



Heathermount Newsletter Term 6

Welcome to the final school newsletter of this academic year!

As you will see, it has once again been particularly busy at school with some wonderful events and activities; We have raised money for Cancer Research UK, Pine class received a very special letter, we have seen wonderful exam success in ICT, our living egg project has been a fantastic project for both maths and science, and we have seen some excellent work from our school council around mental health. To cap it all, we had the most amazing whole school event on Friday 15 July – the Heathermount Olympics!

Heathermount Olympics

What a day! Over 130 parents and guests joined students and staff at Heathermount to make a real “family” event. It was so wonderful to celebrate the successes of our students and say our goodbyes to all of our leavers. Thank you so much to everyone who supported the event and to all the staff who pulled together to make it happen! It truly was a team effort with Nicole being the main driving force behind it. Let’s see what we can come up with for next year.

On behalf of the whole staff team, I would like to send our best wishes and say good luck to the following students who will be leaving Heathermount this term:

Arthur and Alex from Primary/Foundation; and

Theo, Todd, Eva, Jack M, Jack H, Jamie, Toby, Luke, Bethany, Leo D, Matthew B, Alex C, Dan, Harvey and Tobias.

Summer examinations and end of year reports

Well done to all the students who sat GCSE, Functional Skills, or other exams this year. Sitting exams can be an anxious time but our students coped admirably, and we are all looking forward to results day on 25 August. Craig has sent information out to parents and students on how to access their results. I'm sure all the hard work will have paid off and the students will get the grades they deserve.

End of year reports will be sent out by the end of the week.

Governors

You may recall that we recently held elections for two new parent governors. I am very pleased to announce the outcome of the parent vote and to welcome Melanie Glen-West (Mylo in EYFS) and Ben Wassell (Noah in EYFS) to the Governing Body. Our new governors will join their first board meeting in September.

I would like to thank Anne Catherine and all the governors for their commitment and governance of the school throughout the last 12 months. There have been regular visits to the school and challenge and support in equal measures.

Core values

We have been promoting and demonstrating the core value of resilience throughout this term and the three winners across the school can be seen in the newsletter. A big well done to the winners!

In September we will be starting the new academic year with the core value of being **responsible**.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

One of the highlights of the year was to see the older students completing the various elements of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. Probably the most challenging was the expedition - 12 hours of walking (split over two days) and an overnight camp. Amazing teamwork and resilience shown by all of

our students, and we look forward to having our first ever cohort receiving their bronze awards later this year. A big thank you to Dani and Richard for driving the award scheme throughout the year.

Reception – changes over the summer holiday

There will be changes made to the reception area of the main house over the summer that will impact where you come and sign in from September. We will send out some photographs to you as soon as the work is completed. The two main reasons for this change are safeguarding (a visitor will not be able to walk into an area where students may be), and health and safety (the existing hatch needs to be blocked up due to fire regulations).

Finally....

I would like to thank all the parents for their support and good wishes throughout the year. It has been a genuine team effort navigating the challenges that this year has thrown at us, and we are really appreciative of the close working relationship that exists between the school and our families. Fundamentally, we all work together to make the most of the opportunities in school to help ensure the best possible learning for all the children.

Reflecting on the last year it has been wonderful to see the enjoyment, fun, and all hard work that our amazing children have put into school, and you should all be very proud parents!

All of this wouldn't have been possible without the dedication and commitment and hard work of the staff who all thoroughly deserve a well-earned rest.

Have a wonderful summer break, stay safe and enjoy time with family and friends. We all look forward to seeing students return on Monday 5 September.



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David Stewart

Headteacher

Dates for the diary

Thursday 1 September - INSET (no students)

Friday 2 September - INSET (no students)

Monday 5 September - Start of Term 1

Friday 21 October - End of Term 1

Monday 31 October - Start of Term 2

Please also see reminders and helpful information at the end of the newsletter.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance = 90.4%

It is fantastic to see our attendance percentage back up to the figures we were getting before Covid. So a massive thank you to all the children and parents for supporting getting in to school in true HERO fashion –

HERE, EVERY DAY, READY AND ON TIME

An amazing 27 students achieved 100% attendance for this last half term, with 6 students achieving 99% or above attendance for the whole academic year – Well Done!



