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Newsletter

A warm welcome to the first newsletter of 2022!

As you will see from the pages that follow, we've had another very busy and productive term. The children have been lucky enough to go on a number of trips and visits that have taken place, including a number of college transition visits for our older students, right through to the reward trip for EYFS at Pirate's Landing. Our students gain so much from these experiences, giving them the opportunity to practise their communication skills in real-life, unfamiliar situations with friendly, supportive staff encouraging them.

The school football team played their first game of the season last week and had a resounding win over The Rise School. The most pleasing part of the victory was how well all of the students represented Heathermount and displayed our core values throughout the game.

Staffing update

We have been busy this term filling some of our vacancies and we are happy to announce some internal and external appointments:

Congratulations to Max who has been covering the PSHE teacher vacancy since September 2021 and has now successfully been appointed in the role.

Nicola has been successful in securing the Higher-Level Teaching Assistant post that was made vacant when Dani stepped into the Horticulture and Forest School teacher role.

Zoe has taken on the important role of Exams Officer for the school, and she will do this role, alongside her teaching assistant position.

We have a strong tradition of promoting from within the school and providing career opportunities for staff. I know that our student body will really benefit from these staffing changes.

Externally, we have appointed two new teaching assistants who will be starting very soon. We look forward to Rosalind and Liliana starting with us in a few weeks' time.

We still have some vacancies which can be seen on our website. We are looking for more teaching assistants, as well as an admissions coordinator and a science teacher (maternity cover).

COVID-19

Since the start of this term, we have been significantly affected by COVID-19 and have had to, at times, adapt to very low staffing levels and in two cases, close some classes down for a few days. We really appreciate all the understanding and support you have given us throughout this time and a massive thank you to the staff who kept going through the last few weeks, covering for absent colleagues, and taking on extra duties so we could still operate the school safely. We will review our control measures before we return after the half term holiday and be in touch before 21 February.

Core value cup winners

Congratulations go to the three students who have shown this term's core value of "courage". The winners' names will appear later in the newsletter. Next term we will be promoting and celebrating the core value of showing and giving "respect".

2022/23 Term Dates

The term dates for 2022/23 have now been published on the school website so please use this when planning any family holidays (COVID permitting) and please ensure that any trips are taken during school holidays. If there are exceptional circumstances, parents can submit an absence request to me, and I will make a decision around authorisation.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term, and we are looking forward to seeing the students back on Monday 21 February.



Headteacher

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Activity
Monday 21 st February	Start of TERM 4
3 rd March	World Book Day (Whole school dress up)
4 th March	HPV (1 st & 2 nd dose) YEAR 8 & 9 STUDENTS ONLY
18 th March	Comic Relief: Red Nose Day (Whole school dress up)
Friday 1 st April	End of TERM 4

STAR OF THE WEEK – FOUNDATION



Eric



Georgie



Noah



George



*Congratulations to all
star of the week
winners in foundation!*



STAR OF THE WEEK – PRIMARY



Sebby



Junior



Jacob



Kady



Swaroop



*Congratulations to all
Star of the week
winners in primary!*

STAR OF THE WEEK – SECONDARY



Jay R



Paul



Oliver G



Leo E

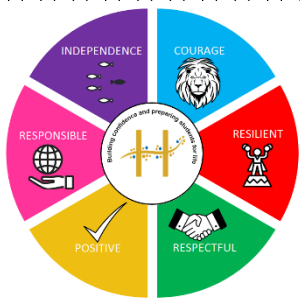


Matthew B

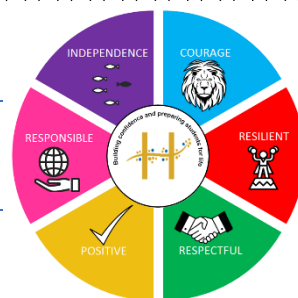


*Congratulations to all
Star of the week
winners in secondary!*





HEATHERMOUNT CORE VALUES CUP



This term the focus was
"COURAGE"

Making good choices, taking accountability for your actions and being helpful to others.

FOUNDATION cup winner is:

MYLO

Has shown great courage since joining Heathermount.



PRIMARY cup winner is:

BAILEY

For being courageous in transitioning to other classes and mixing with new peers.

SECONDARY cup winner is:

LEO E

For continuing on his courageous journey at Heathermount and building a rapport and trust with staff enabling them to support him with his learning.



