



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are midway through another busy and productive week at Heron Hill Primary. Pupils are working hard in school and are trying so hard to demonstrate our three school values in their daily lives at school. Respect, responsibility and relationships are all important attributes and staff are always pleased to be able to celebrate with children who have showcased these values.

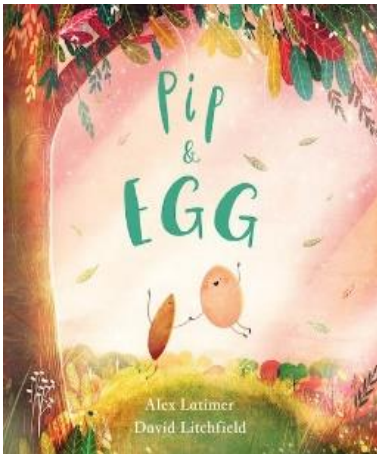
We are all looking forward to the Rock Kidz coming to school next week and are looking forward to seeing pupils (and staff) dressed as Heron Hill rockstars!

My work on reviewing our wraparound care is almost complete and I will be writing to parents soon with some updates on how our provision will be even better moving forwards. This will include a new name, chosen by the children who attend wraparound care, so watch this space!

Thank you for your continued support with our school, our vision and our values. It is a pleasure to be leading school in this new chapter and I am so proud of everyone involved in making our school the best it can possibly be!



Mrs Middleton



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIP.

This week, we shared a story of two special friends, Pip and Egg. This beautiful picture book by Alex Latimer and David Litchfield helped us to reflect on friendships that are important to us and learn about how they might change over time. Despite many changes, Pip and Egg were friends for life!

Zooming in on our **RELATIONSHIPS** value, we explored friendships in more detail and took a moment to share our gratitude for people who are important to us and make a positive difference to our lives.



HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

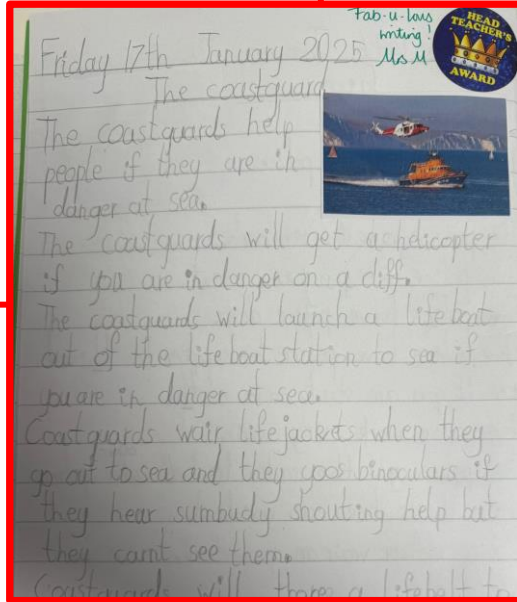
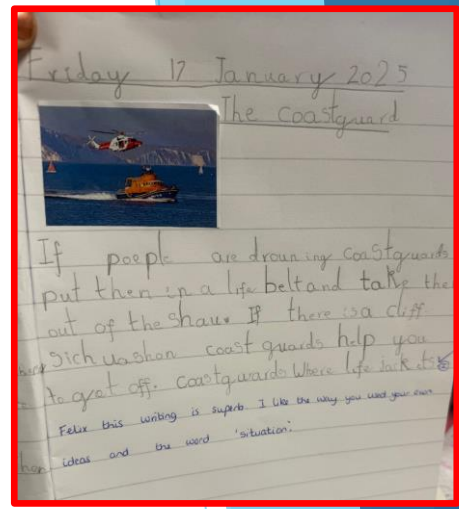
We continue to celebrate achievements, progress and effort in all things presentation during our weekly headteacher assemblies. This week, the children below have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

| Class: | Pupil: |
|-----------------|------------|
| Y1 Angletarn | Oscar D |
| Y1 Whinlatter | Ellie N |
| Y2 Outerside | Samuel R |
| Y2 Yewbarrow | Lincoln N |
| Y3 Kentmere | Esther M |
| Y3 Glaramara | Jasmine D |
| Y4 Thornthwaite | Matylda B |
| Y4 Blencathra | Alfie T |
| Y5 Fairfield | Sophie H |
| Y5 Catstycam | Thea B |
| Y6 Helvellyn | Harrison N |
| Y6 Scafell | Zara R |

OUR NEW WRITING CURRICULUM

During the second half of the autumn term we introduced a new, whole-school writing progression map. This focuses on high-quality books as a stimulus for writing and is already having a great impact on our young writers. Pupils speak with enthusiasm about what they are writing, which focus writing skill they are learning to use and the book which is inspiring their work too.

Mrs Middleton loves getting little visits from writers who are proudly showing off their work. This week, Year 1 wrote some amazing sentences about the Coastguard. Take a look at these amazing examples.