We celebrated all the children's contribution to overall school attendance with a Hero's dress up day in primary and a movie afternoon in secondary. Some of the primary HERO outfits were fabulous!

Hope you all have a fantastic summer and rest, and we look forward to seeing you achieve more great attendance in the new academic year.



Foundation

George B

Paru

Harry

Jacob

Nathaniel



Primary

Cohen

Sebby

Brody

Lamine

Paige



Secondary

Sonny

Amber

Oliver G

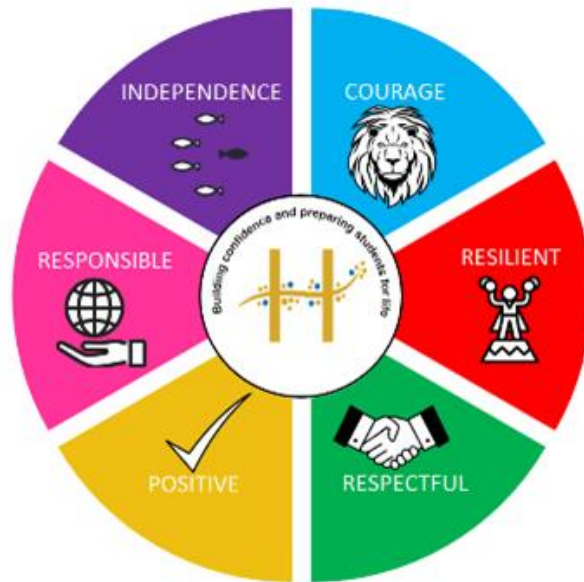
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Congratulations to all of our 'Star of the Week' winners this term!

Core Values Cup



This term the focus was being RESILIENT

NOAH: Has shown great determination to learn his phonics sounds and hasn't given up even when he found it hard. He is trying his best in lessons now and is showing great resilience when faced with challenging social situations.



Foundation

This term we have had great fun recalling memories from our time at Heathermount and in our lives so far. We have loved looking at past photographs and sharing these memories with the class.

In food tasting we have been learning about healthy snacks and how to follow simple recipes. We also loved tasting our creations at the end!







Well done!

We also went out on a great trip to Pirates Landing!







Race for Life

Once again, Heathermount took part in this sponsored event to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The students were great and they worked so hard running, jogging and walking! The total amount raised this year was £165. Thank you and well done to everyone that participated and donated.





Primary

Willow

This term, students have been learning about family trees and have each created their own family tree.

Here are the students enjoying their reward afternoon!











Pine

In Term 3, Pine's English class wrote letters to the Queen congratulating her on her Jubilee. After asking every week if they got a reply, they finally did!





