



Headlines (Term 3)

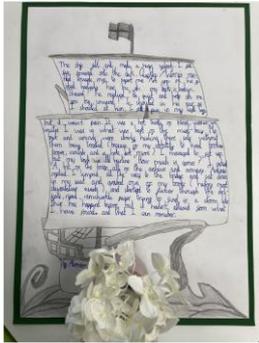
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Dear Parents / Carers,

It is incredible how quickly time passes. Already we are in the latter part of Term 3! Throughout the school, and in all schools in the trust, the children have been inspired by **William Shakespeare's Tempest**. Children from Reception to Year 6 have read extracts from the play to inspire their creative writing. The children are using their drawing skills to illustrate their writing that will be displayed in school. Year 5 are currently working with our dancer in residence to choreograph a dance inspired by *Ariel's pursuit*. Their performance will be recorded by the trust and will be available to parents later in the school year. Year 5 children will also perform their dance at the Arts Festival at the Dergate in the summer.



As I write this addition of Headlines, the school is experiencing the worst disruption yet to staffing due to the pandemic. To date, Headlands has weathered the storm of the pandemic well with minimal disruption beyond lockdowns. Like most schools, staff and children have become infected by the virus. Fortunately, no one has become seriously ill as a result. We are doing everything possible to minimise disruption to learning and I thank all staff for going the extra mile to ensure that learning continues to take place effectively. We continue to follow our Covid risk assessments and protocols to minimise the spread; the half term break in two weeks will be a circuit break with the hope that staffing and pupil absence will return to normal in Term 4. The latest Coronavirus guidance can be found by following the link: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Regrettably, due to the ongoing situation, we have been unable to invite parents back into school. We had planned a 'Showcase' event this term, enabling parents to tour the school, look at your child's work and visit other classrooms. We hope that we will be able to reschedule this event for later in the year. We have, however, been able to welcome parents to class assemblies recently. Years 3, 4 and 5 are presenting their class assemblies this year (other year groups have the opportunities to perform either at Christmas or the end of the year.)

Later this week, parents of children in Years 1-6 will receive their child's **interim report**. The report will focus on the progress towards their targets in the core area and how well they demonstrate the school values of DARE (Determination, Achievement, Respect and Enjoyment) in all that they do in school. See the upcoming dates below for your child's next Termly Learning Conversation.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support.

Darren

Introducing Mrs Labrum - Our New Family Support Worker



Hello! I'm Claire Labrum and I am the new Family Support Worker here at Headlands. I had a lovely and busy start to my new role in the two weeks before Christmas which was a great introduction to the school and all of your children. I have just moved from the Charity Barnardo's to work here however my background is predominantly public services and the fitness industry. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and hope to hold a coffee morning in the Spring when the weather is a little warmer. Should you need to reach out and speak with me feel free to call the school office to arrange for us to meet or if you see me in the playground please come and say hello.

Upcoming dates

11 February	Mental Health Awareness Day (Details to follow)
21/ 23 February	Year 6 Termly Learning Conversations
1 March	SATs information session for Y6 parents at 5.30pm (Details to follow)
19/ 21 April	Termly Learning Conversations