



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are officially halfway through the first half term of this academic year and I continue to be so impressed by the hard work, efforts and determination of everyone who make up Team Heron Hill. We are continuing our high focus on reading for pleasure this year and use books as much as possible to underpin learning across the curriculum. Our Accelerated Reader programme encourages children to read widely and regularly. It is fantastic to walk around school and hear so many children talking about the books they have read and the quizzes they need to complete.

Reading at home to or with an adult is one of the most important things for our children. This additional practice makes a world of difference to their confidence, fluency and vocabulary. As a busy working parent myself, I know how tricky it can be to fit this into a busy family routine but it really does make such a difference. Thank you to everyone who prioritises this and promotes a love of reading in the home as well. As the saying goes, 'It takes a village'. We are so honoured to be part of the village that contributes to raising your child. Thank you for trusting us with this.



Mrs Middleton

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our social media feed captures different elements of daily life in school. You can join in and keep updated 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:



YEAR 1 TOYS PROJECT

As part of Year 1's History topic 'Toys in the Past', we would like to invite you – parents, carers, grandparents etc – to bring a toy, book or game (indoor or outdoor game, weather permitting) from your childhood to share with our Year 1 children. This will be on Friday 11th October at 1.30 pm for the afternoon. There will be tea and biscuits for any willing participants! Best wishes from the Year 1 team.

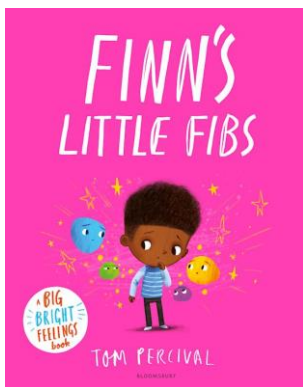
Class	Pupil
Y1 Angletarn	Caleb H
Y1 Whinlatter	Brodie W
Y2 Outerside	Hudson D
Y2 Yewbarrow	Seren E
Y3 Kentmere	Freya F-W
Y3 Glaramara	Dylan W
Y4 Thornthwaite	Lucas R
Y4 Blencathra	Ella D
Y5 Fairfield	Katie R
Y5 Catstycam	Ethan J
Y6 Helvellyn	Lily P
Y6 Scafell	Neeru S

PREFECTS

Our Prefects have been on duty during lunchtimes supporting pupils with their play. Harrison, Jasmine, Ben and Molly have been keeping an eye out for children who are being kind, building relationships and helping others. This week, they would like to say well done to the following children:



Key Stage 1	Key Stage 2
Dylan T (Whinlatter)	Bradley P (Catstycam)
Millie P (Yewbarrow)	Reggie B (Helvellyn)



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

We focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS

We looked at each of these words and what they mean. We recapped the ones we have already talked about this term and then focused in on the word **RESPONSIBILITY**.

The book we shared was from the 'Big Bright Feelings' series by author Tom Percival. Pupils were introduced to the character, Finn. Finn breaks his grandma's special clock but chooses to fib about this instead of being honest. This led to us talking about the importance of taking responsibility when things go wrong. We discussed how important it is to learn from mistakes and how 'sorry' is just a word; a change our actions is what shows we are truly sorry.

OUR ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be coming together for a special Harvest-themed assembly on Wednesday 23rd October. As part of these annual celebrations, we will be collecting foods and tinned goods to donate to the foodbank. If you have any donations, please send them to school with your child anytime from Monday 14th October until the day of the assembly. Items that Manna House has requested include packets of biscuits, cakes, crisps, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, UHT milk, tinned or packaged sponge puddings, tea, coffee and fresh vegetables, eg onions, potatoes, carrots. They have plenty of pasta, do not send pasta. Thank you for your support with this worthwhile cause.



**FAIRTRADE
SCHOOLS**

CAKES UNDER THE CANOPY

We are looking forward to our Fairtrade cake sale after school this Friday (4th October). Cakes will be available under the Y1 canopy near the main entrance. Further information about Fairtrade will also be available. Payments can be taken by cash or card and funds raised will go to the Fairtrade Foundation. We do hope you will be able to support this event, and look forward to seeing you there! Parent/carer donations of home-baked goods will be gratefully received, they must include Fairtrade ingredients, come with an ingredient list, not contain any nuts and should be brought into school before the sale begins. Thank you!
Huge thanks go to Mrs Lawson, Mrs Patrick and Miss Ashworth for organising this event.



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.

Term-time holidays cannot be authorised by school and in line with new guidance, fines can be issued to families who take children out of school for holidays.

Well done to Whinlatter class who achieved 100% attendance last week!

