HEELANDS NEWSLETTER

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DIARY DATES

October Half-Term
Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET Day
Monday 2nd November
School is CLOSED to pupils.

School OPEN
Tuesday 3rd November
School OPENS at 08:30am for the start of Autumn Term (2)

Open Viewing Tours
Thursday 20st November
1:30pm - 2:15pm New 2027 Starters

HALF-TERM IDEAS

Willen Lake MILTON KEYNES

The Parks Trust MILTON KEYNES

MK Gallery

Milton Keynes Museum

HEADTEACHER NEWS...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have made it to the end of our first half term, and what a busy and successful few weeks it has been! It has been a long half term, but the children have settled into their new classes and routines brilliantly, and there is already so much to celebrate.

A huge thank you to all of our staff who organised and ran our Halloween Disco and games this week. The children had an absolutely fantastic time, and it was lovely to see so many happy faces. These events take a lot of preparation and hard work, and we really appreciate everyone who helped make it such a success.

Thank you also to all our families for your generous Harvest donations. These have been passed on to the local food bank, who were incredibly grateful for your kindness and generosity. It is wonderful to see our Heelands community coming together to support others.

This morning, we also celebrated lots of children achieving their Bronze Green Point Awards! It was fantastic to give out so many certificates and recognise the positive attitudes, effort and achievements of our children. Well done to everyone!

Just a polite but important reminder about parking around school. Please do not use the staff car park at any time, including drop-off and collection, and be considerate and careful when parking on the surrounding roads. The safety of our children, families and local community must always come first. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, a huge thank you to our children, staff and families for such a positive start to the school year. I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over the half-term break.

Have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November!

Best wishes,

Ian Fraser-Kirkup
Executive Headteacher

RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT

ASH Class





The last two weeks of Autumn 1 have been very busy and the children have really started to apply their learning in their play and work. We are so proud of how they have all settled into school life.

In maths we have been creating our own patterns using cubes, counting bears and natural objects. They have tried really hard to make sure their pattern repeats.

In Literacy we have read 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear', exploring initial sounds and even attempting some CVC words. We have continued CVC writing the week using the text Elmer, focusing on the word 'big'.

During continuous provision the children have made playdough bears linked to our class text, painted autumn leaves onto trees, practised their maths vocabulary whilst making 'pumpkin spiced lattes' and so much more.

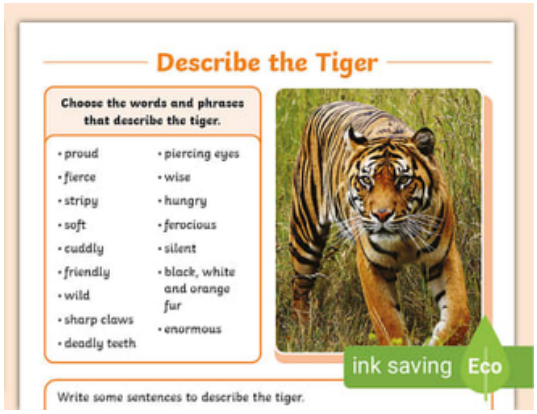
All the staff in EYFS were also very proud of Ash Class in the Harvest Assembly, we were blown away with how confidently they sang and joined in with the actions! We hope Ash Class have a lovely break and we look forward to welcoming them back to our new topic 'Celebrations'.

OAK & MAPLE Class



Oak and Maple class have been brilliant engineers in their design technology topic 'mechanisms'. We have been exploring how mechanisms including sliders and levers work. Then we used these skills to make our own moving animal pictures .

In English our writing is going from strength to strength and we have written facts about tigers remembering to use adjectives as well as capital letters and full stops.



In maths we have become experts at comparing numbers and using the correct symbols to say which number is greater and less than the other.

All this whilst practising for our Harvest festival and Halloween party! We are so proud of you Oak and Maple class

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our children who have excelled in all areas of our 4 core values:
RESILIENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, RESPECT, RESTORATIVE

16.10.26

ASH Class

EVELYN

MAPLE Class

HARRIS

SAPLINGS Class

MYLES E

OAK Class

MAX

23.10.26

ASH Class

ROSIE

MAPLE Class

NICHOLAS

SAPLINGS Class

FIRDAUS

OAK Class

KEVIN

Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 13th October

Thank you so much for your kind and generous support of donations for MK Food Bank as part of our harvest assembly.

Parents were also invited to stay and join in some harvest activities. It was a great afternoon.

As part of our harvest celebrations Rev. Phil Dunning attended and introudced the children to the importance of sharing our food and where it comes from.

MK Food Bank was established in 2004 and helps over 5,000 families each year. That is why your support is vital.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

mkfoodbank.org.uk



Halloween Disco

Wednesday 21st October

44 children joined us for our first Heelands Halloween Disco!

After a snack, the children all went to the hall and danced to a mixture of spooky and favourite tunes. Then they had great fun finding eyeballs in the cauldron full of green spaghetti, colouring Halloween pictures, and playing different games. After a drink break, two teams wrapped Miss Daley and Mrs Mills up as mummies. After a final dance everyone went home with a sweet treat!

A big thank you to parents for supporting us with this as we also managed to raise some money which will go towards some new books for the library. Thank you.













Term Dates

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