



# Heathermount School – Newsletter

March 2024

## Welcome to our fourth newsletter of the academic year!

After another busy and action-packed term, I am delighted to share with you some of the amazing learning experiences that our young people have been involved in, trips, visits, sports fixtures, project days and ending with the fabulous Shrek performance. See our [Highlights of Term 4 news article](#) and [Gallery](#) on the website for more information and photos from the term.

### Project Day

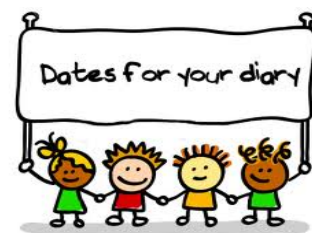
I would like to thank Jax and the other secondary staff for organising a wonderful [project day](#) to celebrate national careers week. We had nine employers working with us to help our students learn to plan an eco-friendly house, then pitch their ideas to industry experts including volunteers from AWE. Students learned a wide range of valuable employability and research skills throughout the process, showcasing their creative and insightful talents throughout the day. During the presentation, each group showcased their design (out of cardboard) and explained to a packed sports hall what they had come up with and why. I was particularly impressed at how the students worked together in new groups, split up across the different classes.

### Author Visit

We were very excited to have a [visit from David Barker](#) - well-known author, who worked with our secondary students, supporting our curriculum areas of English and iMedia. David explained how his book covers are designed and how important the design process is, due to the significance of how a book cover can influence readers. It was a great opportunity for our KS4 iMedia students to peer mentor the younger students in graphic design.

### History Day

KS2 and KS3 students were fully immersed in a number of interactive [history workshops](#) in school. KS2 expanded their knowledge of the Ancient Greeks and KS3 focused on what it was like to live in the Tudor period.



### Monday 15 April

Inset Day - Staff Training

### Tuesday 16 April

Start of Term 5 for students

### Wednesday 8 May

Parent Forum on eSafety and digital footprints (6pm to 7:30pm in school)

### Thursday 16 May

Virtual Parents Evening (4pm to 7pm)

### w/c 17 June

Royal Ascot Week - be aware of increased traffic

### Monday 24 June

Parent Coffee Afternoon (2:30pm)

### Monday - Friday 27-31 May

May Half-Term

### Monday 3 June

Start of Term 6 for students

### Tuesday 23 July

End of term celebration (10am to 2pm)

### Wednesday 24 June

Last day of term for students

### Thursday 25 July

Inset Day – Staff Training

### Science Week

During [science week](#), students had the opportunity to watch some fun and exciting demonstrations and experiments including making nylon, elephant's toothpaste and the howling jelly babies!

### Red Nose Day

A wonderful array of red and silly met us on Red Nose Day and Elm class put on a wonderful spread of cakes and cookies for the students to buy. We are proud to say we raised £181.50 for Comic Relief, the students in Elm class enjoyed counting up the money and were very proud of the amount raised.



### World Book Day

As usual, staff and students alike did a sterling job of dressing up as their favourite literary characters on [World Book Day](#). Reading was incorporated into lessons (even more than usual) and all students received some book tokens to help them buy a book.

### Shrek - Secondary School Performance

It was wonderful to see the secondary students perform their musical [Shrek](#) today, they did an absolutely amazing job - both performers and tech team! These events really do provide a platform for our students to amaze us with their talents, creativity and bravery, and I was very proud of their performance. It was great to see so many parents at the show and I'm sure there were some very positive and long lasting memories created!

Thank you to Shauna and Heather for all their hard work, to John for his tech support, the site team for the set and stage and all the staff who helped make this happen.

### Parents coffee morning

We would like to thank the parents who came for our Parents coffee session in school on Tuesday 27 February. We discussed staffing, future developments, communication and the school's vision and values along with topics that the parents had suggested including trips and visits, homework and school lunches. There won't be a session in Term 5 as we have a Parents forum on eSafety and digital footprints on 8 May in school from 18:00-19:30 and parents evening on 16 May, so the next session will be Monday 24 June at 14:30. This will be a face to face meeting at the school.



Congratulations to all our stars of the week his term:

- o Lucas
- o Ciaran
- o Ethan
- o Ben H
- o Isaac A
- o Bradley

### Wow Moments

Well done to all our students who had wow moments:

Foundation:

- o Billie-Joe
- o Mylo
- o Noah
- o Christopher
- o Brody
- o Lauren
- o Bradley

Primary:

- o Jack
- o Nathaniel
- o Harry
- o Swaroop
- o Tom

Secondary:

- o Abdul
- o Ciaran
- o Oliver
- o Tobias
- o Bradley
- o Dominic
- o Charlie
- o Lily
- o Traivys
- o Erin
- o Lucas
- o Finlay
- o Isla
- o Taim
- o Tobias

