

# Heelands School News

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

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>End of TERM</b> <i>School closes at 3:15pm for the February Half-Term</i>
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb - 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	<b>February Half-Term</b> <i>School Closed</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Start of TERM</b> <i>School opens at 08:30am for Spring Term (2)</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>National Science Day</b>
7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> <i>Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite character from a book.</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Mothers' Day Breakfast</b> <i>Details to be confirmed</i>
21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>World Poetry Day</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>End of SPRING TERM</b> <i>School Closes at 3:10pm</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> March - 13 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Half-Term</b> <i>School Closed</i>
15 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Start of TERM</b> <i>School opens at 08:30am for Summer Term (1)</i>



## HEADTEACHER NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who attended our Parents' Evenings over the last two days. I hope you found them informative and helpful as well as reassuring. We know that ten minutes can fly by so remember, if you have anything further to discuss with your child's class teacher or if you wish to speak to Kelly Wilson (SENDCo), Becky Daley or myself, then do email [office@heelands.org](mailto:office@heelands.org) and we can arrange a meeting. There is also more general information on the curriculum followed in class on our website [www.heelands.org](http://www.heelands.org) and Class Dojo will give you more up-to-date information about the learning at Heelands on at least a weekly basis.

It looks like the weather (and the day lengths) are improving and so we will be hoping to be outside a lot more, especially for PE. You will know though that rain will still be plentiful, so please send your children into school with appropriate PE kits, jackets, coats etc, for the weather...and please label everything.

It has been a tough couple of weeks in school with illnesses and tiredness so I hope you all manage to have a fun, relaxed and happy half term break.

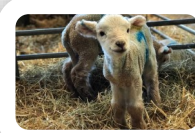
See you on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February!

Ian Fraser  
Executive Headteacher

## February Half-Term...

### THRIFT FARM—LAMBS

[Adorable Lambs - Thrift Farm \(thrift-farm.co.uk\)](http://thrift-farm.co.uk)



### STOWE—SNOWDROP WALK

[Snowdrop Season at Stowe Gardens | National Trust](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stowe-gardens)



### THE PARKS TRUST—FREE EVENTS

[What's On in Milton Keynes' Parks | The Parks Trust](http://www.theparkstrust.org.uk)

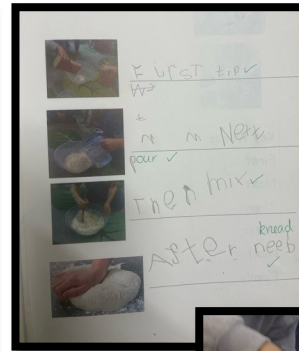


## EYFS - Monkeys

We have had a fantastic two weeks in Monkey's Class and have been extremely busy. The children have had the opportunity to explore the language used in the story 'Little Red Hen' and make their own Bread Rolls; the children had to knead the dough and make it into a ball to cook. We then wrote instructions to tell others how to make bread. Their writing was fantastic!

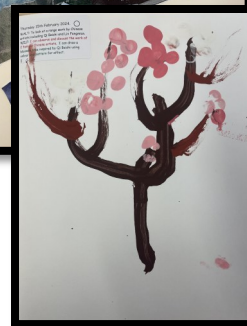
In Maths we have been exploring odds, evens and doubles. Monkey Class are getting very good at doubling up to 5, and we've even been practising doubling 6,7 and 8! Which is a bit trickier!

The children have also been learning about Lunar New Year and Pancake day. They even got to make and cook their own pancake! What a great few weeks we've had! Enjoy half term!



## YEAR 1 - Lions

This week in Lions we have been exploring Chinese artwork with the artist Qi Baishi. We have been painting beautiful Cherry Blossom trees using our different brushstrokes. We are very proud of them as we tried really hard. We then made a collage of our favourite pictures from China using our gluing skills to join materials together.



## YEAR 2 - Giraffes

Giraffes have been learning all about the world in our Geography lessons. We have discussed the differences between human and physical features and compared rural and urban areas.

In DT we have been learning how to make stable structures. We enjoyed testing for stability by designing cups, lego and cocktail stick structures. This topic has also developed our PSHE skill in working towards a goal and learning how to work together as a team.



# Celebrations...

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

# SPARKLER Assembly

05.02.24

**MONKEYS**



Sheldon

12.02.24

**MONKEYS**



Paula

**LIONS**



Georgie

**LIONS**



**GIRAFFES**



Kevin T

**GIRAFFES**



Alice

# Celebrations...

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 6 core values:

**FRIENDSHIP, RESPECT, SELF-BELIEF, CO-OPERATION, CHALLENGE and RESPONSIBILITY**

# VALUES Assembly

09.02.24

**MONKEYS**



Yousef

16.02.24

**MONKEYS**



Aoifa

**LIONS**



**LIONS**



Amber

**GIRAFFES**



Natanael

**GIRAFFES**



Julia

# Mental Health Week...

On Monday 5th February, as part of Mental Health Week children were invited to 'Come as You Are' in dress-down.

Here are **Felicia, Logan, Emanuel and Laurence** from Monkey's class



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PLACE2BE CLICK HERE...



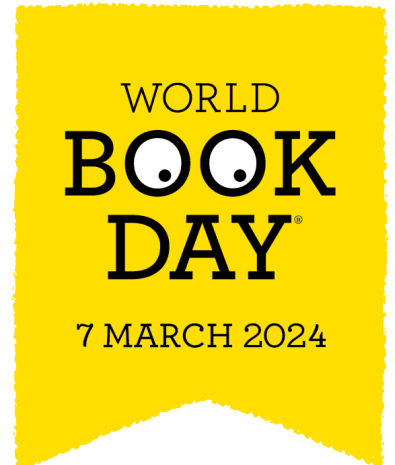
# Events...

## WORLD BOOK DAY — Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** and children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

We will also be holding various book activities throughout the week.

[World Book Day - World Book Day | World Book Day is a registered charity. Our mission is to give every child and young person a book of their own.](#)



## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST — Friday 8th March



From 8am Mums or Nans or Aunties are invited to school for breakfast and a book to celebrate Mother's Day.

Further details will follow.

# SEND Families...

Parents/carers of SEND children  
 you are invited to our  
**Coffee Afternoon**  
 Thursday 29th February  
 2:00pm  
 At Summerfield School

Come and meet our SEND Team:  
 Kelly Wilson,  
 Emily Withington (Heelands)  
 Kate Addison (Summerfield)

You can also have a tour of Summerfield School





Summerfield School  
 Downley Avenue  
 Bradwell Common  
 MK13 8PG

# Safeguarding...

## Staying Safe Online



	Know who online 'friends' are		Understand not everything online is true		Consider using home internet filters		Check security settings are in place
Know how to block unwanted calls & texts		Make sure you have an Anti-Virus program		Check age ratings on games		Be careful what you share	
Ask your child to teach you about their online world		Set expectations and time limits		Know how to report problems on Social Media		If in doubt, always ask for help	

...useful tips for Parents and Carers

## ***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



Dreamsai support our local community  
and we would like to support them  
in any small way possible.

Thank you so much for your support