



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

We are officially halfway through the half term at the end of this week – I can't quite believe it! School continues to be a busy, happy and purposeful place to be, with pupils making us proud on a daily basis.

Today, several Heron Hill pupils have headed to Blackpool for the 'Let's Go Sing' event with Amabile Choir. I always love hearing about the extra-curricular talents and opportunities our pupils engage with outside of school. Their solid understanding of our school values support them in showing **respect** and **responsibility** in all of these opportunities as they fly the flag for Heron Hill. Please do remember to send in any out-of-school achievements or proud moments to be included in our weekly newsletter. We love to hear all about them!

Parent consultations began last night and continue next Wednesday (and Tuesday for 2 classes). Thank you to you all for adapting to our new booking platform SCOPay. This has enabled us to easily chase up any missing appointments and ensure that everyone gets to hear about the wonderful things your children have been up to since our last appointments. Parent partnership is such an important part of our school success – we value all of your time and contributions.

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! 😊



PARKING AT SCHOOL

Many of you will have noticed parking enforcement at school yesterday morning. There is a (welcomed) renewed focus from public services about the safety of traffic around schools in the area.

Unfortunately, we continue to see parents/carers repeatedly parking illegally around school. This endangers the safety of all of our school community and often results in verbal abuse to school leaders who challenge the parking.

Below are just some of the things said to us since September; none of these reasons justify parking illegally.

Where do you expect me to park then?

I'm only going to be two minutes!

What IS your problem?

I don't care! There's no spaces.

Its raining. I'm not walking in that!

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Kayley K-C
Y1 Whinlatter	Liam W
Y2 Outerside	Emily G
Y2 Yewbarrow	William H
Y3 Kentmere	Kamogelo M
Y3 Glaramara	Elise L
Y4 Thornthwaite	Elijah C
Y4 Blencathra	Zach F
Y5 Fairfield	Oscar B
Y5 Catstycam	James D
Y6 Helvellyn	Max C
Y6 Scafell	Edric S

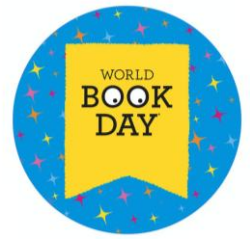
WORLD BOOK DAY

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN LAST THURSDAY CELEBRATING BOOKS, READING AND OUR FAVOURITE CHARACTERS.

The day included a number of book-themed activities, live online interviews with famous authors and a whole-school assembly where our prize winners were announced.

The judges were blown away by the costumes and creations of our pupils so choosing winners was extremely hard. The final winners are shown below.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Age range:	Costume winners:	Creative craft winners:
Nursery & Reception	1 st - Ewan M 2 nd - Poppy S 3 rd - Rosie R	1 st - Freddie S 2 nd - Theodore L
Year 1 & 2	1 st - Rowan F-W 2 nd - Kole T 3 rd - Fae K	1 st - Reggie G
Year 3 & 4	1 st - Martha G 2 nd - Harriet P 3 rd - Ivy D	1 st - Darcie G 2 nd - Rosalind L 3 rd - Theo O
Year 5 & 6	1 st - Poppy C 2 nd & 3 rd - Sophia D, Amelia M, Niranjana S	1 st - Ben P 2 nd - Katie R 3 rd - Phoebe E



PREFECTS PRAISE:

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

Imogen V, Y4	Libby E, Y1
Arlo M, Y5	Caleb H, Y1



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.

WE CONTINUE TO MONITOR EACH CLASS AND EACH CHILD'S ATTENDANCE TO SCHOOL CLOSELY. THIS WEEK'S NEWSLETTER IS SENT ALONGSIDE A HANDY GUIDE ON ILLNESS AND SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

This week's attendance table shows the number of school days missed in each class last week.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed	Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	7.5	Y3 Glaramara	4.5
Reception - Mellbreak	5	Y4 Thornthwaite	6.5
Y1 Angletarn	1	Y4 Blencathra	10
Y1 Whinlatter	4.5	Y5 Fairfield	0
Y2 Outerside	0	Y5 Catstycam	4.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	1.5	Y6 Helvellyn	3
Y3 Kentmere	2	Y6 Scafell	9



SPRING TERM DATES

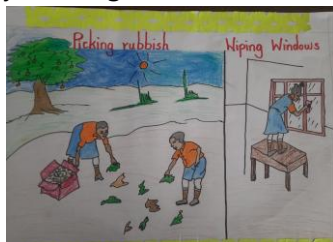
Spring term is here! Below are the main dates currently in the calendar until Easter. As we did last term, we will update these via the weekly newsletter and highlight any changes in **YELLOW** so that they are easy for you to track.



Date	Event
Saturday 15 th March	Heron Hill Squad in the Rotary Club Swimathon – Go Team HH!
Monday 17 th March	Year 5 visit (afternoon only)
Tuesday 18 th March	Parents' Evening for Reception Latrigg, Y3 Glaramara and Y4 Blencathra
Wednesday 19 th March	Parents' Evening 2. Rec-Y2: 3.30 pm-6.00 pm. Y3-Y6: 3.30 pm-6.30 pm (not Rec Latrigg or 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!
Tuesday 25th March	Sam Hill: Toileting Workshop for parents (2.00 pm-3.00 pm in school)
Thursday 27 th March	Year 3/Year 4 Production 'You Are Special'
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 2 nd 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

OUR LIVE LINK WITH KENYA

Here are a few photos from today that came over from Kenya after their live link with Year 4, including some of the pictures they shared with us about their work on their own local environment. The children loved that they had chosen to talk about picking up rubbish, as litter is one of the three focus strands for Eco-Council here at Heron Hill this year. During the video call, some of our children said we had been fundraising for February on the Floor; one of the Kenyan teachers told us that some of the children sitting in that room, right there on the call, had benefitted from this fundraising. Very moving for us!



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.



Molly M (Y2) took part in her 1st dance exam last week, she achieved a 'Merit' from the examiner in her Grade 1 Modern with a score of 75/100. Amazing news – well done Molly!

At the weekend, Jake (Y4) competed in the 30th Bill and Monica Griffin Swimming Gala at Copeland. He achieved 4 golds and won overall top boy for his age group. Well done Jake!



Molly P (Rec) has been working so hard on her swimming. Over February half term she achieved her 50m swimming badge! We are so proud of you Molly!

