



The Heatherlands Way

Summer 2026 23rd Edition

Heatherlands Vision

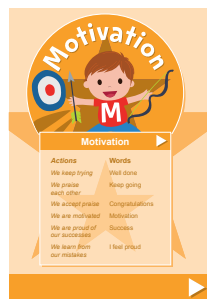
As another busy and memorable term draws to a close, it is hard to believe how much we have packed into the last few months. We have certainly made the most of the longer days, warmer weather and plenty of sunshine-although, as I write this with a fan nearby during yet another heatwave, resilience has very much been the order of the day! Our children and staff have responded brilliantly to the heat, continuing to approach each day with positivity, determination and enthusiasm.

This summer has also brought a real sporting frenzy, with Wimbledon keeping tennis fans entertained and the FIFA World Cup capturing the attention of the nation. Although England's journey ended in the semi-final against Argentina, the tournament provided many memorable moments and wonderful examples of teamwork, perseverance and resilience - qualities that we have seen in abundance across Heatherlands this term.

Closer to home, we have celebrated many sporting achievements of our own, including fantastic Sports Days filled with determination, encouragement and plenty of smiles. Our pupils have also enjoyed a wealth of memorable experiences, with trips to Shell Bay, Lulworth Cove, Moors Valley and Longdown Farm, as well as Careers Week and visits from a range of inspiring guests who have helped to enrich and bring our learning to life.

As transition visits draw to a close and our Year 6 Graduation approaches, we reflect with great pride on everything our pupils have achieved. Although it is always difficult to say goodbye, we wish our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they take the next exciting step in their educational journey. We know they will carry with them many happy memories, lasting friendships and our school values to embrace all that lies ahead.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support throughout another wonderful year. We hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights of the summer term and wish everyone a safe, happy and well-deserved summer break.



Sandy Toes and Smiling Faces

Early Years had an action-packed day at Shell Bay this half term as part of their Tides and Ripples topic. Throughout the term, we have been learning about the features of the coastline and the fascinating sea creatures that live beneath the ocean's surface. Whilst we loved discovering the strange and wonderful animals that inhabit the deep sea, we all agreed that we'd much rather splash around in the sunlit zone than venture into the mysterious abyss and ocean trenches!

Our adventure began with an exciting coach journey, followed by a trip across the water as foot passengers on the Sandbanks Ferry, before arriving at the beach. Although the sea mist rolled in quickly, it certainly didn't dampen our enthusiasm.

We enjoyed beachcombing and learned about the importance of protecting our coastline, discussing how we should leave only footprints in the sand and never litter, as pollution is harmful to our planet. This was a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate one of our school values: **Respect**.

After a picnic lunch on the beach, the children had great fun paddling in the waves, building sand creations and exploring the shoreline. There were plenty of rosy cheeks, tired smiles and even a few sleepy heads on the coach journey home after such a busy day!

Our youngest children have been completely immersed in their Tides and Ripples topic this term. Their curiosity, enthusiasm and **motivation** have been wonderful to see, and this memorable visit to Shell Bay brought their learning to life in the best possible way.



Sandy Toes and Smiling Faces continued

The excitement didn't end there! Back at school, the children used their creativity to make their own beach-themed photo frames, decorating them with seaside treasures and reminders of their learning. Each frame proudly displayed a photograph of the children enjoying either their trip to Shell Bay or their pond dipping experience. These special keepsakes were then sold at our Summer Fair, giving families the opportunity to take home a lasting memory while also helping to raise funds for the school.



Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make the trip such a fantastic experience.



A Farmyard Adventure

The Den were delighted to be offered the opportunity to attend a school trip generously funded by the charity Wessex Wishes. Children from both The Den and Octave provision enjoyed a fantastic day at Longdown Activity Farm. The day began with feeding the calves, followed by goat feeding, mini tractor rides, chick handling, guinea pig stroking, and a fun, bumpy tractor ride around the farm. We were also lucky enough to see day-old piglets and meet a remarkable 25-year-old tortoise! Throughout the day, the children were exceptionally well behaved, showing kindness, patience, and gentle care when interacting with the animals. After a picnic style lunch, everyone enjoyed some time playing in the park before heading back to school. It was a wonderful day filled with new experiences, smiles, and memorable moments. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Wessex Wishes for making this special trip possible.

