



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Heron Hill Primary was well and truly ROCKING yesterday! Our first ever visit from the Rock Kidz was a huge success and the school hall was bouncing all day during 4 workshops! It was fantastic to see so many children dressed up as rockstars, joining in and finding confidence in who they are. A massive thank you goes to the FOHH for funding this experience in full, meaning there was no cost to any parent/carer. Also this week, Blue Peter fever is taking over Heron Hill School with several pupils approaching me this week to share news of their very own BP badge! This is always FANTASTIC to hear and opens up free access to over 200 attractions nationwide. If your child doesn't have one yet, just go to the Blue Peter website to find out how they can apply. There are a wide number of badges available, reflecting different hobbies or areas of interest. As a proud Eco-School many of our children would be eligible for the green badge featured on this week's newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Middleton

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS:

Please be reminded that **NO DOGS** are permitted on school grounds and any dogs who join you for the school run, must be tied up in the allocated, grassed area.



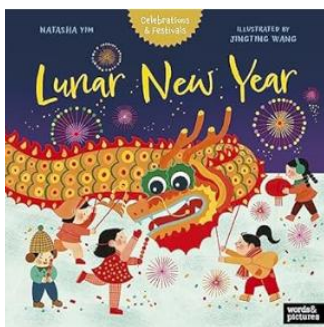
Please do not go beyond any school gates with a dog, **including when you are holding them.** You will be asked to leave the school site immediately if this rule is broken; This is for the safety of all members of our school community.

Thank you for your cooperation.



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! ☺



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:
RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIP.

This week, we shared the story of Ling and her family as they prepared for the biggest Chinese festival of the year – Lunar New Year.

Zooming in on our **RESPECT** value, we considered how we not only belong to our local school community but also belong to a worldwide, international community too.

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Axel H
Y1 Whinlatter	Juliet R
Y2 Outerside	Mabel M
Y2 Yewbarrow	Hannah Z
Y3 Kentmere	Rosalind L
Y3 Glaramara	Jack B
Y4 Thornthwaite	Erin S
Y4 Blencathra	Oliver D
Y5 Fairfield	Finley T
Y5 Catstycam	Ben P
Y6 Helvellyn	Clara J
Y6 Scafell	Phoebe E



Sophia Y6 - "I liked the dance off part. Seeing teachers dancing was so funny!"



Nell Y1 - "I liked doing the monkey!"



Olivia Y5 - "My favourite part was the chicken dancing!"



WHEN THE ROCK KIDZ CAME TO HERON HILL!



Charlie Y1 - "I liked YASBA - you're awesome so be awesome! And....Hey ho! Let's Go!"

Isla Y2 - "I didn't like it, I loved it!"



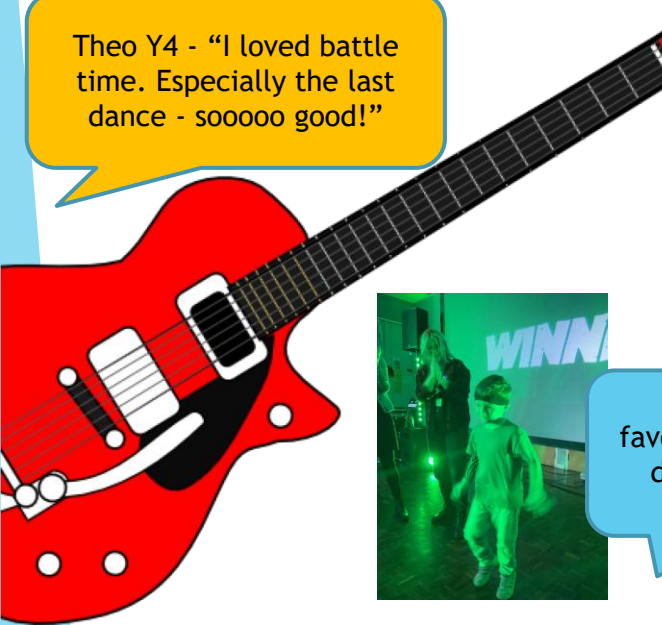
Bradley Y3 - "It was crazy! I loved it!"



Theo Y4 - "I loved battle time. Especially the last dance - sooooo good!"



Cobie Y1 - "My favourite thing was the dancing. I won the dance battle!"





FUSSY EATER?

Support for trying new foods and encouraging healthy eating

WED
12TH
FEB
2025

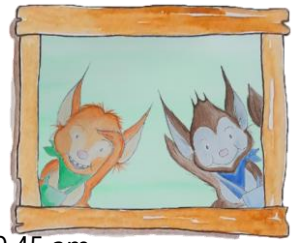
2pm - 3pm
Led by Sam Hill,
Public Health
Practitioner

Pre-school children and babies are welcome!



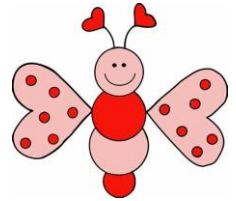
PHONICS STAY AND PLAY

Mrs Hudson, our Supersonic Phonic Friends Lead, would like to remind all parents of the phonics stay and play sessions available to all parents and carers on Monday 3rd February. The morning session is from 9.00 am-9.45 am and the afternoon session is from 2.30 pm-3.00 pm. More information was included in the phonics work packs sent home last week. We hope to see lots of you there!



