



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Last week was another busy and enjoyable week at Heron Hill Primary. I am consistently impressed by the learning behaviours and pride pupils show at being part of our school. We are keeping our school values of **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS** at the heart of all that we are doing. Pupils are rising to the challenge of showcasing these values in all that they do and all parts of our school day.

It was wonderful to witness the school-wide commitment to our Fairtrade bake sale last week. Pupils has lots of fun baking a wide range of tasty goodies and importantly, learnt lots about Fairtrade in lessons too. Our commitment to raising pupils’ awareness of the positive decisions they can make to contribute to our world is an integral part of the Heron Hill Way. Our Eco Schools status is something we are really proud of. Thank you to all of the family members who supported the ‘cakes under the canopy’ bake sale. We are thrilled to inform you that a grand total of £163.88 was raised for the good causes.

Thank you for the continued warm welcome as your new headteacher; it means so much.



**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 4's ROMAN WORKSHOP

As part of Y4's History topic they enjoyed an engaging, immersive workshop last week. Pupils were amazed by the visit from a Roman soldier and learnt so much about battle tactics, Roman weaponry and life as a Roman centurion.

Thank you to our 'Friends of Heron Hill' fundraisers who kindly funded this enrichment experience. Bringing learning to life is an amazing way to make the national curriculum content memorable for our pupils for years to come. Thank you!

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Fae K
Y1 Whinlatter	Ivan P
Y2 Outerside	Yusuf O
Y2 Yewbarrow	Oliver T
Y3 Kentmere	Alistair V
Y3 Glaramara	Martha G
Y4 Thornthwaite	Theo O
Y4 Blencathra	Ozric A-M
Y5 Fairfield	Holly B
Y5 Catstycam	Kady M
Y6 Helvellyn	Leo N
Y6 Scafell	Evie Mc



### 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](mailto: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 George E on another skiing achievement last weekend. George competed in Snowsports England Future Championship in Norfolk at the weekend, competing in dual slalom, ski cross, moguls and slopestyle. George took the silver medal in Slopestyle his favourite discipline which involves big air, pipes and rails. Well done George! We are so proud of you!



### FRIENDS OF HERON HILL

Thank you to everyone who came to the annual AGM meeting on Monday evening to offer their support to our Friends of Heron Hill fundraising group. They are always on the lookout for new members and welcome anyone who is able to offer support, skills or ideas. Please contact [chairoffohh@gmail.com](mailto:chairoffohh@gmail.com) to find out more.

Last year, the hard work and efforts of this team led to over £10,000 being raised for school. This paid for many enrichment activities, play equipment, trips and more. This week we started to build our new rainbow bell tents which will provide a sheltered outdoor reading space whatever the weather. This project has been funded solely by FOHH. In such challenging financial times for schools none of this would be possible without the support of FOHH. Thank you! ☺





## CHRISTMAS AT HERON HILL

Christmas really is the most wonderful time of the year and being in school with pupils is always a complete joy around such a magical time. I spend most of December more excited than the children! We have lots of lovely plans for this year and want parents, carers and family members to have as much notice as possible of these dates so that you can join in with the festivities. Please see the current Christmas dates that are booked in below. If other events are added, we will let you know in plenty of time.

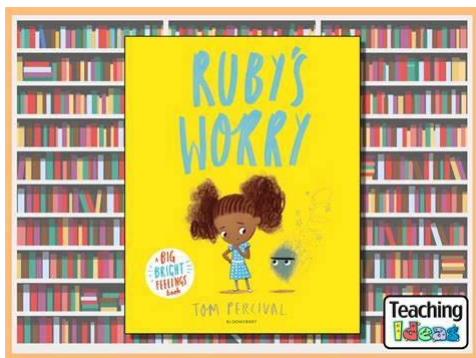
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> /Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Usborne Book Fair
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Heron Hill Christmas Fair
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas card post boxes open
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Y1/Y2 Christmas production dress rehearsal 2.15 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	FoHH Christmas Wreath Making Workshop 7.00 pm-9.00 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1/Y2 Christmas production performances 2.15 pm and 5.30 pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 to Box Theatre, 10.00 am, 'Peter Pan'
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Craft afternoon
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Carols under the Canopy, 4.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christmas party, afternoon
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery stay and play Christmas craft afternoon
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas party, afternoon
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas craft morning
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas party, afternoon
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3-Year 6 Carol Service at the Parish Church, 2.00 pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas party, afternoon
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 Christmas Party, afternoon
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day for Christmas card post boxes
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Carol Service at the Parish Church, 10.00 am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery and Reception Nativity Service at Parish Church, 10.00 am
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery Christmas party, afternoon
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas parties, afternoon
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term, 3.15 pm

## 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:
Ellie N (Y1)	Imogen V (Y4)
Oliver T (Y2)	Imogen P (Y6)



### ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

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 **RESPECT**.