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	98.5
Reception - Mellbreak	98.4
Y1 Angletarn	97.6
Y1 Whinlatter	100.0
Y2 Outerside	95.9
Y2 Yewbarrow	95.4
Y3 Kentmere	99.6
Y3 Glaramara	99.2
Y4 Thornthwaite	95.5
Y4 Blencathra	96.4
Y5 Fairfield	97.3
Y5 Catstycam	96.6
Y6 Helvellyn	95.0
Y6 Scafell	98.9



CALENDAR DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM (Any added dates are highlighted in yellow)

Thursday 3rd October - Y6 SATS and residential visit information meeting, 5.00 pm

Friday 4th October - Cakes under the Canopy/Fairtrade Cake Sale, 3.15 pm

Monday 7th October - FOHH AGM, 5.30 pm

Thursday 10th October - World Mental Health Day (pupils are invited to wear yellow)

Friday 11th October - Year 1 'Toys from the Past', 1.30 pm - see page 1

Tuesday 15th October - Parent Voice Meetings with Mrs Middleton, see page 5

Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th October - Y6 residential visit to Manchester

Friday 18th October - Y2 visit from Chas Jacobs

Monday 21st AM and Wednesday 23rd PM October - Reception autumn craft stay and play session for parents/carers

Monday 21st October - FOHH pumpkin walk

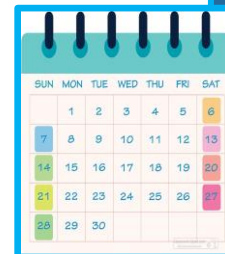
Wednesday 23rd October - Whole-school Harvest Festival assembly, see page 2

Thursday 24th October 9-10.30 am - Nursery autumn craft stay and play session for parents/carers

Friday 25th October - Celebration assembly

Friday 25th October - Half term holiday begins, 3.15 pm

Monday 4th November - Return to school





ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

If there is something you'd 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.



Congratulations to Erin S from Y4 who came sixth in the 25m backstroke at her swim club gala for Kendal Swim Club at the weekend. It's her first certificate since she started so an extra-special milestone. Well done Erin!



Jake D from Y4 also competed in Kendal Swim Club gala. He swam in the 50m freestyle and won Silver. He also swam in the 25m backstroke and won Gold. Great job Jake!

KENDAL TORCHLIGHT PARADE

Saturday evening was a wonderful display of the positive impact a sense of community has on a town like ours. I was so proud to walk the Torchlight Parade for the first time with our brilliant school. The lanterns created by our pupils were beautiful and the turnout from families who wanted to walk with us and proudly showcase their belonging to our school was heart warming too. Thank you to Mrs Altounyan and Mrs Metcalfe for all their hard work in preparing our entries.

Finally, thank you to everyone who came along and joined in. Thank you also to those who cheered for Heron Hill as spectators. I cannot wait to do it all again next year! Mrs M ☺



SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL VACANCY

Our wonderful school crossing patrol warden. Chris Hogg, is sadly leaving his post at the end of this half term for new ventures. We thank him for all he has done to keep our school community safe on the way to and from school and wish him lots of luck for his next adventure. As a result of his resignation, Orian are currently recruiting a replacement. Please see the advert opposite for more information.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

HERON HILL SCHOOL

£11.49 PER HOUR

5 HOURS PER WEEK

MONDAY- FRIDAY
08:30 - 09:00 & 15:15 - 15:45



If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kelly Friend, Area Manager: 07825 340495



SCHOOL DINNER SURVEY

Our School Business Manager, Mrs Harte, is in the process of reviewing our lunchtime offer in school. She is keen to ensure that we have a high level of returns to our parent meal survey so that we are fully informed on what our school community want and need from lunchtime provision. If you have not yet replied, please follow this link to share your views:

<https://forms.office.com/e/SALCHYC8DG>

Thank you for taking the time to do this.

CONCERNED ABOUT PARKING AND TRAFFIC OUTSIDE SCHOOL EACH DAY?

Then this is the event for you! I am keen to hear your views, ideas and solutions for the current drop-off and collection procedures at Heron Hill. The safety of our pupils is paramount to us as a school and vitally important to you – parents, carers, grandparents – too. Sessions have been planned at various points in the day to support working patterns and encourage as many voices to be heard as possible. I will be hosting these events in the school hall and refreshments will be provided. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you!

PARENT VOICE COFFEE EVENT

Share your views, ideas and solutions for current traffic and parking issues with Mrs Middleton.

Tuesday 15th October 2024 in the school hall.

7-7.45am

2.30-3.15pm

6.00-6.45pm

Refreshments provided.



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SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Year 6 parents – do not forget to apply for your child's secondary school place for September 2025. The closing date for applications is **Thursday 31 October 2024**. To find out more and apply, please visit our website:

<https://westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-school-place-or-change-schools>

Apply now for a secondary school place for September 2025