The focus for Term 4 is
"RESPECT"

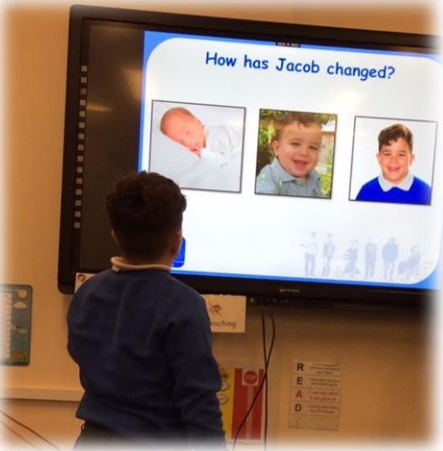
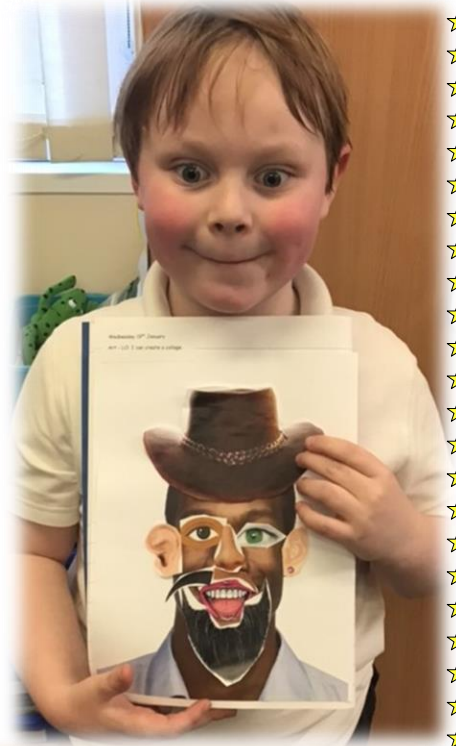
FOUNDATION



This term Ash class have started learning all about ourselves.

We have had lots of fun looking at photographs from when we were babies and toddlers and discussing how we have changed.

In art we have also started learning about facial features and created our own silly collage pictures.

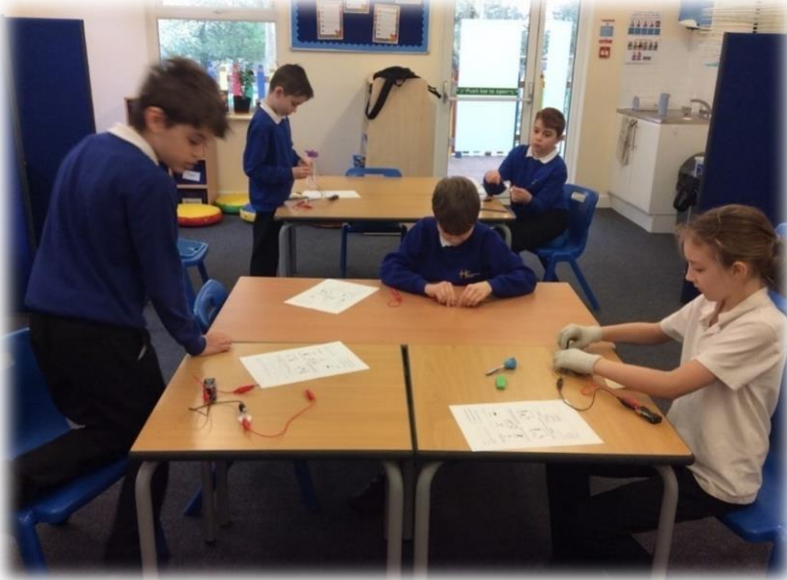


FOUNDATION & EARTH

This term Earth have been helping Ash class to complete different astronaut challenges. We have had to walk like astronauts, complete space pictures, sort space junk and work together to build a rocket. Lots of fun was had by all!