The book we shared was from the 'Big Bright Feelings' series by author Tom Percival. Pupils were introduced to the character, Ruby. Ruby has a worry that she doesn't know how to share so her worry just grows and grows until she just cannot escape the way it makes her feel anymore. As soon as she shares it with someone she trusts, her worry starts to shrink until it completely disappears!

**This story tied in really nicely with our plans to wear something yellow tomorrow for World Mental Health Day.**

### 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>

### 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.

9-9:45am

2:30-3:15pm

6:00-6:45pm

Refreshments provided.



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Primary School



## 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. So far this academic year, an estimated 100 fines have been issued across Westmorland and Furness Council.**

**4 classes achieved 100% attendance last week! AMAZING! Well done to Latrigg, Kentmere, Glaramara and Catstycam.**

Registration Form	Class %
Reception - Latrigg	100
Reception - Mellbreak	96.0
Y1 Angletarn	98.6
Y1 Whinlatter	97.3
Y2 Outerside	94.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	93.6
Y3 Kentmere	100
Y3 Glaramara	100
Y4 Thornthwaite	96.9
Y4 Blencathra	97.9
Y5 Fairfield	98.5
Y5 Catstycam	100
Y6 Helvellyn	99.2
Y6 Scafell	96.7



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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - World Mental Health Day (pupils are invited to wear yellow)

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - Y6 residential trip to Manchester

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October** - Y2 visit from Chas Jacobs

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October** - FOHH pumpkin walk

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

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Reception hearing checks

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** - Whole-school Harvest Festival assembly

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>/Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 9-10:30am** - Nursery autumn craft stay and play session for parents/carers

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Celebration assembly

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** - Half term holiday begins, 3.15 pm

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** - Return to school



## VACANCIES

There are currently several job vacancies linked to our school being advertised. The first is the school crossing patrol job with Orian and the second is for relief midday supervisors at school. Please see the adverts here for more details.



**Heron Hill**  
Primary School  
Hayfell Avenue, Kendal, LA9 7JH



### **We have a vacancy for a Relief Mid-day Supervisor**

We are seeking someone to provide 'ad hoc' cover as needed on weekday lunchtimes from 11.50 am-1.05 pm.

The post would suit someone who lives locally, is available at short notice and who is enthusiastic about working and playing alongside children aged 5-11 years.

No experience is necessary as training will be provided.

The successful applicant will join a very experienced, supportive lunchtime staff team who work in a happy, welcoming school.

Salary: £12.00 per hour

(including supplement – pay award pending)

Further information and application form available from

[www.heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](http://www.heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk)

or by contacting the school office – telephone 01539 721276

or email [admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk)

This post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Check and excellent references.

*learning together playing together growing together*



### **DO YOU HAVE ANY UNUSED BOARD GAMES, LEGO, CARD GAMES OR PUZZLES?**

If you do, then Mrs Little would love to take these off your hands and put them to good use in her lunchtime Nurture Club. Please send any donations into school for her attention. Thank you.

## WE ARE HIRING!



### SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

HERON HILL SCHOOL

£11.49 PER HOUR

5 HOURS PER WEEK

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

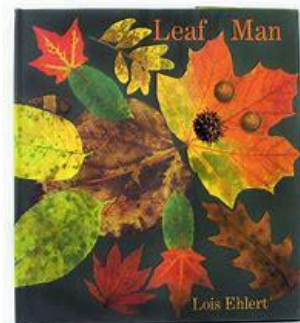


If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Kelly Friend,  
Area Manager: 07825 340495



### **CENSUS DAY THANKS**

Our themed lunch last week was a huge success and Mrs Harte would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who signed up for lunches and supported school. We had an 80% uptake of Universal Infant Free School meals which is excellent news.



### **YEAR 1 PARENTS AND CARERS**

A reminder to Year 1 families of our walk to Fletcher Park on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to parent helpers who have volunteered to accompany us, we are looking forward to you joining us.

Please can children wear suitable clothing and footwear in line with the weather conditions on the day and bring along a carrier bag to collect leaves.