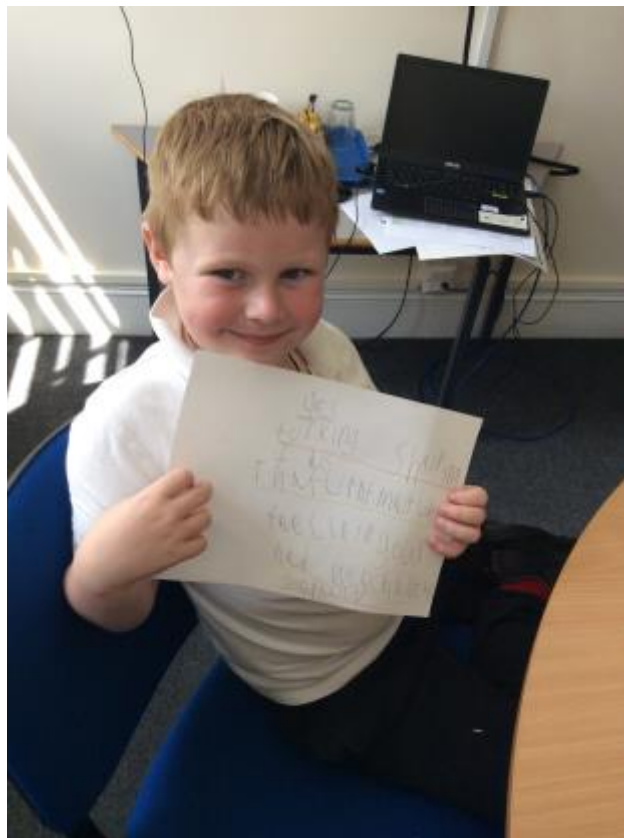
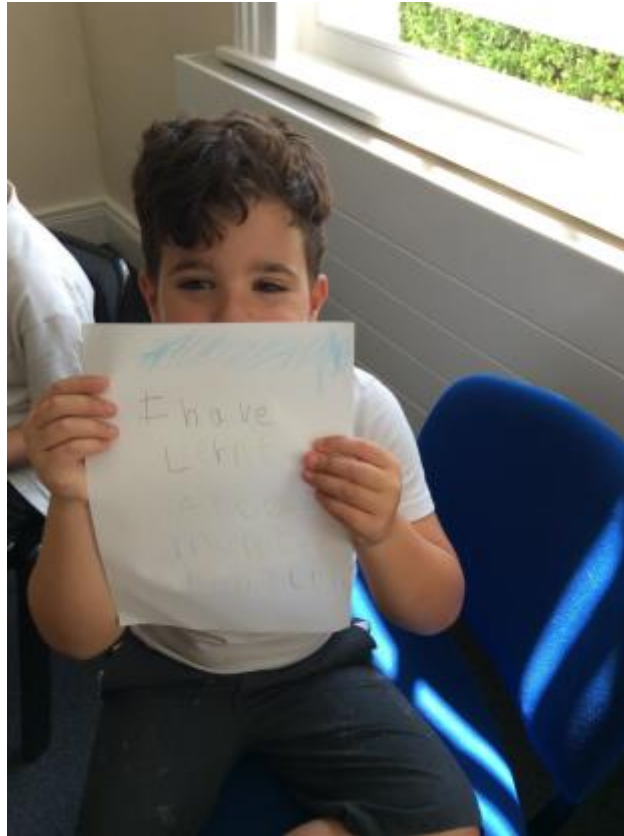
School Council

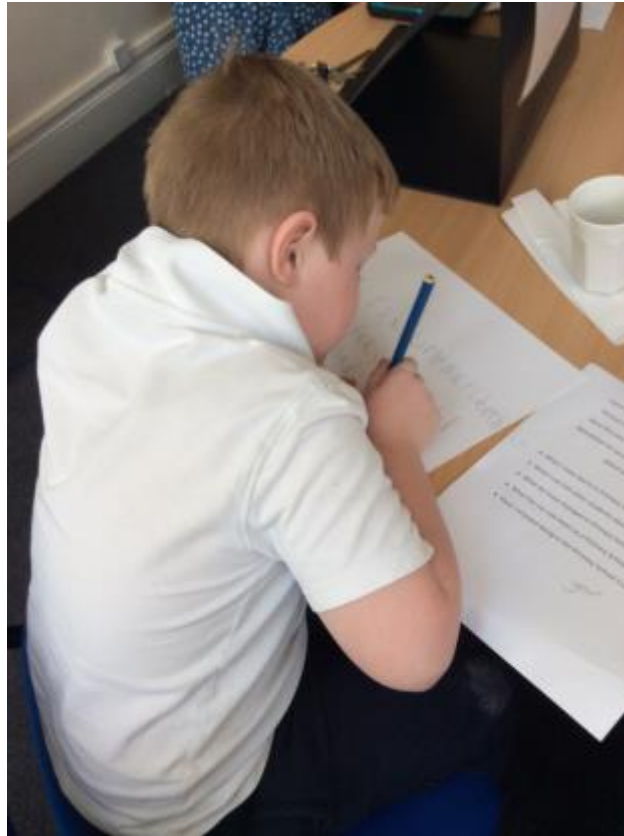


We have continued learning about mental health and strategies we can use. We have introduced a 'worries post box' which will be put up in Primary that students can post their worries in and staff can help them with advice. The school councillors have also made mental health posters that have been put up around Primary to help other students learn about mental health, what it means and what we can do to help our mental health.

All students have been fantastic at representing the school during these meetings, and have shown amazing maturity, independence, and responsibility in their roles as councillors.









Not just mental²
health is easy but
you can find a way
to figure it out your
way! And be a
hero!

Remember
Happy Day
Ready
on time

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The Second
Coming
here!