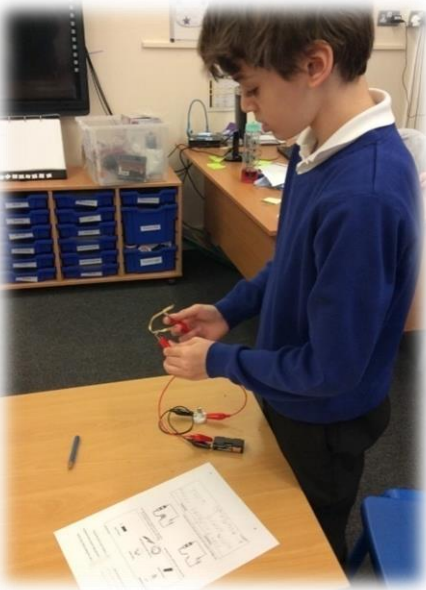


PINE



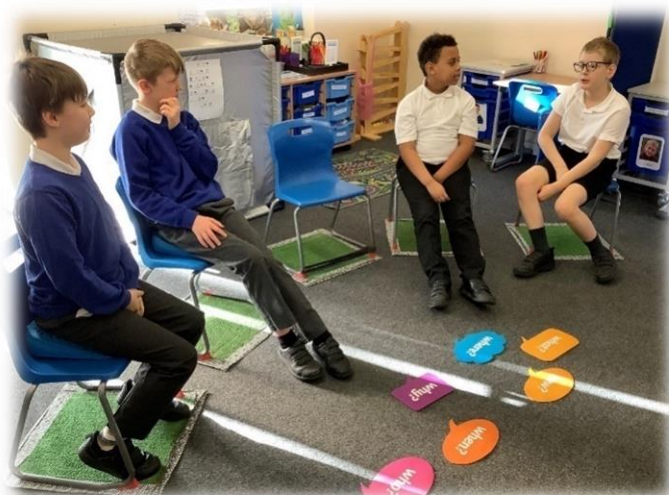
This term in Pine class we have been exploring the Ancient Greeks! We used Greek artifacts and our own inference skills to try and discover more about how the Ancient Greeks lived.

We've also been learning about electricity in science. We used electronic circuits to explore conductors and insulators through testing a range of different items.



WILLOW

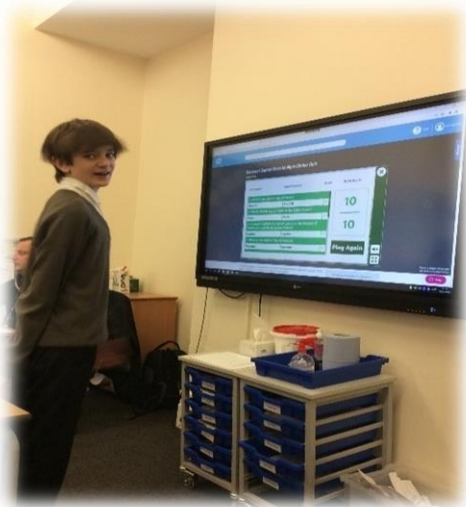
We have been super busy in Willow! Here are some pictures of us listening to our friends during 'Weekend News' and having fun in Forest School. We have also enjoyed new experiences like playing the violin and practising taking turns.



During Project, we learned about aerial views. We built a 'Willow Town' with Lego and then used the iPad to take photos from an aerial view.



PLUTO



In geography, Pluto class are working hard on their knowledge and skills that help them identify European countries and their capital cities.

In music, they are learning to improvise using a pentatonic scale.

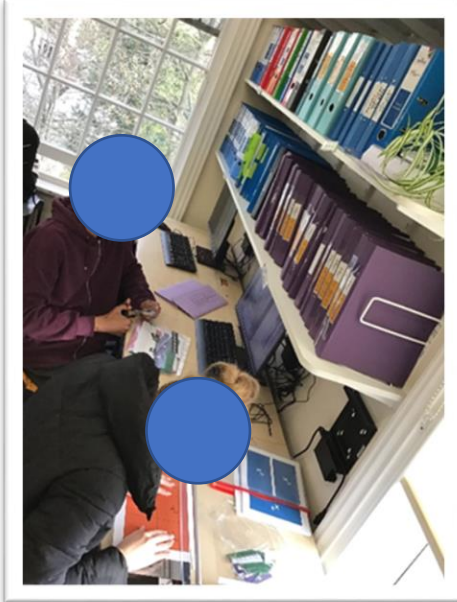
In drama, they are learning to use voice and what different muscles are used for.

In PE, they are learning about net and racket games.

In horticulture, they had to find and describe wildlife, different trees and plants.