SPRING TERM DATES

Spring term is here! Below are the main dates currently in the calendar until Easter. As we did last term, we will update these via the weekly newsletter and highlight any changes in **YELLOW** so that they are easy for you to track.



| Date | Event |
|--|---|
| Wednesday 22 nd January | County Cross Country at Casterton |
| Tuesday 28 th January | Rock Kidz come to Heron Hill! Children and staff can dress as rock stars |
| Thursday 30 th January | Pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (Reception-Year 2) |
| Monday 3rd February | Valentines' Messy Play for pre-Nursery aged children (see back page, pre-booking essential) |
| Friday 7 th February | NSPCC Number Day (see letter from Mrs Wilkinson) |
| Monday 10th February and Tues 11th February | Nursery open session for September 2025 Intake, 1.00 pm-2.00 pm, come and visit! (see back page) |
| Tuesday 11 th February | FOHH cakes and table top sale, 3.00 pm. Please donate cakes (no nuts) |
| Friday 14 th February | End of half term, 3.15 pm. Return to school Monday 24 th February |
| Thursday 6 th March | World Book Day! (Mufti day - dress as your favourite book character) |
| Friday 21 st March | Red Nose Day - Mufti - wear something odd (e.g. odd socks, t-shirt inside out/back to front) |
| Mon 31 st Mar-1 st April | Y5 residential to York (one night) |
| Tuesday 1 st April | FOHH 'Break the Rules for April Fools' - Up to £2.50 for 5 rules |
| Thursday 3 rd April | FOHH Easter Treasure Hunt at 3.30 pm. Mufti - dress as a bunny/Easter costume |
| Friday 4 th April | Break up for Easter Holidays, 3.15 pm |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | School reopens after the Easter Holidays |

ROCK KIDZ ARE COMING TO HERON HILL!

As revealed last week, the AMAZING Rock Kidz will be visiting us on Tuesday 28th January! They will be turning our school hall into a live rock concert venue, singing songs, playing very funny games and teaching us important messages about **self-esteem and diversity**.

Pupils across school are **invited to dress as rock-stars** on this day, instead of their usual school uniform. This can be anything from a T-shirt and jeans, to wigs, eyeliner, leather jackets and inflatable guitars. There is no pressure from us to wear anything in particular, we just want everyone to have fun!

At the end of the school day, the Rock Kidz will host a 'meet and greet' session and have Rock Kidz merch on sale too. The day promises to be a memorable one for us all!

HUGE THANKS TO 'FRIENDS OF HERON HILL' WHO HAVE AGREED TO USE OUR ASDA CASHPOT FUNDS TO COVER THE ENTIRE COST OF THIS WORKSHOP, MAKING IT FREE TO ALL PUPILS!



CENSUS DAY THANKS

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our 'Dinner at the Drive Thru' lunch last week.



We achieved an uptake of 79% of universal free school meals which will really help our school funding moving forwards.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

On Friday 7th February, Heron Hill School will be joining thousands of schools and nurseries taking part in a fun-filled day of maths.



In aid of NSPCC, pupils are invited to dress as numbers for the day. A separate letter, containing all of the information you need is being sent via ParentMail by Mrs Wilkinson.

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.

| Registration Form | Class % |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Reception - Latrigg | 90.0 |
| Reception - Mellbreak | 87.8 |
| Y1 Angletarn | 96.4 |
| Y1 Whinlatter | 97.7 |
| Y2 Outerside | 95.2 |
| ★ Y2 Yewbarrow | 100.0 |
| Y3 Kentmere | 97.8 |
| Y3 Glaramara | 98.1 |
| Y4 Thornthwaite | 95.3 |
| Y4 Blencathra | 95.7 |
| Y5 Fairfield | 94.4 |
| Y5 Catstycam | 98.3 |
| Y6 Helvellyn | 99.6 |
| Y6 Scafell | 98.9 |

Our 8.45 am staggered drop off has been well-received and parent feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Remember: "Teachers close the door at 8.54!"





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.

Over the past two weeks, Leo, Ivy, and Sophia have had an incredible time participating in Burneside's Amateur Theatrical Society's (BATs) production of Aladdin. This was the 50th pantomime held at The Bryce, Burneside. With a total of nine performances, they were thrilled to see so many familiar faces from school in the audience.

Rehearsals, which have been held twice a week since September, were intense but rewarding. Now that the final curtain has fallen, all that remains is the endless task of cleaning up the glitter and eagerly anticipating the start of rehearsals for the next show in just a few weeks.



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BACK (AGAIN!) BY POPULAR DEMAND.

VALENTINE'S MESSY PLAY!

JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF MESSY FUN FOR YOU AND YOUR LITTLE ONE!

£2 PER CHILD. SNACK PROVIDED. SUITABLE FOR ALL BABIES AND TODDLERS.

MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY
9:00-10:30
HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOOKING REQUIRED. PLEASE EMAIL ADMIN@HERONHILL.CUMBRIA.SCH.UK OR CALL 01539 721276

Does your child turn 3 before September 2025?
Come and see what Nursery education at Heron Hill Primary School can offer!

Nursery Open Sessions

Monday 10th February & Tuesday 11th February
1-2pm

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To book a place (or to arrange an alternative date), contact admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk or call 01539 721276

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