Thank you to Wessex Wishes for their generosity and the staff who accompanied the children on such a fun day out.



Nature Detectives at Moors Valley

In June, Year 1 enjoyed an exciting trip to Moors Valley Country Park and Forest to explore our local natural environment.

During the visit, the children discovered a rich variety of flora and fauna and enjoyed searching **independently** for mini beasts in the woodland habitat. As we followed the play trail through the forest, the children identified both physical and human geographical features, demonstrating their growing knowledge and understanding of the world around them.

Throughout the day, the children showed exemplary behaviour, treating members of the public, staff and the environment with great **respect**. They displayed excellent **motivation** and **independence** as they explored the forest, as well as **resilience** when taking on new challenges along the trail. The trip was a wonderful way to celebrate the children's many achievements this year and reflected the **aspiration** they have shown in striving to be the very best they can be. We had a fantastic time, and the children were a real credit to Heatherlands Primary School.

Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers for their support.



Our Summer Fair Showcase

In preparation for our fantastic Summer Fair, there was a real buzz of creativity across Heatherlands as every year group got busy designing, making and preparing products to sell to our school community.

From baking delicious biscuits and freezing refreshing ice lollies to designing keyrings, dreamcatchers and many other creative items, classrooms were transformed into mini production lines!

The children worked incredibly hard, applying the skills they have developed through Design and Technology, art and maths to create products they were proud to sell. Throughout the process, they demonstrated our Heatherlands values by showing **Motivation** to produce high-quality items, **Independence** as they made design choices and solved problems, **Resilience** when refining their creations and **Aspiration** to make their year group's stall the very best it could be.

The Summer Fair was a wonderful opportunity for the children to put their enterprise skills into practice while raising money to support our school. A huge thank you to our families and wider school community for supporting the event so enthusiastically. Your generosity and encouragement made the afternoon a tremendous success and helped celebrate the children's hard work and creativity.

Read on to discover some of the fantastic products each year group created and sold at this year's Summer Fair!



Year 6 Enterprise Challenge

This year's Summer Fair gave our Year 6 children the exciting opportunity to become young entrepreneurs by designing, creating and running their own stalls.

Working in teams, each group was given just £5 to spend on ingredients and materials, with the challenge of making as much profit as possible to help make Heatherlands an even better place to learn.

In the weeks leading up to the fair, the children developed key enterprise skills alongside their maths learning, using decimals, budgeting and measuring ingredients to carefully plan their products and keep track of their spending.

On 3rd July, all of their hard work paid off as they welcomed families to their stalls, confidently selling their products and showcasing fantastic teamwork, communication and customer service. Thanks to their creativity, determination and business skills, Incredibly Year 6 raised over £700!

This project was a wonderful example of our school values in action. The children showed **Aspiration** by aiming high and creating exciting ideas, **Motivation** as they worked hard to prepare for the event, **Resilience** when solving problems and adapting their plans, and **Respect** as they worked together to support one

another and raise money for the whole school community.

Year 6 should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. Their creativity, teamwork and determination helped raise over £700, which will be used to enhance opportunities and resources for all of our children at Heatherlands.



Dream, Design, Create!