### Staffing

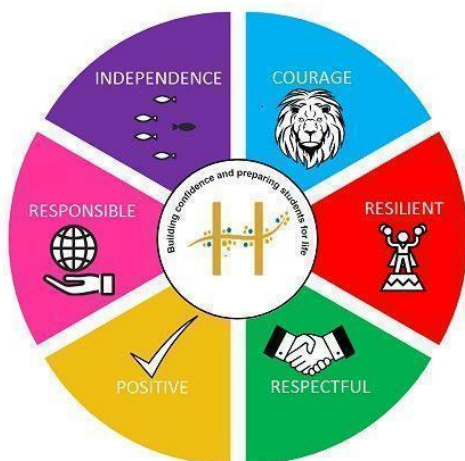
Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Chris Hornby, after many years of service at Heathermount. We all wish him well as he starts teaching at a new school, much closer to his home. We have recruited Liliana Paciti who will be starting with us in June. Primary parents will have received a separate communication with regard to staffing in the interim period.

### Ofsted visit

We are expecting a full Ofsted inspection in the next term or two and look forward to showing the inspectors the school and our wonderful students. When we are notified of the visit, I will contact all parents and provide a link to the Ofsted parent questionnaire portal. This will give all parents the opportunity to complete the questionnaire (very similar to the annual school questionnaire) and add any further comments.

I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing the children return on Tuesday 16 April.

**David Stewart**  
Headteacher



### Core Values

Each term, the whole school focuses on one of Heathermount's core values. At the end of term, staff nominate students who they feel have demonstrated the core value really well. An overall winner is then decided for foundation, primary and secondary. This term we have focused on **Respect** and our cup winners are:

- Foundation - Lauren
- Primary - Georgie
- Secondary - Bradley



### Whole school attendance 91.9%

Thank you to everyone for contributing to the fantastic overall attendance figures this academic year. Please do continue to keep us informed of your child's absences. It is important to notify us of each day your child is not in school.

*The greater the attendance in school = the greater the achievement*

### Is my child too ill for school?

Please follow the NHS guidance on when to send your child to school

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

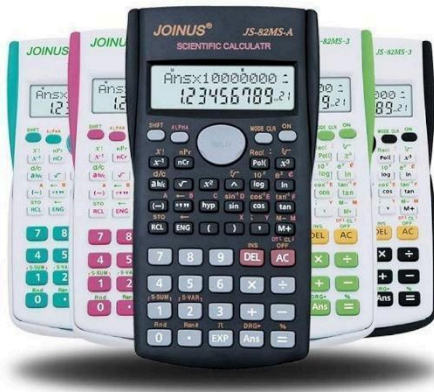
## School Lunches

The [new menus](#) for the summer term are now on our website – please remember to pay for your child's lunches via the Arbor parent portal or Arbor App. Any top up amount can be added to your child's account.

## Important Exams information – Calculators for Maths and Science

**JOINUS®**

JS-82MS-A



The Awarding Bodies, headed by JCQ, have changed the types of calculators that are allowed in exams.

The school will provide appropriate calculators for all our candidates in the exams.

To ensure the students are used to the new calculators and their functions, Maths and Science will be purchasing sets of the recommended calculators for use in lessons.

To support students being familiar with this, we would like to recommend that parents / carers also swap scientific calculators to the following type - Joinus JS-82MS-A. They require 2 AAA batteries. The main difference is the fraction function is no longer available.

They are available at many locations, most under £10.

## First Aid

One local provider in Sunningdale, Vicki Schofield, who is trying to increase awareness of First Aid has asked us to share her services with you. Whilst we cannot endorse any businesses, we would encourage everyone to learn these essential skills. A number of courses are available in the area from different providers for both children and adults.

We are very excited that next term all our Key Stage 3 children will have the opportunity to take part in a practical First Aid training session.

**LEVEL 3/6 - 1-DAY TRAINING COURSE**

### Emergency First Aid at Work

Where a workplace first aid risk assessment identifies a need for an Emergency First Aider in the Workplace, this catering qualification meets the requirements of the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations 1981 and the Health and Safety (First Aid) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982.

The 1/44 Emergency First Aid at Work qualification is unit 1 of the 1/44 First Aid at Work qualification.

Course Content

- CPR and Resuscitation
- Recognition of unconscious and conscious casualty
- Choking
- Wounds and bleeding
- Burns
- Anaphylaxis

This course WILL include elements of paediatric first aid.



**LOCATION**  
Sunningdale Village Hall  
SLS 0N1

**TRAINING PROVIDER**  
<https://www.activatefirstaidtrainings.com/>  
Vicki Schofield, Registered Nurse

**DATE**  
6 hour course split into 2 evenings for convenience  
19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**CONTACT NUMBER**  
07912 075015

**PRICE**  
£60 (places limited to 12)

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