



# Heathcote Herald



## From the Desk of Mrs Abernethy

On Wednesday, the children had the opportunity to meet their new class teachers and teaching assistants for next year and spend time in their new classrooms. There was a lovely buzz around school as everyone was excited and feeling grown-up in their new classes:

**Liah (Yr5)** - I'm looking forward to being the first Year 6 class and being top of the school!

**Austin (Yr1)** - I'm looking forward to learning new things and making new friends

**Conrad (Yr2)** - The classroom looked really nice. I feel a bit nervous about moving into Year 3 but I'm also really excited.

**Ella (Yr5)** - I enjoyed writing a letter for the new Reception children. I can't wait to be their buddies!

**William (Butterflies)** - I'm looking forward to using the role play area.

**Callum (Yr1)** - I'm looking forward to more adventures and finding out about castles!

**Ava (Hedgehogs)** - I enjoyed doing PE with the PE lady (Ms Davis from Onside)

**Alex (Yr4)** - I'm looking forward to Year 5 as we will learn about WWI and I don't know anything about it, and about space. Hopefully we will visit a space centre!

**Kym (Yr2)** - I enjoyed spending the day in my new classroom and getting a locker!

**Connor (Yr1)** - Doing more art in Year 2!

**Emilia (Butterflies)** - I'm enjoyed making bees and I'm looking forward to seeing my new teachers.

**Gurshaan (Yr4)** - I'm excited as the new teacher in Year 5 is very nice. I'm also looking forward to learning about the Egyptians.

**Annabella (Yr1)** - I enjoyed painting a rabbit. I'm looking forward to going on more school trips.

**Ramone (Yr1)** - I'm looking forward to learning interesting topics!

## Key Dates

The school calendar is also available on the school website:

**Tuesday 13th July—Transition for Year 2 and Year 3.**

### Sports days:

**Tuesday 13th July, 10:30—11:45am: Reception**

**Wednesday 14th July, 10am—11:45am: KS1**

**Thursday 15th July, 10am—12pm: KS2**

**Wednesday 21st July—Last day of term. School will finish between 1:20-1:30pm**



## Spotlight on Music

Despite being a new school, Heathcote has already started making its musical mark. Over the last 18 months of restrictions there has been a big impact on how we can deliver music in schools. Even though we were not allowed to sing for a long time, the children have enjoyed learning Makaton signs to songs, playing tuned and untuned instruments and listening to wide range of music. We are so excited to be able to increase what we can now offer in music. Year 4 recently took part in a virtual performance of "Zimbe" by Alexander L'Estrange with twenty six other schools across Warwickshire. They thoroughly loved the music and you can enjoy the end result here: <https://youtu.be/5sDnFkKbEy0>

We have some children performing at the opening ceremony of Leamington Arts Festival on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August and would love to see you there to support us. We are also hoping to use music as a tool to build up links with Austin Heath too.

In September, we will be part of a community project called Warwick-a Singing Town. Through this we are very lucky to have Mariana Rosa joining us for a morning a week to develop singing across the school. Thankyou to everyone who responded showing an interest in peripatetic music lessons. It is brilliant to see such a positive response. We will be in touch shortly with more information about these.

In the words of Marilyn Manson, "Music is the highest form of magic," and we couldn't agree more!

### The Day Vesuvius Erupted Diary

You were living in Pompeii in 79AD and your home is near Mount Vesuvius. What were you doing, thinking and feeling when you saw the ash cloud suddenly appear? Complete the diary entry to describe what happened the day the volcano began to erupt.

Dear Diary,

What an unforgettable day! I was busy collecting water from the well, when the sun mysteriously disappeared from the sky.

I looked up and saw a cloud of darkness in the sky and everywhere went black and I couldn't find my dog. I was scared. Soon, at 2pm rocks and ash fell from the fiery sky on to the people and my home. And BOOM! I heard shrieking, I felt horrified and felt scared for my puppy dying and my people getting hurt. Suddenly I heard a rumble and KABOOM! So, with my dog I ran to a new place".

Well done Roux!

During our time learning at home, Year 3 spent some time learning about the eruption of Mt Vesuvius in 79AD and the impact this had on the city of Pompeii. We wrote diary entries to understand how the people must have felt.

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### Heathcote Science Days 2021

There was a real buzz around school on Monday and Tuesday last week as children took part in our Science Days. This year's focus was on bees, understanding the important job these insects do for our environment and the sad fact that they are becoming endangered. Britain has lost an estimated 97% of its wildflower meadows since WW2 and this has had a serious impact on pollinators needed for plant reproduction. The days helped raise awareness amongst the children and helped them understand things that we can do to help our bee populations. Lots of brilliant work that has taken place across the school includes:

Investigating and understanding the process of pollination.

Knowing which plants bees pollinate and the foods we get from them.

Reading fascinating facts. For example- Did you know that there are around 250 different species of bee?

Researching the different plants and habitats that bees like.

Identifying, drawing and labelling the different parts of a bee's anatomy.

Designing incredible gardens that are bee-friendly for the BBC's 'Big Bee Challenge'.

Well done everybody for all of your hard work!