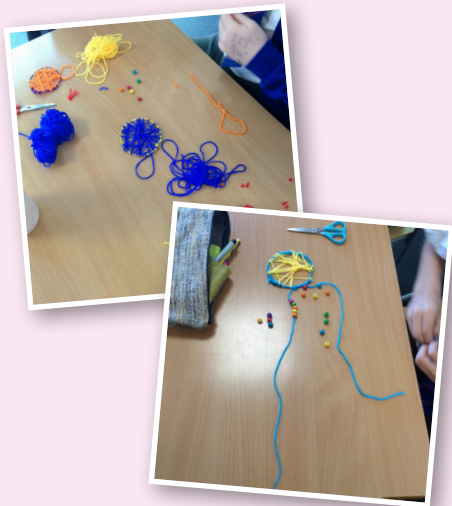
Year 5 had a wonderfully creative start to their week as they prepared for our Summer Fair. During an exciting afternoon of Design and Technology, the children designed and made their very own vibrant dreamcatchers to sell at the event.

Using a wide range of materials, including wool, beads, wire and feathers, each pupil brought their own unique ideas to life. The children carefully selected colours, textures and patterns to create eye-catching designs, resulting in a fantastic collection of individual masterpieces.

Throughout the project, the children demonstrated our Heatherlands values in action. They showed **Motivation** by working hard to complete their designs, **Independence** as they made creative decisions and solved problems for themselves, **Resilience** when techniques didn't quite go to plan, and **Respect** by sharing resources and encouraging one another. Their **Aspiration** shone through as they aimed to produce high-quality dreamcatchers that they could be proud of.

The Summer Fair provided the perfect opportunity for the children to showcase and sell their creations to families and visitors. It was wonderful to see their hard work rewarded, knowing that the money raised would help support future opportunities and resources for everyone at Heatherlands.

We are incredibly proud of Year 5's creativity, teamwork and enterprise. Their dreamcatchers were a wonderful example of imagination, perseverance and our Heatherlands values in action.



Imagine, Design, Create!

This term, pupils who have attended DT club have enjoyed taking part in a range of challenges and creative opportunities.

We have built bridges with paper, made moving pictures and even whizzed up some super smoothies. The children have shown real **resilience**, when their initial ideas didn't quite work, and worked together, making new friends along the way!

Thank you to Mrs Lee for running the DT club this term.



Year 5 Enjoy Inspiring Live Webinar with Michael Morpurgo

On Wednesday 10 June 2026, Year 5 pupils at Heatherlands Primary School had the exciting opportunity to take part in a live online Zoom webinar featuring one of Britain's most celebrated children's authors, Michael Morpurgo OBE.



The session, which ran from 10:00-10:45am, was part of the annual Michael Morpurgo Celebration Day and helped mark the National Year of Reading 2026. This special event was offered free of charge to schools and home-educated children, enabling our pupils to join thousands of young readers across the country in an inspiring shared experience.

The webinar brought literature to life as Michael Morpurgo read extracts from his much-loved book, *Flying Scotsman and the Best Birthday Ever*, beautifully illustrated by Michael Foreman. Set against the backdrop of the National Railway Museum in York, Morpurgo delivered his reading from beside a real locomotive, surrounded by the gleam of brass - truly capturing the magic of the golden age of steam travel.

The story follows Iris, a young girl whose father drives the iconic Flying Scotsman. Each year, she visits him for her birthday, dreaming of one day riding in the driver's cab herself. The tale sparked pupils' imaginations, celebrating determination, curiosity and the excitement of adventure.

Hosted by Katie Razzall, BBC News Culture and Media Editor, the live session also included a Q&A opportunity. Although cameras and microphones remained muted, children were able to submit thoughtful questions through the online platform, giving them a chance to engage directly with the author.

Our Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed hearing about Michael Morpurgo's inspirations and learning about his incredible writing career. With over 150 books published and more than 35 million copies sold worldwide, Morpurgo's stories - including *War Horse*, *Kensuke's Kingdom* and *The Butterfly Lion* - have inspired generations of readers.

The webinar was not only a memorable experience but also an important opportunity to nurture a love of reading and storytelling within our school community. Engaging with a renowned author in a live setting helped pupils see the creativity and passion behind books, encouraging them to explore their own reading and writing further.

We look forward to building on this experience as we continue to celebrate reading throughout the year!



