



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the second half of the spring term and the academic year. It was wonderful to welcome families back into school on Monday and to hear all about your half term adventures. This next half term promises to be fun, memorable and packed full of fantastic curriculum content. Mrs Wilkinson has been popping in and out of classrooms this week speaking to children about their learning so far this year. They've been so keen to share the things they are enjoying in Maths and English, going into super detail about the skills they are learning and the achievements they are proud of. We are very proud of them all!

Next week sees one of my favourite days in the school calendar – WORLD BOOK DAY! I am looking forward to experiencing my first Heron Hill one. This week's newsletter includes information about upcoming events, achievements outside of school and the student teachers who we are pleased to be supporting in school at the moment. It is always such a joy to be part of someone's teacher training journey and Heron Hill is a great placement for anyone coming into this great profession. I am sure you will welcome them into our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs Middleton (Proud HT of Heron Hill)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Our X page showcases daily school news and things happening in school. You can join in by following **@heronhillschool** on the X platform/app.



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! 😊

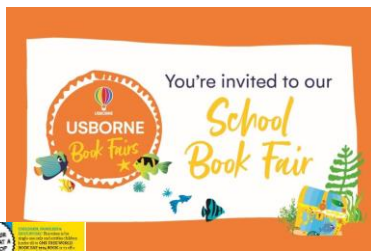


WORLD BOOK DAY AND THE USBORNE BOOK FAIR

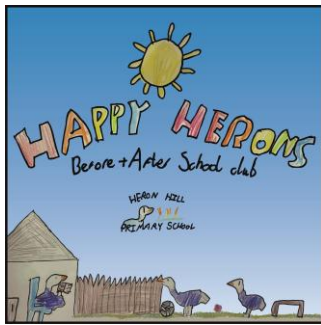
Every year pupils across the country are gifted a £1 World Book Day token. This can be spent on any book in a number of retail shops and each year, a selection of £1 books from popular children's authors are printed.

We are excited to announce that at the Usborne Book Fair on Monday 3rd March, children will be able to spend their £1 book token using it towards a book of their choice! We would normally give out these tokens on World Book Day but we have decided to give the tokens out early so children can spend their token at the book fair.

WE HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU THERE!



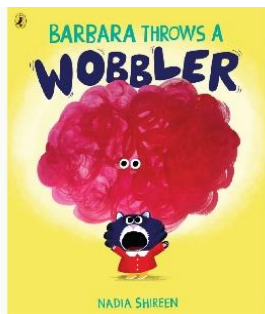
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Y1 Angletarn	Jack B
Y1 Whinlatter	Ivan P
Y2 Outerside	Oliver S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Isla H
Y3 Kentmere	Josie G
Y3 Glaramara	Sophie B
Y4 Thornthwaite	Matylda B
Y4 Blencathra	Annabelle C
Y5 Fairfield	Sienna R
Y5 Catstycam	Austin T
Y6 Helvellyn	Aaron P
Y6 Scafell	Sophia D



HAPPY HERONS IS OFFICIALLY OPEN!

Our wraparound care has relaunched this week and is now known by its new name 'Happy Herons'. Children have responded really well to the new routines, rooms and fabulous new resources.

I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the staff who work in our wraparound provision for their hard work in moving the provision from the Nursery and getting ready for this week's launch – they really are a brilliant team!



ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

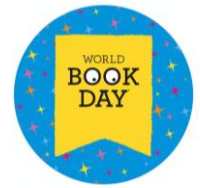
Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIP.

This week, we shared the story of a cat called Barbara who found herself having a bad day and in a really bad mood. This led to her throwing a wobbler!

Zooming in on our **RESPONSIBILITY** value, we considered how we need to take responsibility for the feelings we have and the times we find ourselves in a bad mood. This can make us behave differently and we might need to take responsibility and apologise to others if our mood or behaviours have affected them.

This story includes a great 'guide to bad moods' at the back of it. It is outside my office on the coffee table for children to look at across this week.



WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate WBD, we offer you a choice, please do ONE but it is not necessary to do both of these things:

- Your child can come to school dressed up as a book character OR
- Your child can decorate an item related to a book, e.g. a paper plate, pebble, potato, wooden spoon, shoe box, paper lantern, pillowcase, t-shirt, poster, the options for creativity are endless! Children who choose this option are welcome to wear Mufti/own clothes.

There will be prizes for the best costumes and the best decorated items in the following ages groups, Nursery/Reception, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6. Throughout the day, there will be special activities in class aimed at inspiring love of reading. Lots of fun will be had!

YEAR 4 BECOME JOURNALISTS

Our Y4 pupils have started their journalistic writing unit in Literacy lessons this week. They have chosen a topic of interest to them: **parking and traffic issues outside their school.**

You may see pupils outside our school gates from 2.45 pm this week researching their chosen issue. They may approach you for a comment so that they can include direct quotes in their newspaper articles. Please support them in their learning if you can. Thank you!



OUR STUDENT TEACHERS

Heron Hill are proud to support future teachers in their initial teacher training. We currently have 3 trainees in school: two based in Year 1 and one in Year 3. I felt it would be a good idea to introduce them to you all so if you see them around school and on the playground, please do say hello.



My name is Miss Winkley and I am a third-year trainee teacher at Edge Hill University. I am super excited to have joined the Year 3 team at Heron Hill for my last placement before I become a fully qualified teacher. My favourite subjects are PSHE and English and I also have a special interest in learning outside the classroom. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children and being immersed into Heron Hill school life!



My name is Miss McCann and I am excited to be a student teacher in Year 1 at Heron Hill. I recently relocated from Northern Ireland to Lancaster to pursue a PGCE in General Primary Teaching with a specialisation in Inclusion and SEND at the University of Cumbria. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the dedicated staff and enthusiastic pupils at Heron Hill, and I am looking forward to the experiences that lie ahead during my time here.



Hi, my name is Mr Irvine and I am from Northern Ireland. I am currently a student at the University of Cumbria, completing my PGCE and I have a huge passion for sports. Whether it's playing, watching, or talking about them, I love being involved in the action. I have loved being a part of this school community so far. Alongside my studies, I enjoy staying active and meeting new people. I am excited about the rest of my time here!

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
Monday 3 rd March	Usborne Book Fair after school in main hall
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 3 visit to Kendal Midday Concert @ Town Hall (letter to follow)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (see information on this newsletter)
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents' Evening 1. Rec-Y2: 3.30 pm-6.30 pm. Y3-Y6: 2.40 pm-6.00 pm
Saturday 15 th March	Heron Hill Squad in the Rotary Club Swimathon – Go Team HH!
Monday 17 th March	Year 5 visit (afternoon only)
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening 2. Rec-Y2: 3.30 pm-6.00 pm. Y3-Y6: 3.30 pm-6.30 pm (not Y3 Glaramara)
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)
Tuesday 25 th March	Brewery Dance Platform performance – Smash it Y5 Dance Cru!
Thursday 27 th March	Year 3/Year 4 Production 'You Are Special' (letter to follow)
Monday 31 st March	Year 5 residential visit (one night)
Monday 31 st March	Start to bring in Easter egg competition entries (closing date Wednesday 2nd April, 9.00 am)
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 3.30 pm. 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 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.



Noah H attended an international Judo tournament in Belgium over half term and came home with a GOLD medal! Well done Noah!



Harriet P won 'star of the term' at her ballet class just before half term. A fantastic achievement Harriet – well done!



Isaac H from Y1 was awarded his Chief Scout's Acorn Award for Squirrels this week. He will now move up to Beavers with his acorn award added onto his new uniform. Well done Isaac!

RETURN TO TEACHING
Welcome back to Mrs H Hudson (in Reception) and Mrs Lowther (in Year 2), following their maternity leaves. It is great to have you back in the team.