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About
mental
health

IN Primary school council we have learnt about mental health and our brains, also we live of the environment

0 ~~That~~ we can tell other students that we is important and it's okay to feel angry or sad.

0 We have changed our mind sets and the school for the better health of other students.

0 My role has been contributing ideas and helping other students.

0 I have enjoyed my role but I feel like it is only fair that other people get a chance aswell.

In school I learnt about mental health and why we should talk about our worries. To help we are going to add a worry box in primary. You can write down your worries and put them in a stage towel and they will try to help you and make you feel better. In primary school council we talk about ideas like the worry postbox and how we can make the school better. I have enjoyed being in school council because I can help make the school better and help students understand mental health.

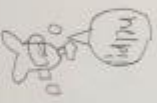
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what can you not do yet

Mental health
is good
we learn different
types of words

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scared



How do you know
if someone is
just a person?



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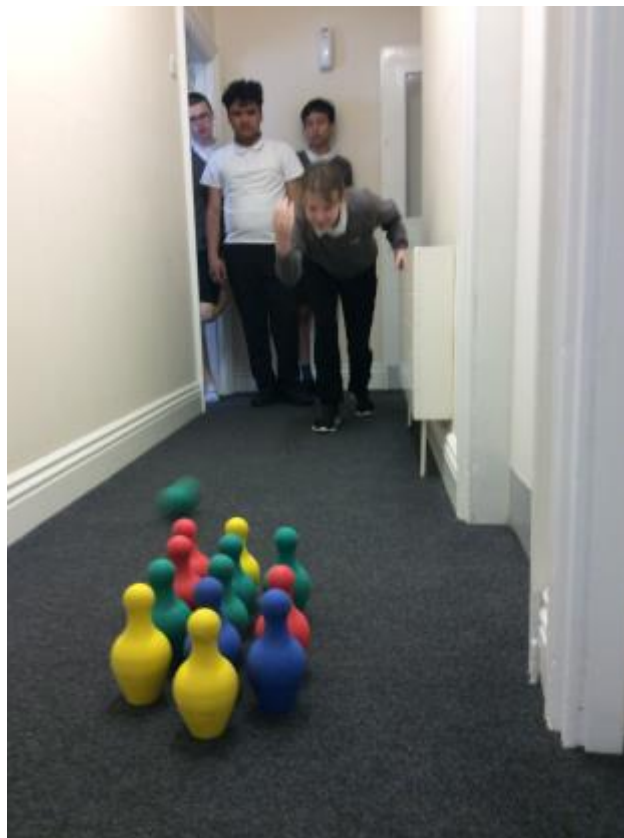
Secondary

Earth

Earth have been finishing off their bronze, silver, gold personal development qualification. They have completed a range of different activities from playing games, learning how to check a bikes safety, doing the washing and learning to iron. They have all completed work to the gold level.













AMAZING!

Business Admin



Those business admin bees have been busy again!

Jack H, Luke and Bethany laminated the school fire procedures and distributed them.

Luke and Jamie bound EYFS Journals.

Jack H and Toby completed room risk assessments.

Bethany and Luke packaged toner cartridges to be recycled.



****SPECIAL MENTION****

This year, Tobias successfully completed his Diploma in Level 3 Business Admin. This is an excellent achievement and a first for Heathermount School. Well done, Tobias!



Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in business admin:-

Level 1 C&G Certificate:-

Dan

Jack M

Level 2 C&G Certificate:-

Todd

Theo

Eva

Harvey

Luke

Toby

Bethany

Jack H

Jamie

Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in employability:-

Level 1 C&G Employability Award Level

Toby

Theo

Eva

Harvey

Jamie

Jack M

Level 1 C & G Employability Certificate Level 1

Bethany

Luke

Jack H

Todd

Tobias

ICT

Congratulations to the following students who have all been successful in achieving various qualifications:-

Jay R and Leo E *have passed Functional Skills Level 2 qualification in ICT.*

TJ *has passed Functional Skills Level 1 qualification in ICT.*

Alfie *has achieved the Silver Award in iDEA (Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award).*



Catering

Tom serving drinks as part of his Entry Level qualification in introduction to hospitality and catering.







Horticulture

Mercury boys have been practising for an assessment. Here is their first time using the lawnmowers, they did a great job. Well done!















