



# Heelands School News

The Best You Can Be—Everyone, Every Day

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> November** **OAK Class—Immersion Day**  
*Time Travellers.*
- 27<sup>th</sup> November** **Stay & Play**  
*For Prospective parents for EYFS 2025  
Intake at 10:30am*
- 28<sup>th</sup> November** **OAK Class—Maths Lesson**  
*Parents are invited to come and join  
their child's Maths lesson at 2:15pm*
- 10<sup>th</sup> December** **Nativity**  
*1:30pm Further details to follow*
- 11<sup>th</sup> December** **Nativity**  
*6:00pm Further details to follow*
- 12<sup>th</sup> December** **School Christmas Lunch**  
*(Parents to order by 4th December  
through Wisepay)*
- 12<sup>th</sup> December** **MAPLE Class—Christmas Crafts**  
*Parents/Carers are invited to join their  
child from 2:15pm for a craft afternoon.*
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** **END of Term**  
*School closes at 3:10pm for the  
Christmas Break*



## **PARENT GOVERNORS**

## **HEADTEACHER NEWS**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Even though it seems a good while ago now, I hope you enjoyed the half term holiday. Your children have certainly started back refreshed and ready to go and we have had another focused fortnight at Heelands.

The closure due to flooding had an impact on our teaching and learning, especially our phonics teaching. The Read, Write Inc scheme is very prescriptive and each lesson includes a review of previous learning, learning new sounds and then consolidation tasks. Having a break is not ideal but Mrs Lui has led us all back into the swing of things really well and children are now making excellent progress despite the loss of learning time. We are very proud of all staff and children.

A vacancy has arisen for a new Parent Governor. As you may be aware, we have one Board of Governors across the federation and so a new parent representative can come from either school. It is a really important and very worthwhile voluntary role and I would be very happy to chat to anyone who thinks they could offer help as a governor to The Blue Sky Federation. I will send further information out in the coming days.

I am pleased to say that our kitchen server, Aicha, is now recovering at home after being taken ill and going to hospital yesterday. We send her all our very best wishes and can't wait to have her back in school soon.

Best wishes,

*Ian Fraser-Kirkup*

**Executive Headteacher**



## EYFS - Ash

Autumn 2 has started off extremely busy with numerous celebrations and special days. We started learning all about firework safety and had a great day making 'edible sparklers' and watching the fireworks on our interactive whiteboard. The children enjoyed learning about Bonfire Night traditions and were able to confidently discuss how to keep safe. Ash class have also had their 'Teddy Bear's Birthday Party' which was a huge success! I think they would like more parties at school! The children have learnt about Remembrance Day and made Poppies during their time in the provision. We have also started to learn about Diwali, which is celebrated by Hindu's around the world; they have made Diya Lamps and drawn Henna patterns on paper hand templates. We are continuing to practise name writing and letter formation with lots of opportunities to write sounds they can hear in words. We have linked these activities to the 'Naughty Bus' book we have been reading in Literacy. In Maths the children have been introduced to the numbers 4 and 5, with us building our knowledge on composition and representing the numbers in different ways. Thank you also for attending our Nursery Rhyme performance, I know they were all a little nervous but I was extremely proud of how they did. Well done Ash Class!



## YEAR 1 - Maple

In Maples class we have started our new topic 'Guess Who?' The children had a fantastic time on Friday having our 'Royal Tea Party'. We made bunting and decorated cupcakes and then in the afternoon we had a party, playing lots of fun party games. We have started our new story 'The Queen's Hat' and have enjoyed sequencing and re-enacting the story. In Maths we have started to learn how to add numbers within 10 and then find number bonds to 10.



## YEAR 2 - Oak

Oak class have been time travelling and so far we have learnt all about Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Katherine Johnson and how these women changed the world!

We have been writing fact files and also enjoying role playing being in the Crimean War.

We have also been practising our calculations, like Katherine Johnson, learning to add and subtract our number bonds to 10, 20 and 100.



## Celebration Assemblies...



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

08.11.24



Katie

ASH



Freddie

MAPLE



Ethan O

OAK

15.11.24



Dominik

ASH



Logan

MAPLE



Rishab

OAK

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:  
RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE



08.11.24



Noah

ASH



Mario

MAPLE



Amber C

OAK

15.11.24



Klaudia

ASH



Elijah

MAPLE



Felicity

OAK


## Royal British Legion...

Thank you to all those who have supported our Poppy Appeal on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We look forward to hearing from the RBL with a final total amount of how much we have raised. Thank you so much.

As part of Remembrance day we held a special Remembrance Assembly on Monday 11th November where children participated in the 2 minute silence.


[Royal British Legion | Armed Forces Charity](#)




 **Poppy Appeal 2024 Merchandise**

Heelands School are proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year and we have different items for sale.


If you would like to purchase any item, please send a **named envelope** in to school with your child, with the correct money and the items you require.

The items will then be given to the children to take home with them. 



**Suggested Donations**

Paper Poppy Badge/ Sticker – 50p	Snap Band - £1.50
Metal pin badge - £1	Bracelet - £1
Pencil sharpener – 50p	Reflector - £1
Eraser – 50p	


Thank you for supporting this year's Poppy Appeal 

## Children In Need...

Thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need dress-down day on Friday 15th November.

We have absolutely smashed our £300 target and raised an incredible **£458** across the Blue Sky Federation.

We truly are stronger together and this amazing amount which has been raised will help provide continuing funding for child support groups and assisting with lowering child poverty. Thank you.

**BBC CHILDREN IN NEED**

*Dress-Down Day*

**We have raised**  
**£458**

## **Wrap-a-round Care...**



THE BLUE SKY FEDERATION

# Wrap Around Care



### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

from 07:45am

Costs £5.75

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

till 6:00pm

Costs £12.75

For Heelands, Bradwell Village  
and Priory Common School Children

Enquiries to:

[Finance@heelands.org](mailto:Finance@heelands.org)

Telephone: 01908 316306

Located in the Children's Centre next door to  
Heelands School, Glovers Lane, Heelands, MK13 7QL