Exciting News - Young Writers Competition

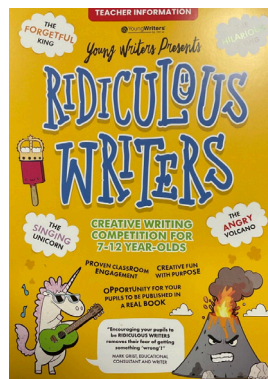
We are delighted to share some wonderful news from Year 5!

Earlier this term, our pupils enthusiastically entered the Young Writers national competition, submitting their creative 100-word “mini sagas.”

We are incredibly proud to announce that several of our talented writers have had their work selected for publication in a real book! This is a fantastic achievement and a true celebration of the children’s **aspiration** to succeed, their **independence** in crafting imaginative stories, and their **motivation** to challenge themselves creatively.

Our “**Aspirational** Authors” have shown fantastic **resilience** and creativity throughout the writing process, and this success reflects their dedication and pride in their work. To be recognised at a national level is something truly special, and we could not be prouder of their accomplishments.

A huge well done to all our Year 5 writers for embracing this opportunity with enthusiasm and determination. We look forward to celebrating their published work soon!



The Great Forest school Adventure

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic day of outdoor learning at Forest School, making the most of the sunshine while developing new skills and embracing our Heatherlands values.

Our first activity took us to the pond for some pond dipping and nature sketching. Working in pairs, one child carefully explored the water using a net while the other created detailed sketches inspired by the beautiful surroundings. The children showed great **Respect** for the environment, carefully observing the wildlife before returning every creature safely to its natural habitat. Their curiosity and **Aspiration** to learn more about the natural world shone throughout the session.

Next came the challenge of den building. Working collaboratively in teams, the children designed and constructed shelters using natural materials. This activity required excellent communication, teamwork and problem-solving. They demonstrated **Resilience** as they adapted their ideas when structures didn’t quite go to plan, and **Independence** as they made decisions together and learnt how to tie secure knots.

Our final activity was creating colourful friendship bracelets. The children patiently learnt how to plait, encouraging and

supporting one another as they developed a new skill. Their **Motivation** and kindness towards one another made this a wonderful way to finish the day.

Forest School is always a fantastic opportunity to learn beyond the classroom, and Year 5 certainly made the most of every moment. They represented Heatherlands brilliantly, demonstrating our values of **Respect**, **Aspiration**, **Motivation**, **Resilience** and **Independence** throughout the day.

Well done, Year 5, on a wonderful day of adventure, teamwork and learning in the great outdoors!



Beats, Rhythm and African Culture!

Year 5 enjoyed an unforgettable day of music, storytelling and dance as they welcomed Kwame from Africa Activities into school for an exciting cultural experience.

Throughout the day, the children took part in energetic African drumming and dance workshops, learning new rhythms and movements while discovering more about the traditions and heritage of different African communities. They also listened to captivating traditional stories, helping to deepen their understanding of African culture and its rich history.

The children fully embraced every activity, demonstrating our Heatherlands values throughout the day. They showed **Respect** by appreciating and celebrating another culture, **Motivation** and **Aspiration** as they enthusiastically learnt new skills, **Resilience** when mastering unfamiliar drumming patterns and dance routines, and **Independence** by confidently joining in and challenging themselves to try something new.



It was a truly enriching experience that inspired curiosity, confidence and a love of learning. A huge thank you to the parents who contributed towards funding this wonderful opportunity. **Your generosity helped create a memorable day that the children will be talking about for a long time to come.**



Democracy in Action

We were delighted to welcome Councillor Millie Earl to Heatherlands to talk to the children about British Values and her role as a local councillor.

Councillor Earl explained how councillors work together to represent their communities, make important decisions and ensure that local people's voices are heard. The children enjoyed learning about democracy, the importance of voting and how everyone has the opportunity to make a positive difference within their community.