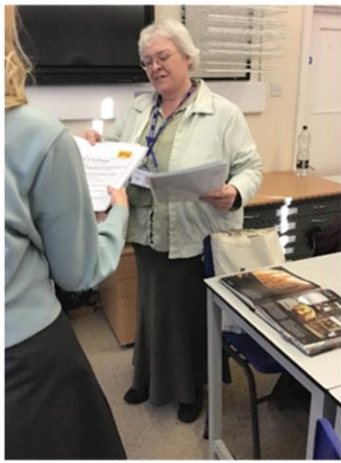
BUSINESS ADMIN



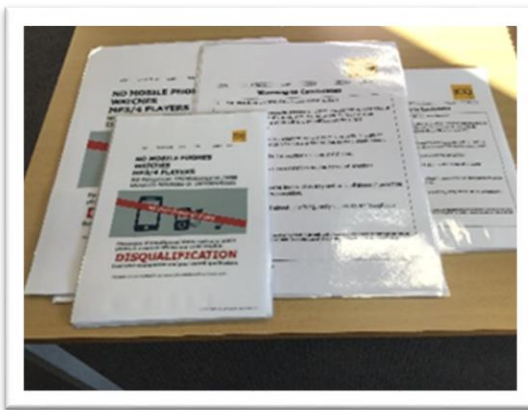
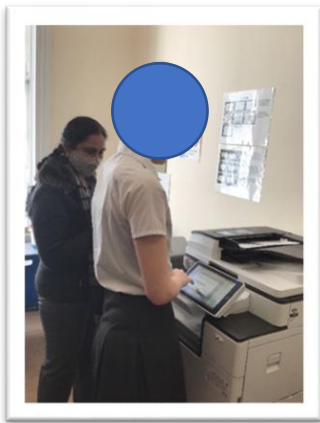
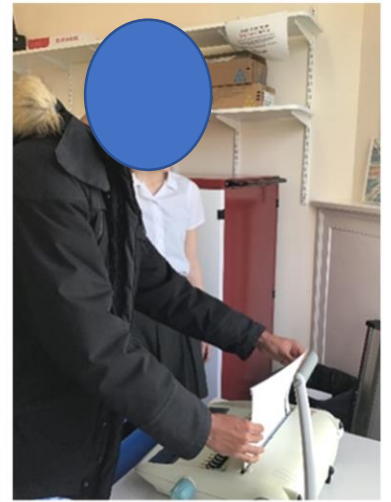
Venus and Neptune completing maths resources. Making sure their quality standards are met.



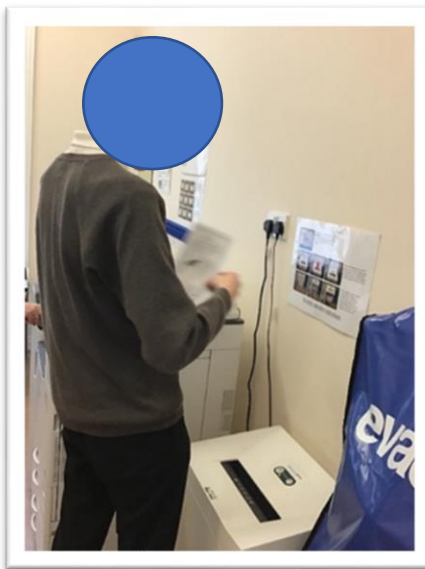
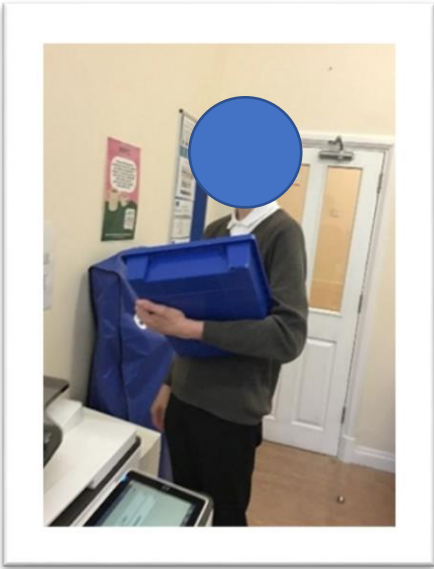
Venus and Saturn working together in order to complete resources for the school's drama department. Students needed to make sure the quality and deadline were met.



Business Admin's Buzzy Bees



Venus class completing exam posters and booklets. Making sure their work is completed to a high standard and delivering it to the client.



Jupiter student shredding confidential documents.



Saturn student completing and delivering completed work to a client.



Thank you to Todd for business admin's newsletter contribution



CATERING



During catering lessons this term, Earth have been making a variety of sandwiches and toasties.

Well done, Earth!



