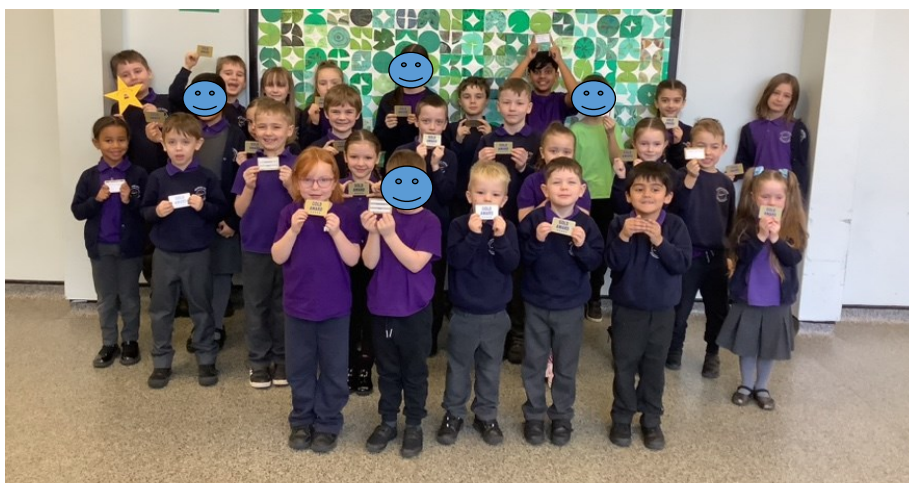


Message from the Head of School—Miss Jenkinson Tuesday 10th January

Welcome back to Heaton Avenue 2023! We are busy settling in our new staff Mrs Farooq in Year 5 and Miss Whittaker in Year 1. Sadly, on Friday 20th January we say goodbye to the much loved Mrs Kay our expert Behaviour Support Worker. Mrs Kay is moving onto a new career which she has been preparing for over the last few months. We wish her the very best of luck as I'm sure you do too, she will be missed by staff and the many children she has worked with and helped over the years. We are now in the process of recruiting a new role to support Mr McManamin and the rest of school. This role will be called Pastoral Support Worker; I look forward to letting you know how we get on soon. This term is jam packed with opportunities for your children so do keep your eye on Class Dojo for upcoming events and please do take time to read the newsletter for information on what is coming up soon.

Miss Jenkinson

Gold Award



Welcome to our new staff

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new members of staff, Mrs Farooq our new year 5 teacher and Miss Whittaker our new Year 1 teacher. Our Media Team thought of some questions to ask them and did a quick interview with them:

Hi Mrs Farooq, how are you today?

"I am good thank you, I hope you are too."

Can you tell us what class you are in?

"I am a Year 5 class teacher."

How have you settled in at Heaton Avenue?

"I have settled in really well thank you, I am enjoying teaching my class and I am loving being at this school."

Miss Whittaker:

How are the Year 1 children doing?

"They are doing really good, trying really hard with their work."

How was your first week as a Year 1 teacher at Heaton Avenue?

"It was quite hard and scary!"

What classes are you in?

"I am in 2 classes in Year 1 teaching a couple of days in each."



Heaton Avenue Football Academy



This year we are planning to launch our very own Heaton Avenue Football Academy. This is an exciting initiative which will be led by Alex Summerscales from Project Sport. There is a huge interest in football amongst our pupils and we are keen to develop and encourage participation as much as possible. With this in mind, the new football academy will see coach Alex delivering football training sessions in school, which students across KS2 will be able to access, free of charge. Sessions will be delivered after school on Thursdays in our Sports Hall facility. We then plan to organise fixtures against other schools in the coming weeks.

Training sessions will take place on Thursday, once every 3 weeks and will be held in the school sports hall from 3-4pm. If your child is interested in joining in, then please discuss this with them and complete the registration form (which was handed out in class) and return this to school. Please see the training schedule below for your child's age group is listed on the form. You will be notified if your child is allocated a place.

Academy Block 1 (YR 5/6)	Academy Block 2 (YR 3/4)	Academy Block 3 (KS2 Girls)
12 th January	19 th January	26 th January
2 nd February	9 th February	
Half Term Break		
2 nd March	9 th March	23 rd February
23 rd March	30 th March	16 th March
Easter Break		
27 th April	4 th May	20 th April
18 th May	26 th May	11 th May

Our first week back

L2CDT have been creating sculptures using clay. We've had so much fun making animals by using sculpting techniques to form models. We can't wait to see the finished pieces next week!



Foundation have been looking at real life superheroes. They have been finding out what doctors, nurses, the police, fire fighters and many more real life superheroes do when they are at work and how they help people in the community. The children have had a go at drawing their own superheroes.



Class of the Week

Congratulations to Mrs Bell's class who won our Class of the Week Trophy!



Well done to everyone in 1HB, they received a total of 20 green cards last week! The children earned their green cards for being great members of the school community and going above and beyond around school. As a reward they got an extra 15 minutes break time.



Multi-sports Club

Multi-sports club will take place from 3pm to 4pm in the hall offering a wide range of sports including basketball, rounders, netball, badminton, dodgeball and football and more.

Multi-Sports Club for Reception, Years 1 and 2 will take place on a Wednesday, starting this week. Year 5 & 6 club will take place on a Monday, starting this week.

The club will be led by Project Sport for 5 weeks. Parents/carers will need to make their way to the hall doors (next door to concert entrance) for pick up at 4pm.

For more information please see ClassDojo and the club is now available to book via parent pay.



Happier January—Happiness Action

- Look for good in others and notice their strengths

Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd February @ 1pm until 3pm:

School Council book sale

w/c 6th February:

Children's Mental Health Week

Thursday 9th February:

Valentines Disco

w/c 20th February:

Heaton Avenue's Got Talent Auditions

(more information to follow)

Thursday 2nd March:

World Book Day

Friday 10th March:

Break the rules day

w/c 13th March:

Mother's Day Shop

Friday 17th March:

Red Nose Day

Wednesday 22nd March:

Heaton Avenue's Got Talent Show

Friends of Heaton Avenue

Would you be interested in helping organise and run exciting events in school?

We welcome parents/carers both old and new who may like to be involved with future events this coming year.

Please feel free to pop along for a chat and cuppa, on **Monday 23rd January at 5pm**, your help and support is greatly appreciated!

Please send a message on Dojo to the office if you are planning to attend or if you would like to be involved in our events. Please enter school via the office on the day. We look forward to meeting with you. Thank you.