our curriculum offer is available to read on the school website. You are always welcome to call in or email office@heelands.org and to arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher, Miss Daley or myself.

With this in mind, we have our Parents' Evenings in the last week of this half term. You can book between 3.30pm and 5.30pm on Wednesday 14th February (still leaving time to enjoy Valentine's Evening!) and 3.30pm until 7.30pm on Thursday 15th February. Please sign up as soon as possible.

On Monday, children are invited to begin Children's Mental Health Week by coming to school in comfy clothes. We will be sharing a wellbeing activity / strategy in each class every day next week. Further information can be seen on the website.

Have a great weekend and see you all Monday,
Ian Fraser

Executive Headteacher

DRESS-DOWN DAY

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and on Monday 5th February, children are invited to 'Come as You Are' and come to school in their favourite clothes (no donations).

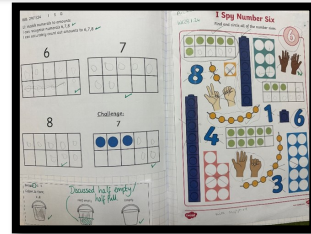
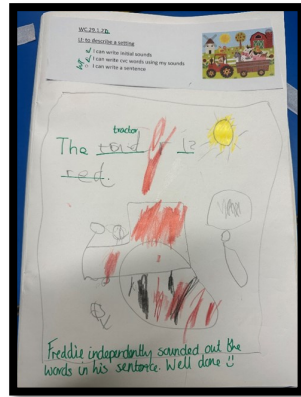


EYFS - Monkeys

What a busy week we have had in Monkeys class! We have been working on using describing words when writing simple sentences and have learnt about the numbers 6,7, and 8. In free learning we used the paints to create different farm animals and these are proudly on our display board.

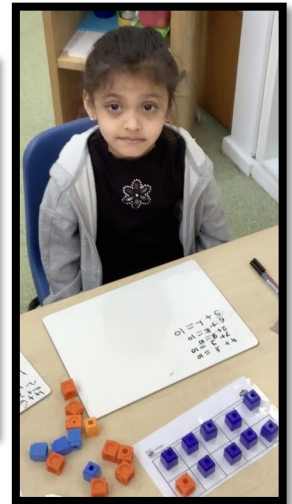
Look at our fantastic work!

(Pictures of sentence writing in books/ tens frame work/art board)



YEAR 1 - Lions

In Lions class this week we have been very busy Mathematicians! We have been learning about number bonds to 10 and 20 and using a tens frame to help us to show this. We have been learning to notice the pattern between our bonds to 10 with 20. We worked really hard on these!



YEAR 2 - Giraffes

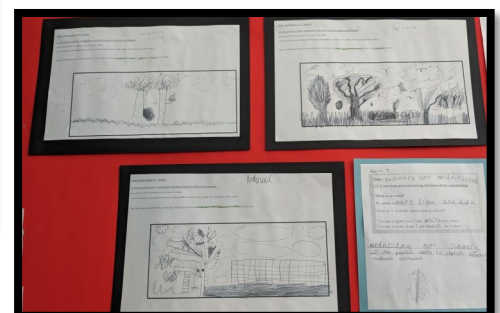
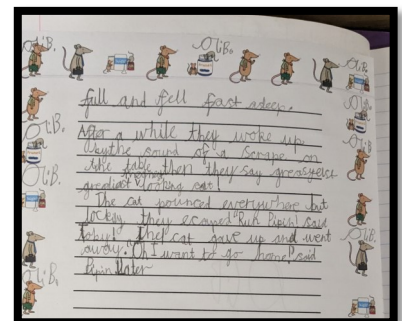
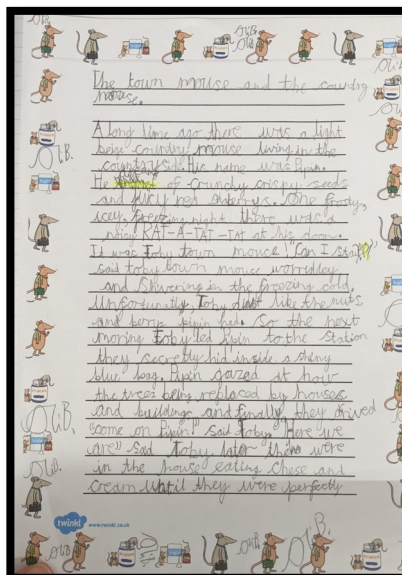
Giraffes have been learning the traditional tale of The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse. We are excellent story tellers and writers.

In Science we have been thinking about how animals adapt to their habitats and we compared two animals that lived in very different climates and habitats and considered how they are similar and different.

In Art we have been perfecting our sketching skills and enjoyed drawing our school garden landscape, even though it was cold.

In PSHE we have been learning about how to achieve a goal and have linked this to our learning of Spanish, reminding ourselves that to learn something new we have to keep practising and persevere.

What great learning!



Toscana Strings...

We would like to say a huge thank you to Toscana Strings who came in today and performed the story, Monkey Puzzle.

The children were so engaged and thoroughly enjoyed all the music and learning about the different instruments. They especially liked Monkey! Thank you Toscana Strings.

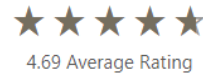


Parent Survey Results...

Below is a summary of our recent Parent Survey for Heelands School. Thank you to all those who took the time to give their feedback . These surveys are an opportunity to see in what areas we may require improvement and also to highlight any constructive feedback from Parents.

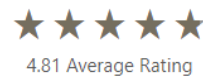
2. My child is happy at this school.

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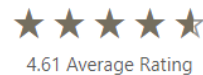
3. My child feels safe at this school.

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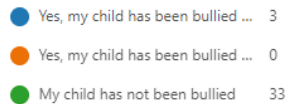


4. The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

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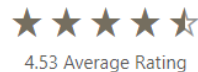


5. My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.



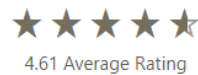
6. The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.

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7. When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.

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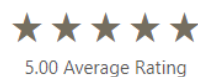


8. Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? (yes or no)



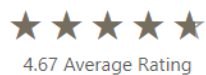
9. If yes, how strongly do you agree with this statement: 'My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.'

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10. The school has high expectations for my child.

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11. My child does well at this school.

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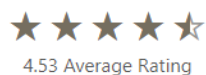
12. The school lets me know how my child is doing.

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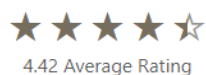
13. There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

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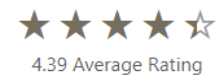
14. My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.

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15. The school supports my child's wider personal development.

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16. I would recommend this school to another parent.

● Yes	35
● No	1



17. I read the Headteacher's Newsletter.

● Always	25
● Sometimes	11
● Never	0



18. I access the school website for information.

● Often	16
● Occasionally	17
● Never	3



Local Support...

Dreamsai are a local charity that support many of our local community with food parcels. We would like to support them as much as possible in these difficult times and so have put a box just inside Reception where any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

COLLECTION BOX in SUPPORT of



DREAMSAI
Milton Keynes

COLLECTING DONATIONS of:

Any Tins/Cans, Long life foods, Pasta, Rice, Jar Sauces, Cereals, Jams etc



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Thank you so much for your support