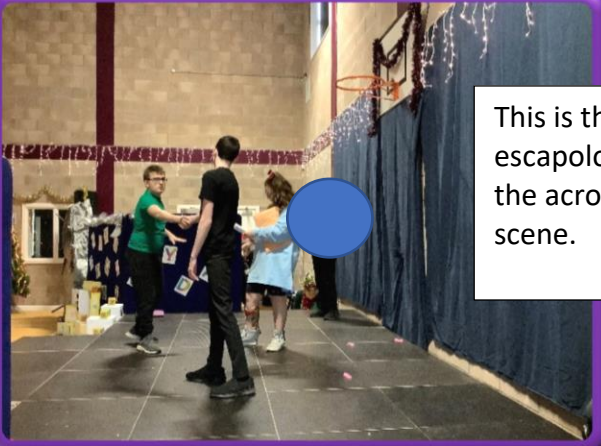
They have now moved on to making their own bread. They made a garlic and rosemary focaccia bread!



They all did exceptionally well, and this is now going towards their Skills for Working Life qualifications.

DRAMA

Matilda performance



This is the
escapologist and
the acrobat
scene.



This is the school
children performing
the song revolting
children from
Matilda.



This the scene
where the cook
gave Bruce the
cake!



Thank you to Ellie for drama's newsletter contribution



Matilda survey feedback from staff

The survey went well, it shows that staff would like to see us invest in headset microphones. The parents disagreed.

Staff would love to see more school performances and so would the parents.

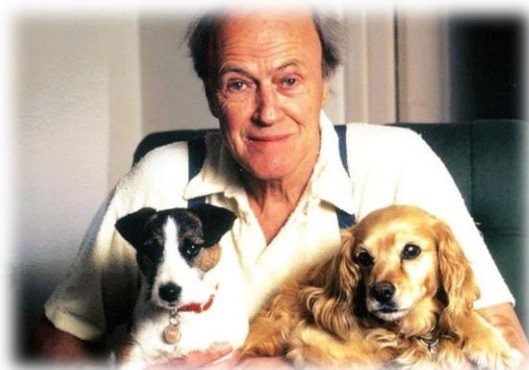
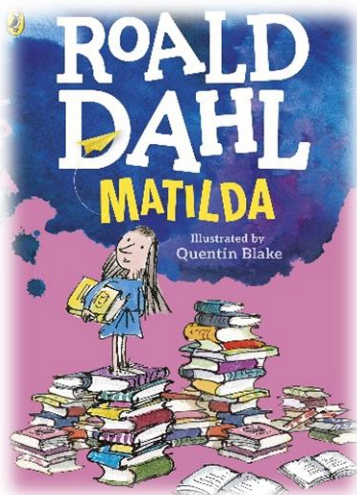
Staff also suggested that we have a bigger stage, they also would like the transitions to be smoother.

Staff and students would like to see us to continue selling merchandise, some parents would not like it.

The highest choice of confectionary was drinks and sweets for both parents and staff.

There was a mix of opinions on the next show choice, the highest at the moment is The Greatest Showman and Roald Dahl.

The show will be pending.



Thank you to Ellie for organising and completing the feedback surveys and analysing and presenting the results.



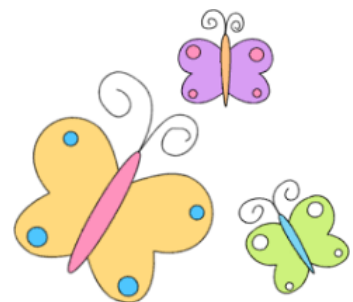
HORTICULTURE



This term in forest school, primary students have made the most of the sunshine and being outside.



Students have had the chance to make picture frames, boats and hanging mobiles.



OUT & ABOUT...REWARD TRIPS ARE BACK!



Mercury took a trip out to Cost Coffee as a reward for their hard work and effort in science.



They were very polite, well behaved and mature in their actions. They had fantastic interaction with the Costa staff and were just awesome!



**Staff are so proud of all of them.
Well done, Mercury!**

OUT & ABOUT...REWARD TRIPS ARE BACK!



Maple and Ash students visited Pirate's Landing for their reward trip. They had an amazing time and did themselves and the school proud.

Well done!

FOOTBALL NEWS!



Here is a great photo of
the students that
represented
Heathermount at the last
football match. We have
some more tournaments
and matches coming up.
**GOOD LUCK AND WELL
DONE!**





*Have a lovely half term
break!*



*Best wishes.
Heathermount Staff*

