



Heathcote Herald



Highlight from Executive Headteacher's Desk

My highlight of the week is naturally seeing all the children come back to school. It was so lovely to see everyone and our families. The school is once again full of chatter and laughter. At the start of the week we had our butterflies and hearts in the trees but the windy weather has blown some away. Welcome back everyone. Another highlight has been to see scientific drawings in year 4 of plants. The attention to detail was great to see. It was clear that they had remembered learning from previous years and labelled their drawings very well. Butterflies highlight was finding colourful feathers all over their role play area! What could it have been? The children were quick to tell me it was the bird from their book Ssh! We've got a plan.

We have added a second page to our newsletter with a spotlight each week on the staff of Heathcote. We hope you enjoy getting to know everyone who works at our school. At the end of Thursday when I was on the gate Sienna came skipping out and I said 'How was your day?' 'Brilliant' was her reply! What more can I say?

We say goodbye to Sophia (Yr1) and Harley (Reception) and wish them well in their new schools.

Key Dates

March 19th Red Nose Day

Dress up as a Superhero. All donations via ParentPay (Red Nose Day Donations) please.



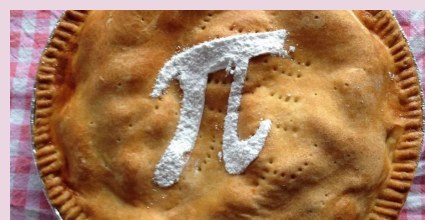
The school calendar is also available on the school website

Spotlight on Forest School

This half-term Maple class have started to read the book "The Boy at the Back of the Class" which is about a Syrian refugee who comes to England. This gave us a great opportunity for the children at Forest School to learn about different types of shelter. They were set a challenge to build a survival shelter that could keep 2 members of their group dry - which we tested! They all worked so well together collaborating, problem solving and learning new skills (knot tying). The wind added an extra challenge!



Did you know that 14th March is National Pi day? And we don't mean 'apple pie' or 'meat pie!' Pi Day has become an annual celebration of the mathematical constant pi (π), founded by physicist Larry Shaw. The day also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday.



Safeguarding corner

The online safety magazine Ditto is now ready to read on our website. Check out how to keep your children safe online and find out top tips and all the news with regards updates to the internet and gaming world. Find out what is a digital footprint, the worst passwords of 2020 and how to supervise your child on Youtube.



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Questions
with...
Miss
Newcombe



1. What is your role at Heathcote Primary

I am Otters (Year 1) class teacher. I started at the school right at the beginning of lockdown 4th January 2021.

2. What made you want to be a teacher?

I always loved school, particularly primary school. I wanted to become someone who could make learning fun and accessible for all children allowing them to develop a love for learning and grow into happy, confident young people.

3. Did you always want to be a teacher? When you were a child what did you see yourself doing as a grown up?

I have always wanted to be a teacher. From a very young age, I always remember playing schools with my friends and my very first class included my younger cousins—although they weren't as well-behaved as the children at Heathcote!

4. What is your favourite subject to teach and why?

My favourite subject is art. I enjoy being creative and I feel that art encourages children and grown ups to recognise beauty in everyday life.

5. What are your favourite things to do?

I love spending time with my friends and family and can't wait to be able to see everyone when we are allowed to. I enjoy walking in the countryside with my border collie, Peggy.

6. What was the last book you read?

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. I have seen all the films and I am now enjoying reading all the books.

7. What advice would you give children today to help them prepare for the future?

Always believe in yourself. Take opportunities to do things that you are passionate about. Don't be afraid to challenge yourself to try things outside your comfort zone. Always remember to be kind.

8. If you had a magic minibus that could take you anywhere in history where would you go?

I would love to travel back to Ancient Egypt. The stories about Ancient Egypt fascinate me and I would really love to see the pyramids.

9. What are you most looking forward to at Heathcote Primary School?

I am very excited about my teaching and learning journey at Heathcote Primary School and I am looking forward to being part of the future development of the school.

10. Have you got any top tips for parents?

Share a book with your child as often as possible to develop a love for reading. Enjoy spending time with each other; learning, chatting, playing and most importantly having fun.