Following the presentation, Councillor Earl met with Heatherlands Voice, our School Council. The children asked a range of thoughtful questions about her role, what inspired her to become a councillor and the responsibilities that come with representing the local community. They listened carefully to the answers and confidently shared their own ideas and opinions.



children develop a greater understanding of democracy, mutual **respect** and individual liberty. It also reflected our Heatherlands values, with the children demonstrating **Aspiration** through their thoughtful questioning, **Motivation** to learn more about the world around them, **Respect** by listening to and valuing different viewpoints, and

Independence as they confidently voiced their own ideas.

We would like to thank Councillor Earl for taking the time to visit Heatherlands and inspire our children to become active, informed and responsible members of their community.



Inspiring Futures: Careers Day 2026

Our annual Careers Day was another fantastic success, giving every Heatherlands pupil the opportunity to think about the exciting possibilities that lie ahead.

The day began with an inspiring whole-school assembly, where we were visited by three remarkable guests - an engineer and a stuntman - who shared their career journeys and encouraged the children to aim high. The children listened with great interest and asked thoughtful questions, demonstrating our values of **Aspiration** and **Motivation** as they began thinking about their own future ambitions.

Throughout the day, our Year 6 pupils took part in a range of engaging workshops led by professionals from a variety of careers. We were delighted to welcome some of our own former pupils back to Heatherlands, including a paramedic, an electrician and a politician, who shared how their journeys had begun in the very same classrooms.



One of the highlights of the day was an action-packed session with Lewis Young, a stunt performer. The children were fascinated to learn about his work in films and television, including productions such as Game of Thrones, Star Wars

and Spider-Man. They even had the opportunity to learn how to throw themselves onto a crash mat like professional stunt performers - much



to everyone's excitement! Mrs Waugh also embraced the challenge and had a go herself!

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated the Heatherlands values in action.



They showed **Respect** by listening carefully to each visitor, **Independence** by asking insightful questions, **Motivation** to learn about different career pathways and **Aspiration** as they reflected on



the exciting opportunities that could lie ahead.

We are incredibly proud to be a Gold Primary Futures School, recognising our commitment to providing high-quality careers education. By introducing children to a wide range of careers and inspiring role models, we are helping them develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to make informed choices about their futures.

We would like to thank Miss Collis for her passion and enthusiasm for careers education. Her hard work has created a wide range of inspiring opportunities for our children, encouraging them to think about their futures and the many possibilities ahead.

Heatherlands Success Stories

As part of Careers Week, we were delighted to hear from many former Heatherlands pupils who are now enjoying successful careers or training for their chosen professions.

Our alumni shared photographs of themselves in their Heatherlands uniform alongside a current photograph, together with a short description of their career journey and what they do today. Their stories were used during our Careers Day assembly and have become part of a special display around the school, helping to inspire our current pupils.

It was wonderful for the children to see the wide range of opportunities available to them and to realise that every successful journey starts somewhere. The display encouraged our pupils

to think about their own futures and demonstrated our Heatherlands values of **Aspiration** and **Motivation**, reminding them that with hard work, determination and **resilience**, they too can achieve their ambitions.

A huge thank you to all of our former pupils who took the time to share their stories. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and hope they continue to inspire the next generation of Heatherlands children.

A special thank you also goes to Mrs Andrews, whose hard work in compiling the stories and creating the inspiring display helped bring this project to life.

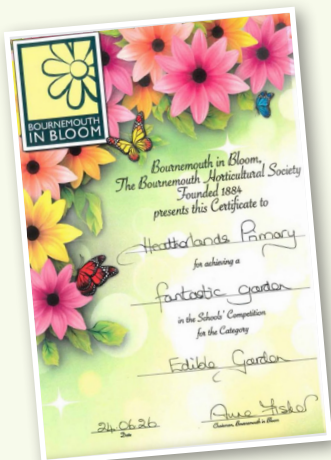


Heatherlands in Bloom

In May, we were delighted to welcome Anne Fisher from Bournemouth in Bloom to judge our EYFS garden, The Burrow, and The Valley.

