



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

My week so far has been spent looking at the Writing books of children across school and what an absolute pleasure it has been! We made some big curriculum changes to our writing approach in the autumn term and it is fantastic to see the impact these changes are having on our pupils. I have been blown away by the independent, extended writing your children are producing at the end of each unit. From Y3's persuasive letters to me about how to improve our school grounds further, to Y1's Jonty Gentoo inspired stories, to Y2's Little Red Riding Hood inspired setting descriptions, to Y4's journalistic writing about 'our school parking pickle', I have been AMAZED by the standard of work being produced. Of course none of this would be possible without the skilled expertise and input of our teaching staff; a HUGE thank you to them for embracing the changes and inspiring our children to write, write, write!

Most of our final parent consultation appointments are happening this evening – a perfect opportunity for you to see the work being produced in school and to speak to your child's teacher about how they are doing. I hope to see lots of you here!



**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! 😊

## SWIMATHON SUCCESS!

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 20 swimmers made 4 teams and swam as many lengths as they could in 1 hour. Dolphins team were on a mission as they remembered that, a few years ago, one team swam a magnificent 126 lengths. Poppy, Josie, Clara and Evie set off at great speed to make sure that this total was within their reach! Seemingly without tiring, they kept up the pace and by the end they had managed 137 lengths between them. They were very proud to have smashed the record with just 4 swimmers. The other 3 teams all had over 80 lengths - Whales had 83, Swordfish 82, Sharks 86. These were all magnificent results and Mrs Jones and I were very impressed with their energy and teamwork to keep on going right to the end.

**Mrs Foster**



Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Zara S
Y1 Whinlatter	Erin J
Y2 Outerside	Sky S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Leo Am
Y3 Kentmere	Bradley G
Y3 Glaramara	Alfie G
Y4 Thornthwaite	Ivy D
Y4 Blencathra	Bonnie B
Y5 Fairfield	Jack S
Y5 Catstycam	Louie B
Y6 Helvellyn	Jasmine A
Y6 Scafell	Sophie Ar

## 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.*

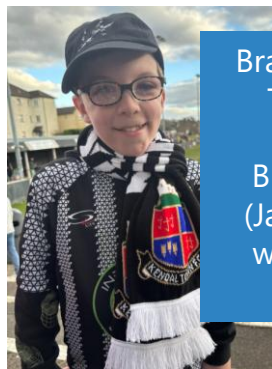


Matylida from Y4 has made exceptional progress in her gymnastics. On Sunday she competed in a gymnastics competition and she won silver medal for Vault and bronze for Beam. This was her first gymnastics competition against other clubs and she did amazingly.



Bradley from Y5 was mascot for Kendal Town FC at the weekend who were playing against Seagram Red Star. Bradley's favourite player scored first (James Bailey) and it ended with a 3-1 win! Molly also enjoyed her first ever match. Well done Bradley!

Myla achieved the NICAS level 3 Technical Climber award on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Myla has worked hard towards gaining this achievement, climbing twice a week at Kendal climbing wall. Great job, Myla!



Savanna B from Reception decided to complete a random act of kindness for Kendal last weekend. She made little bags of sweets and left them all around town. Kindness is magic!



Ezra from Y1 has recently completed his Ruby Robin Award. He raised £32 for the Songbird Survival charity by baking and delivering cakes, and at the weekend, received his certificate and badge. Well done Ezra!



Evie M from Y6 took part in the 2 piece gymnastics competition on 16/3/25. She came 3<sup>rd</sup> on bars and 2<sup>nd</sup> on floor in her category. Well done Evie – we are so proud of you!

## 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:**

Holly B (Y5)

Harley S (Y5)

Darcie R (Y3)

Alistair V (Y3)



## CHOKING HAZARDS

Families are reminded of the dangers of mini eggs.



Unfortunately, these are the perfect size and shape to completely block a small child's airway, see [further information here](#).

Large hollow eggs are much safer for children.



### HERON HILL PRIMARY STOCK UP ON GARDENING SUPPLIES FOR THE SEASON AHEAD

Our sincere thanks go to B&Q in Kendal for providing much-needed compost, seeds and plant food. We were given a huge discount on purchases as well as many much-needed freebies, meaning that our children can look forward to another busy season planting and growing in our raised beds and polytunnel. We are extremely grateful to Al and Jonny at B&Q for their ongoing support and generosity.

