



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER:

We continue to have a very positive start to the new academic year at Heron Hill Primary. Last week was the first full week of teaching for our pupils and they made a brilliant start to their autumn term curriculums. We are placing high emphasis on the presentation and handwriting in work produced again this year because beautiful work matters. Pupils have risen to this challenge well and are taking care over how they present their learning in their books; we are really proud of them!

Our high emphasis on our school values also continues. Staff around school are keeping a look out for any pupils who are showcasing **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS** in their interactions and behaviours. We have already spotted so many excellent examples! I have been pleased to see many 'Today I noticed..' stickers being completed by staff across school and have also seen pupils leaving with positive praise stickers at the end of each day on my gate duty. It is fantastic to see so many pupils being recognised for their positive contributions to school.

Thank you again for the continued warm welcome to school. I feel blessed and privileged to be leading our school in this new chapter.



Mrs Middleton

ASDA's CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS:

We have been watching our Cashpot grow and grow and grow this past week! A week ago it was around the £300 mark but had grown to £588.82 by yesterday. Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to this Asda Rewards fundraiser and selected Heron Hill Primary as their beneficiary school. The scheme runs until the end of November so there is plenty of time to still sign up and encourage family members to do the same.



SOCIAL MEDIA:

Since announcing that we would be tweeting regularly, it has been great to see parents interacting with our X page and keeping up to date with our school news feed.

You can join in by following **@heronhillschool** on the X platform/app.



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE:

Each week in our assemblies, we celebrate and highlight the achievements of one child per class in their handwriting and presentation. Pupils may be chosen because of a marked improvement over time, immense effort or because of a specific piece of amazing work.

This week, we were proud to acknowledge the following children:



Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Lana G
Y1 Whinlatter	Juliet R
Y2 Outerside	Emily G
Y2 Yewbarrow	Grace L
Y3 Kentmere	Savannah R
Y3 Glaramara	Harry H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Jarvis B
Y4 Blencathra	Imogen V
Y5 Fairfield	Alfie G
Y5 Catstycam	Evan S
Y6 Helvellyn	Kassius V
Y6 Scafell	Sophia B

PREFECTS:



Our first four prefects for this academic year are extremely proud to have been chosen for this important responsibility. They meet weekly with Mr Corrie to discuss events in school, pupil feedback and to practice any roles or responsibilities they have been given.

Last week, they met with me for a hot chocolate and a chat in the headteacher's office. I was so impressed with the ideas they shared and the responsibility shown. Moving forwards, they will be looking out for children who are showcasing our school values during lunchtimes. The prefects will then contribute names from each of the key stages for a '**PREFECT PRAISE**' section of this newsletter.

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS.

We looked at each of these words and what they mean. We then started to think about actions or behaviours that show we understand them.

The book we shared was from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series and focused on Greta Thunberg. She is an excellent example of the positive impact that young people can have on an important issue: our planet.

Building on from our Eco Schools success, I shared the latest Blue Peter challenge with the children. It fits perfectly with our values of **RESPECT** and **RESPONSIBILITY**. We explored what the challenge entails and I encouraged as many children as possible to enter.



Our pupils are creative thinkers with brilliant ideas to share. It would be amazing to see this be used for good and to see Heron Hill pupils being celebrated on such a prestigious TV programme.

All of the information you need to support your child with entering can be found here: [The Blue Peter Earthshot Competition – CBBC](#)



LOOSE-PARTS PLAY:

You may have heard your child talking about some new play equipment and resources that have been available to Years 4-6 during play and lunchtimes since September. Loose-parts play has been a real passion project for Mrs Altounyan and we are so grateful for the time, hard work and effort she has put into making this a reality for our pupils.

We would like to say a huge thank you to David Wilson, Joy Walker, CT Hayton and Harry's Tyres. Without your kindness and donations, the project would not have been possible.

Thank you to Rachel Sainsbury from Rag Tag Arts who has provided advice, training ideas and bags of enthusiasm. Finally, thanks also go to Friends of Heron Hill for supporting us with some funding towards the resources.

We know this project will continue to have such a positive impact on our daily pupil experience at Heron Hill. THANK YOU!





ATTENDANCE:

Attendance to school is important for all pupils. Primary-aged pupils rely on adults to get them to school each day and on time. Please ensure you do all you can to get your child into school daily. If you are experiencing any challenges, please let a member of the senior leadership team know so that we can endeavour to help you.

Looking ahead to any holiday planning you may be doing, please remember that school will NOT authorise any leave during term time. Family holidays should be planned during school holidays.

Well done to Outerside, Yewbarrow and Helvellyn who all achieved 100% attendance last week!

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	99.6
Reception - Mellbreak	94.0
Y1 Angletarn	91.3
Y1 Whinlatter	98.0
Y2 Outerside	100.0
Y2 Yewbarrow	100.0
Y3 Kentmere	99.6
Y3 Glaramara	97.0
Y4 Thornthwaite	97.9
Y4 Blencathra	97.5
Y5 Fairfield	97.7
Y5 Catstycam	98.3
Y6 Helvellyn	100.0
Y6 Scafell	98.1



CALENDAR DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM:

- Thursday 19th September** - Nursery open afternoons 1.00 pm-2.00 pm (for January admissions)
- Friday 20th September** - Reception-Y6 nasal flu inoculations
- Monday 23rd- Friday 27th September** - Bikeability week for Year 5
- Thursday 26th September** - FOHH discos
- Saturday 28th September** - Torchlight parade
- Thursday 3rd October** - Y6 SATS and residential meeting
- Monday 7th October** - FOHH AGM, 5.30 pm, at school
- Thursday 10th October** - World Mental Health Day (pupils are invited to wear something yellow)
- Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October** - Year 6 residential trip to Manchester
- Friday 18th October** - Year 2 visit from Chas Jacobs
- Monday 21st October** - FOHH pumpkin walk
- Monday 21st AM and Wednesday 23rd PM October** - Reception autumn craft stay and play session for parents/carers
- Friday 25th October** - Celebration assembly
- Monday 28th October** - Half term





ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Our pupils access a wide range of activities and opportunities in school. Their curriculum has been carefully planned to make the most of our amazing grounds and at break and lunchtimes there are lots of different resources to access. Our afterschool club offer also enhances these opportunities further.

Our pupils are also extremely lucky to be supported with their passions and interests outside of school by their parents and carers. There are so many amazing groups, clubs and teams to join in and around Kendal. This section of our newsletter will celebrate achievements outside of school and enable us to congratulate pupils on their contributions. Thank you to everyone who sent in photographs for this first week of this new approach.

If there is something you would like to highlight and celebrate for your child, please email admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk with the subject 'F.A.O Mrs Middleton – Newsletter' to ensure your email makes its way to me.

NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.



Imogen V from Y4 Blencathra class travelled to Disneyland Paris this summer to perform with her dance school, Kendal Dance Academy. It takes such courage to perform on an international stage like this. Well done Imogen!



Alistair V from Y3 Kentmere class was crowned 'Under 8's Champion' at Kendal Tennis Club last Sunday. Well done Alastair!



Oliver T from Y2 Yewbarrow took part in his 1 mile first running race, running for his club Helm Hill and wearing his vest with pride! The event was hosted by Hoad Hill running club in Ulverston who did a fantastic job of organising and cheering everyone one. Well done Oliver, super running and determination!



Last weekend Freya J from Y5 Catstycam class competed in her first Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition. She won one of her matches and had a brilliant first experience. Well done Freya!



Charlie and Jace R (Y4 Blencathra and Reception) both took part in their first running race this weekend - a 1.5k run in Bury. They were both very happy to get their own medal! Well done boys!