Throughout the year, the children in Early Years have lovingly cared for The Burrow under the guidance of Mrs Trent. They have planted, watered and nurtured a wonderful selection of fruits, vegetables and flowers, watching them flourish while learning where food comes from. The Burrow has become a vibrant outdoor classroom, full of opportunities for exploration and learning.

It has truly been a whole-school effort. We would like to thank Miss Harvey for her vision in establishing The Burrow, while Mrs Trent has worked tirelessly with the children to help it flourish this year. We are also incredibly grateful to Mrs Lloyd-Christie's dad for kindly donating bean plants and to Mr Flint, who kept both The Burrow and The Valley thriving by watering them during the recent hot weather.



A special thank you goes to Haskins Garden Centre for their generous donation of topsoil, plants, seeds and pots. Their kindness helped us establish our edible garden and gave our young gardeners a fantastic start.

Throughout the project, the children demonstrated our Heatherlands values, showing **Motivation, Resilience, Respect, Independence and Aspiration** as they cared for their gardens and took pride in creating beautiful outdoor spaces.

During Anne's visit, Mrs Trent proudly explained the planting beds in The Burrow, while Ieva and Zyren, from Gardening Club, confidently guided Anne around The Valley. Anne was full of praise for the children's knowledge and enthusiasm, as well as the wonderful balance between cultivated areas and spaces left to grow naturally for wildlife.

The celebrations continued at the Bournemouth in Bloom Awards Ceremony, where Ieva, Zyren and Anastazia represented Heatherlands brilliantly. We were thrilled to receive the Bournemouth in Bloom Runners-Up plaque and certificate for The Burrow and The Valley - a fantastic achievement that reflects the dedication of our whole school community.

With one growing season coming to an end, we're already looking ahead and raising funds to prepare The Burrow for our winter crop. Well done to everyone who has helped Heatherlands bloom!



BIGLITTLE Brings the Arts to Heatherlands!

We have been incredibly lucky this half term to work alongside the fantastic team at BIGLITTLE Theatre School.

BIGLITTLE is one of the UK's leading part-time theatre schools and their Professional Development Programme (PDP) provides specialist training for talented sixth-form and gap-year students who are considering a future career in the performing arts. The programme gives young performers the opportunity to develop their skills in acting, singing and dance while working with experienced industry professionals. They also take part in theatre-in-education projects, bringing their passion and expertise directly into schools.

Several weeks ago, a group of PDP students did just that when they visited our Year 3 children and led a variety of exciting drama activities. The children took part in acting games, script workshops and even learned a song before enjoying a performance from the group later in the afternoon. It was wonderful to see every child fully engaged, embracing the activities with enthusiasm and showing tremendous **respect** to the young performers who were leading the sessions.

Our Year 5 pupils were also fortunate enough to take part in a workshop led by West End performer Natasha Barnes. Natasha is perhaps best known for playing Fanny Brice in Funny Girl and has also appeared in productions including Come From Away, Cinderella at the London Palladium, Spring Awakening and The Witches of Eastwick as well as being cast in a new production that she was not allowed to tell us about at the time!

During her workshop, the children explored singing and movement techniques, gaining an insight into the skills and dedication required to perform professionally. We hope the experience has inspired many of them to continue exploring the arts and performing opportunities in the future.



We are proud to be working with such an outstanding local organisation, and throughout both experiences our children demonstrated the very best of the Heatherlands Way - showing **respect**, **resilience** and **motivation** as they embraced new challenges.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Amelie Fisher, who has been offered the opportunity by BIGLITTLE to take part in their Summer School. Over the course of just one week, Amelie will be helping to bring Madagascar: The Musical to life on stage! We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success. Break a leg, Amelie - we can't wait to see you shine on stage!

A special thank you to Mr Arrowsmith for organising this fantastic event. We know he is a thespian at heart, and his passion for the performing arts helped make the day such a success!