Science

Saturn have been working on magnetism and forces this term.

Mercury and **Neptune** have been working towards their Entry Level qualification. They have been testing the pH of various samples and have conducted an experiment to test for hydrogen.

Mars have been working on forces, motion and pressure. They have carried out an experiment to determine the pressure applied with various masses on different surface areas.

Pluto have been working on their practicals skills, they have carried out various practicals such as pH testing, finding energy of various food samples and have prepared on microscope slide of onion cells.

Venus and **Jupiter** have worked hard on their revision and have completed their GCSE Science exams.

















Students across the school have enjoyed the Living Eggs Project again this year. The ducklings thoroughly enjoyed their stay and the students loved it too!



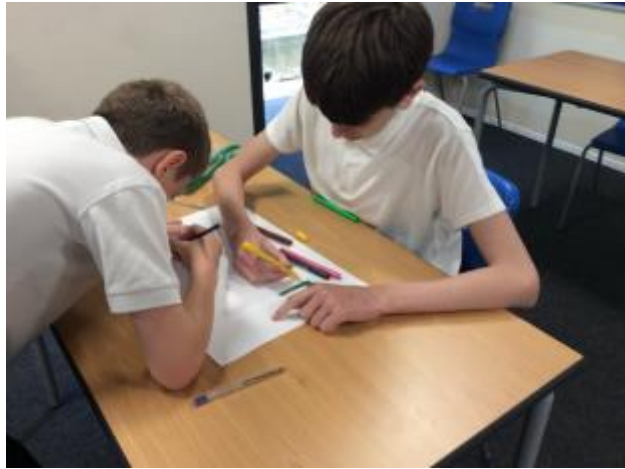


Maths

Pluto spent this term getting acquainted with secondary maths in Heathermount.

They worked on angles, probability and helped get ready for the Heathermount Olympic Number Splat.





Mars studied the data collection cycle where they studied the development of the ducklings. Once all the data was collected, the group learned about statistical enquiry including types of graphs and averages.





On their last day with us, we let the ducklings have a little swim, then dried them off so they were snuggly and warm.





Mercury began their GCSE course this term, studying angles, bearings (even outside can be a GCSE learning space), scale diagrams, formal written number methods, household finance s, factors and square number.



Saturn have just finished their first year of the GCSE course and spent the term revising this year's topics to identify areas needing further work. They will be revising these topics in September when we return to school.

Neptune are continuing with Functional Skills maths and have been applying number theory to real life situations. This includes costing out decking for a garden refit, balancing an account, analysing the data for wait times at a doctor's office or in a queue.

Jupiter and Venus have been revising for and taking their end of course exams. They have all worked so hard and put in brilliant effort. I'm sure they are looking forward to receiving their results toward the end of August.



Duke of Edinburgh

The leaving students had a day out at Windsor great park as a practice for their Duke of Edinburgh expedition, they all navigated around a 15km route.

All students were happy to see the school on their return!





Students also managed an overnight stay in the school grounds where they cooked their own dinner!



Finally, students worked as an amazing team, completing two 10-mile walks over the two days.

Students had to survive on their own; the route that they followed was planned by them and they had to set up their own camp and do their own cooking.









wow!

HEATHERMOUNT OLYMPICS

What an ABSOLUTELYAMAZING event! Thank you all so much for coming and being part of such a special occasion. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.









The staff did a fantastic job of organising such a great day, but well done to the parents for beating them in the tug of war competition!







*And finally...**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the award winners!*























Leavers

Good
Bye AND
Good
Luck



KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

REMINDER: *Please ensure any outstanding balances on school money are settled.*

REMINDER: *To pay for your child's lunches, please mark the days that they are having a lunch through the school money portal. Thank you to those that are already doing this.*

REMINDER: *Please do continue to keep us informed of your child's absences. It is important to notify us of your child's absence each day they are not in school.*

REMINDER: We as a school always encourage parents not to take children out of school in term time. However, we understand that on rare occasions or in exceptional circumstances you may need to do this. Please can I remind you that in this instance we need at least TWO WEEKS NOTICE and completion of the absence request form which is available on our website. Please refer to the Attendance policy also available on our website.



Have a lovely summer break!

Best wishes

Heathermount Staff