VALENTINES MESSY PLAY

The demand for spaces for this community event was so high we sold out in less than 24 hours this time. If you secured a place, Miss Storey and Mrs Middleton look forward to seeing you and your little ones for a very messy, sensory play session on Monday 3rd February. Please arrive from 9.00 am and pay your £2 entrance fee on arrival at the school office. 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.

This week's attendance is presented in a different way to help parents see the impact of absence on a child's learning. Instead of sharing class percentages, the table shows the number of school days missed in each class since we returned to school in January.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	23.5
Reception - Mellbreak	21
Y1 Angletarn	11
Y1 Whinlatter	9.5
Y2 Outerside	20.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	6.5
Y3 Kentmere	10.5
Y3 Glaramara	6.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	21
Y4 Blencathra	15.5
Y5 Fairfield	14.5
Y5 Catstycam	6.5
Y6 Helvellyn	15.5
Y6 Scafell	12

Missing just one day of school means missing:

- Phonics/ Reading
 - Writing
 - Maths
- At least 2 of the following: Geography, RE, Music, PE, History, Science, Art, DT, German, PSHE, Computing
- Social time with friends



CROSS-COUNTRY CONGRATULATIONS!

On 22nd January, Mrs Foster took the 14 qualifiers back to Sedbergh Prep School in Casterton, and once again the children did themselves proud. As qualifiers this time they were running for South Lakes and in every year group the South Lakes runners came out first team! It is amazing to be part of such a cohort of strong runners in this area.

Y4 Girls – Mia 67th and Sophie L 70th out of 111 runners from schools all over Cumbria.

Y4 Boys – Finlay 12th out of 106 runners. WOW!

Y5 Girls – Evie G 35th and Sophie H 77th out of 104 runners.

Y5 Boys – Harrison 6th, Flynn O 15th, Edward 17th and Finley 25th out of 122 runners! What a team this is to have 4 boys in the top 25 is FANTASTIC!

Y6 Girls – Clara 15th, Poppy 20th, Evie Mc 46th and Olivia 58th out of 112 runners.

Y6 Boys - Yoan 54th out of 112 runners.

We celebrate all these achievements with huge pride in how competitive each race was. From these results Harrison has now qualified to represent CUMBRIA in the National Cross Country event in March and we wish him lots of luck and success there too.

Thank you once again to all the parent cheerleaders and drivers!
Mrs Foster



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
Thursday 30 th January	Pantomime (/Reception-Y2) Jack and the Beanstalk
Monday 3 rd February	Valentines-themed Messy Play (babies and toddlers welcome) – fully booked
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number Day – wear clothes with a number on or come as a digit; please support https://www.nspcc.org.uk
Monday 10 th February	Nursery open session for September 2025 intake, 1.00 pm-2.00 pm
Tuesday 11 th February	Nursery open session for September 2025 intake, 1.00 pm-2.00 pm
Tuesday 11 th February	FOHH cakes & table top sale, 3.00 pm. Please donate cakes, biscuits etc, no nuts
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day! (Mufti day - dress as your favourite book character)
Thursday 20 th March	Year 4 day visit
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day - Mufti - wear something odd (e.g. odd socks, t-shirt inside out/back to front)
Monday 31 st March	Y5 residential visit (one night)
Tuesday 1 st April	Break the rules for April Fools - Up to £2.50 for 5 rules
Thursday 3 rd April	FOHH Easter Treasure Hunt at 3.30pm. Mufti - dress as a bunny/Easter costume
Friday 4 th April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 nd April	School reopens after the Easter Holidays



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.



Imogen in Y4 competed in the MK dance competition in Oswaldtwistle this weekend. She had no less than 7 solo dances to learn and perfect! Wow! Imogen came away with 2 x 1st, 2 x 2nds and 1 x 3rd. You should be so proud of this Imogen – well done!



Alistair from Y3 competed in the North and Midlands Chatsworth Tennis Competition. He played very well and as a result, won the whole competition! Awesome Alistair!



Jayden from Y3 is so proud to have received his green Blue Peter badge in the post this week.

His letter from the editor recognises his hard work and kindness litter picking in the area where he lives.

Well done Jayden!

Everlyn from Y2 was awarded 'star of the week' at her Razzamataz class. This was for her amazing 80's dance moves. Well done Everlyn!



Jake from Y4 achieved the qualifying times to compete in the Cumbria County Age Group Championships which were held at Workington. Jake competed in the 10 year age group in 6 races, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke, 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Individual Medley. He achieved 5 personal best times and came first in all 6 races. Well done Jake!

PREFECTS PRAISE

Our Prefects have been on duty during lunchtimes supporting pupils with their play. Olivia, Max, Oscar and Evie 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:



Pupils who have been noticed:

Ellen P – Y1

Poppy C – Y6

Olivia G – Y5

Ben S – Y6