Our Sporting Achievements



Bikeability in Year 6

Thirty Year 6 pupils took part in this year's Bikeability training, successfully completing Levels 1, 2 and 3. Throughout the programme, the children developed their cycling skills and gained valuable knowledge about staying safe on the roads. They learned how to ride confidently, make safe decisions in different traffic situations and become more aware of their surroundings.

The training has helped prepare our pupils for the greater **independence** that comes with moving on to secondary school, equipping them with important road safety skills that they can use for years to come. Well done to all of the children who took part and demonstrated excellent effort, responsibility and determination throughout the course.

What Our Cyclists Said...

"In year 6 we were lucky enough to take part in bike ability and learn about road safety. When I took part, I realised that I do a lot of things wrong. I think that everyone that took part has greatly benefited from it and I feel much safer when riding on the roads now. Steve was a very good teacher, and I would recommend him to everyone."

Jump, Throw, Sprint... Shine!

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children were invited to **Castle Court** to take part in an exciting **Quad Kids** athletics event. Throughout the day, they competed in a standing long jump, vortex howler throw, sprint and 400m run, challenging themselves across a range of athletic disciplines.

The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, even when they felt unsure or lacked confidence. They demonstrated our Heatherlands values by showing **Aspiration** as they aimed to improve their personal bests, **Motivation** to keep trying their hardest, and **Resilience** when faced with new or difficult events. They also showed great **Respect** by encouraging one another and listening carefully to the personalised coaching they received from the teachers.

It was wonderful to see the children's confidence grow throughout the event as they developed new skills and made excellent progress in each activity. Their determination, positive attitude and willingness to step outside their comfort zones made them fantastic ambassadors for Heatherlands.

Well done to everyone who took part - you should all be incredibly proud of your achievements!



Our Sporting Achievements continued

Coastal Learning Partnership Sports Festival

Six children from Years 2 and 3 were invited to attend the Coastal Learning Partnership (CLP) Sports Festival at Oakdale, joining pupils from the other 16 schools across the partnership for an exciting morning of sport and physical activity.

The children had the opportunity to try a range of different sports, including handball, dance, archery, tri-golf and frisbee. These activities encouraged them to develop new skills, build confidence and experience sports that many had not taken part in before.

We were incredibly proud of how our pupils represented Heatherlands throughout the event. Their behaviour was exemplary, and they showed a fantastic attitude by embracing every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. It was wonderful to see them demonstrating such high levels of **motivation**, teamwork and **resilience** as they stepped out of their comfort zones and got fully involved in each activity.

The festival was a fantastic opportunity for the children to meet pupils from other schools, celebrate being active and discover new sports that they may wish to pursue in the future. Well done to all six children for being such excellent ambassadors for Heatherlands!



Ready, Set... Sports Day!

After being postponed due to the rainy weather, we were delighted to finally celebrate a fantastic Sports Day with all of our children, staff and families.

Our youngest children in EYFS got the day off to a wonderful start. They approached every activity with huge smiles and boundless enthusiasm, behaving beautifully throughout and proving to be a real credit to Heatherlands. We were incredibly proud of the confidence and **resilience** they showed, and every child received a special 'Taking Part' shiny sticker in recognition of their fantastic efforts.

Every year group then enjoyed a carousel of sporting activities, with our KS1 pupils taking part in events that developed their balance, speed and agility skills, while our KS2 pupils competed in a range of running, jumping and throwing events. It was wonderful to see all children giving their very best, encouraging one another and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

This year, we also introduced 1st, 2nd and 3rd place stickers for every event, ensuring that children felt recognised and celebrated for their achievements and participation. The stickers were a great success and helped make every child feel proud of their efforts.

The atmosphere throughout the day was truly amazing. Children showcased friendly competition across all three houses, while parents and families cheered enthusiastically from the sidelines. With music playing, smiles all around and the Friends of Heatherlands providing refreshments, it was a memorable event that brought our school community together.