**Mrs Wilkinson**

### YEAR 5 VISIT THE QUAKER MEETING HOUSE, KENDAL

On Monday afternoon, Year 5 visited the Kendal Quaker Meeting House to learn more about their beliefs, ways of life and the history shown in the Quaker Tapestries. They did a brilliant job of representing Heron Hill School with our school values on full display throughout the visit.

We are grateful to the Quakers who hosted us and shared their knowledge, and to the parents who volunteered and enabled the visit to go ahead.



### LOCAL AUTHORITY SEND SUPPORT

Westmorland & Furness Council have introduced some new drop-in sessions for SEND parents across the county; one takes place weekly at Kendal library. Please see the flyer opposite for more information.

## **SEND** Information Drop-in

An informal drop in for parents, carers and families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). With a variety of teams and service providers there to answer your questions and provide information and advice.

**Kendal Library 1pm—3:30pm**

**Barrow Library 10am—1pm**

**Thursday 13th March 2025**

**Tuesday 1st April 2025**

**Thursday 8th May 2025**

**Tuesday 3rd June 2025**

**Thursday 10th July 2025**



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## 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 HAVE BEEN PLEASED TO SEE AN IMPROVEMENT IN PUNCTUALITY RECENTLY. THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN ARRIVING AFTER 8:55 HAS DECREASED AND THIS IS GREAT NEWS!**

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

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	8.5
Reception - Mellbreak	5
Y1 Angletarn	3.5
Y1 Whinlatter	4.5
Y2 Outerside	6
Y2 Yewbarrow	7
Y3 Kentmere	2



Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Y3 Glaramara	2.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	7
Y4 Blencathra	13.5
Y5 Fairfield	6
Y5 Catstycam	4
Y6 Helvellyn	1.5
Y6 Scafell	1.5

## SPRING TERM DATES

Below are the main dates currently in the calendar until Easter.

We update these dates in this weekly newsletter and highlight any changes in **YELLOW** so that they are easy for you to track.



Date	Event
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 or <b>Y6 Helvellyn</b> )
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 day visit
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day – <b>pupils can wear Mufti (their own clothes) and can wear something odd (e.g. odd socks, t-shirt inside out/back to front). If you wish to donate, please send £1 in a named envelope, donate by card at the office or go on the <a href="#">Comic Relief website</a>.</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Brewery Dance Platform Year 5 group performance
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Sam Hill: Toileting Workshop for parents (2.00 pm-3.00 pm in school). <b>All parents are invited to this workshop as toileting tips are useful whatever the age of your child. Pre-school babies/toddlers can be accommodated, bring them along.</b>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/Year 4 Production 'You Are Special', 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 residential visit (one night)
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Start to bring in Easter egg competition entries (closing date Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 9.00 am)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Break the rules for April Fools - Up to £2.50 for 5 rules
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Swim Panathlon ( 9 Y3/Y4 children taking part, letters will follow)</b>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	FOHH Easter Treasure Hunt at 3.30 pm. Mufti - dress as a bunny/Easter costume
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School reopens after the Easter Holidays

## FRIENDS OF HERON HILL - SPRING TERM UPDATE



We are writing to let you know that our chair **Fiona** has decided to step down from the committee. As a committee we would like to express our gratitude for all her hard work and dedication since taking on this role, she leaves some big shoes to fill!

Per the terms of our constitution, our vice chair **Charlotte Upton** will temporarily fill the chair position until our next AGM in September.

**In the meantime, we are actively recruiting for new committee members. If you or anyone you know might be interested in joining our small team and potentially taking on the chair role, please don't hesitate to reach out. We would be delighted to have you on board!**

Even if a formal committee position is not for you, we always welcome volunteers to help at our events. Every bit of support makes a difference and helps raise funds to enrich the provision for all children at Heron Hill.

Please feel free to chat to any of the current committee, listed below, in the playground or via [FOHHTeam@gmail.com](mailto:FOHHTeam@gmail.com) if you have any questions or would like more information.

Thank you from the current committee

Charlotte Upton  
Derek Annand  
Rebecca Barrie  
Gemma O'Kane  
Rebekah Jamieson  
Jess Lightley