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Junior Duke Award – September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers of Years 3, 4, 5, and 6,

At Heatherlands, we believe that education goes beyond the classroom. Alongside academic learning, we aim to support your child's personal development—helping them grow into confident, responsible, and resilient individuals. We encourage qualities such as independence, respect, aspiration, motivation, and resilience—our core school values.

To support this, we're excited to be running the **Junior Duke Award** again this year for children in **Key Stage 2**. This award is similar to the Duke of Edinburgh programme but designed especially for younger children. Only a few primary schools across the UK offer it, and we're proud to be one of them.

There are four levels:

- **Bronze – Year 3**
- **Silver – Year 4**
- **Gold – Year 5**
- **Platinum – Year 6**

Each level includes **12 - 14 fun and practical challenges**, and children need to complete **at least 7** to earn their award. These challenges cover areas like First Aid, ICT, Languages, Art, Drama, Music, Sport, and life skills such as cooking and fixing a puncture. Most of the activities are designed to be completed **outside of school**, encouraging children to take ownership and show independence and responsibility.



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In school, staff will support by reviewing evidence and signing off completed challenges. We'll also celebrate progress by displaying achievements around the school. Once a level is completed, children will receive a **certificate, badge, and 20 house points** in our final summer assembly.

There's no set deadline for each challenge, and children can continue working on them into the next school year if needed. However, please note that the scheme doesn't continue into secondary school, so **Year 6 pupils must complete the Platinum level by the end of the summer term.**

If your child would like to take part, please complete the online form by **Monday 7th October** using the link below. The cost is **£11 per child**, which covers the booklet for their level, the certificate and the badge. This is payable via Arbor. The booklet includes full instructions and space for self-assessment and photos of their achievements.

<https://forms.gle/WPBET38UitaGTCMG8>

📷 If you capture any great moments during the challenges, we'd love to see them! Please email photos to [heatherlands.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk](mailto:heatherlands.office@coastalpartnership.co.uk) or share them on Twitter with @DukeAwards and #juniorduke. Some may even be featured on [www.juniorduke.com](http://www.juniorduke.com).

Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss Collis**

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