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated our Heatherlands values in action. They showed **Motivation** by giving every event their best effort,



Resilience when events were challenging, **Respect** through their excellent sportsmanship and encouragement of others, **Aspiration** as they aimed to achieve their personal bests, and **Independence** by approaching each activity with confidence and determination.

We were especially proud of the excellent behaviour displayed by all of our pupils, who represented Heatherlands brilliantly throughout the day. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the event such a success. Bring on Sports Day 2027!

A huge thank you to Mrs Cruttenden and Miss Frederico, who continue to champion sport at Heatherlands. Their passion helps our children develop confidence, teamwork and a love of being active.



Heatherlands Voice Reflections

This year, our Heatherlands Voice (School Council) has continued to make a real difference to life at Heatherlands. Made up of dedicated Year 6 pupils, the team has represented the views of their classmates, organised fundraising events, welcomed new families, promoted anti-bullying initiatives and worked hard to ensure every child's voice is heard.

Being part of Heatherlands Voice has given our pupils valuable opportunities to develop their confidence, leadership and communication skills while living out the Heatherlands values of **Aspiration, Motivation, Respect, Resilience** and **Independence**. As they prepare to move on to secondary school, they leave behind a wonderful legacy of service and leadership, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

Before they begin their next adventure, our Heatherlands Voice members wanted to share some reflections on their experiences and the impact this special role has had on them over the past year.

Heatherlands Voice was the greatest opportunity I could've had. It has given me so much confidence. The interview in Year 5 gave me such an amazing start for the big world. Mrs Lloyd-Christie has helped us throughout the hardest and easiest days. I have loved my time representing my school.
Thank you. Natalia

A Big Thank you from us

On behalf of the Heatherlands Voice we want to give a big thank you to everyone who supported our Tuck shop and Lolly sales this year. This has helped us raise lots of money for our amazing school. We are very grateful for all who have donated to our school.
Thank you so much. Nishat

Heatherlands Voice - Interviews

We had a fantastic group of children apply to be part of the Heatherlands Voice for 2026 - 2027. As part of the interview process, we asked thoughtful questions and had some really deep conversations and discussions with all of the applicants. We spent a lot of time deciding on the best questions to ask so that everyone had the opportunity to show why they would make a great representative.

In total, we received 36 applications. We first shortlisted this to 16 applicants before making the very difficult decision to select 10 children to become the new Heatherlands Voice team. It took us several days to make our final decisions because every candidate was amazing and had so much to offer. **Nathan**

Welcome Early Years parents to 'Come and Explore'

During June we welcomed our new parents to @come and Explore' sessions so their children could experience their classrooms and meet adults in the base before starting in September. We were very busy Welcoming, handing out leaflets, answering questions and showing parents around. It was a great to represent our school and welcome all our new families to Heatherlands. **Maya**



Anti-Bullying Team

As part of our **Heatherlands Voice**, one of our sub-teams focused on promoting anti-bullying throughout the school. The team created a range of engaging activities, including an anti-bullying quiz, a Kindness Charter, and a Kindness Bingo challenge for every class to complete with their teachers.

These activities helped educate pupils about what bullying is, the importance of treating others with kindness and **respect**, and how everyone can play their part in following the Heatherlands Way. Through these fun and interactive activities, we encouraged our whole school community to create a positive, inclusive environment where everyone feels safe, valued, and supported. **Bella**



We would like to thank Mrs Lloyd-Christie for her commitment to Heatherlands Voice. Her support has ensured that our children's voices are heard and that their ideas have helped shape school life.

A heartfelt thank you to our staff, the Friends of Heatherlands, and our parents and carers. Your ongoing support, commitment to our school values and partnership with us help make Heatherlands the special place it is.



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A big thank you to all staff and children who have contributed to this edition of the newsletter. We couldn't do it without you and appreciate your commitment to the 'Heatherlands Way'. Please let Mrs Allen know, if you would like to contribute to future newsletters.

