



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As the spring term draws to a close this week, I find myself reflecting on the academic year so far and all that we as a collaborative team have achieved in just two terms. It has been fantastic to see the impact of our curriculum changes building, to see children enjoying their new lunchtime offerings, to see children engaging in purposeful play in wraparound and to see our school values embedded in the daily life of our pupils too. I still feel like I won the lottery when I got this job and I love seeing our school grow and flourish each term!



I had the absolute pleasure of spending Monday and Tuesday of this week in York with Y5. I could not be prouder of how they represented our school throughout this residential, showing respect, responsibility and valuing relationships in every moment of their experience. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to all of the staff who gave up time way beyond their working hours to accompany the children on this trip and ensure they had an experience to remember. Their hard work and commitment to our children never goes unnoticed.

I will sadly miss my first Heron Hill Egg Hunt tomorrow due to being on a safeguarding conference but wish all egg hunters lots of luck for finding those golden wrappers! I wish everyone in our school community an enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Middleton**

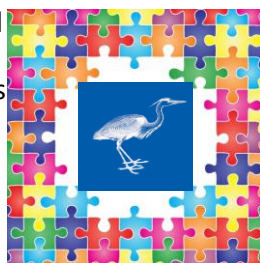
## YEAR 3 & 4 PUT ON AN AMAZING SHOW

Were you one of the adults lucky enough to see the brilliant Y3 and Y4 production 'You Are Special' last week? What a treat this was!

Y3 wowed us with their beautiful singing voices and made an excellent supporting choir for the performance.

Y4 worked SO hard, learning all of their lines and performing with such confidence. It really was a joy to see them on stage, working together, championing each other and doing their best.

Well done to everyone involved this production. It reflected our school motto of 'practice makes progress, not perfection' and linked beautifully to our belief that each of us is a unique and special piece of the Heron Hill jigsaw puzzle.



| Class:                 | Pupil:      |
|------------------------|-------------|
| <b>R – Lattrigg</b>    | Jace R      |
| <b>R - Mellbreak</b>   | Esme H-B    |
| <b>Y1 Angletarn</b>    | Meredith R  |
| <b>Y1 Whinlatter</b>   | Rory M      |
| <b>Y2 Outerside</b>    | Mabel M     |
| <b>Y2 Yewbarrow</b>    | Robyn S     |
| <b>Y3 Kentmere</b>     | Harriet O'K |
| <b>Y3 Glaramara</b>    | Esme D      |
| <b>Y4 Thornthwaite</b> | Sophie H    |
| <b>Y4 Blencathra</b>   | Aila H-B    |
| <b>Y5 Fairfield</b>    | Evie D      |
| <b>Y5 Catstycam</b>    | Evie G      |
| <b>Y6 Helvellyn</b>    | Summer S    |
| <b>Y6 Scafell</b>      | Poppy C     |

## 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 opposite have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

## 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.*



Congratulations to Kai Fr (Y4) who has passed his first belt in Karate. He has progressed by not one but two belts! Well done Kai!

Taylor J took part in her first race day at the ski club. She won bronze in u8 slalom and the team race and silver in u8 ski cross. We are so proud of you Taylor!



Isla H in Year 5 passed her British Gymnastics Development Grade at the weekend. This is a nationally recognised achievement and we are so proud of her! Well done Isla!



Caleb H in Year 1 took part in his first performance on stage at the Brewery Arts Centre as part of the Dance Platform. Caleb attends 'Stage Stars' each week and did a super job with his crew! Great job Caleb!



## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY:

Mrs Middleton and Mrs Wilkinson are really looking forward to our end-of-term Celebration Assembly this Friday; we have so many certificates to give out for children who have been working hard in Maths, Reading and Writing, and children who have been showcasing our school values regularly in their time at school. There will be music, dancing and laughter all round when we come together from 9 o'clock. Remind your child to bring along their best dance moves!



## 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:**

Maya H (Y3)

Emily G (Y2)

Aubree M (Y3)

Rowan F-W (Y2)

## **LUNCHTIME GETS A MAKEOVER!**

Following the excitement of our new lunchtime seating last week, our new TNS menu officially launched yesterday.



We listened to your feedback about lunchtime offerings, the limited menu and the lack of quality your children were reporting. TNS have hit the ground running with a varied, delicious, daily menu.

The children have been excited about this launch for some time and so far, have not been disappointed. We've seen an increase in school meal uptake already and hope that this will continue.

Don't forget, you can join in with school dinners at any time by booking and paying on SCOPay.



## **YEAR 5 HAVE FUN WITH FROGSPAWN**

Our Y5 classes are currently bringing their Science life-cycle learning to life. They have watched the frog life cycle in real time, taking great care of frogspawn for the past two weeks. They are now in tadpole form and are being fed the nutrients they need each day to continue growing strong and healthy.

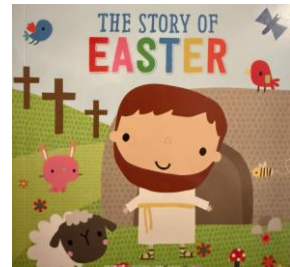
Y5 teachers have been so impressed by the **RESPONSIBILITY** and **RESPECT** shown by our pupils in taking care of these living things. Soon, they will be returned to the pond of Mrs Altounyan's sister and will be very missed but what an amazing hands-on learning experience this has been!

**- RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RELATIONSHIPS -**

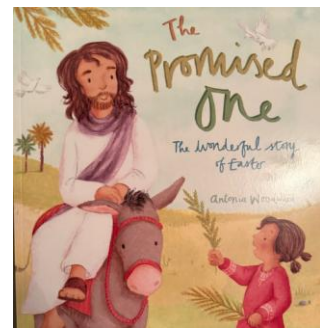
## **ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK...**

Focused on new life, spring and the Easter story.

Two different picture books were used to ensure the Easter story was age-appropriate. Reception and KS1 enjoyed listening to this book:



Whilst Y3-6 enjoyed this one:



After each story we discussed how it feels to BELONG to a family, a group, a club, a religion or our school community.

We looked at our Heron Hill jigsaw puzzle and took a moment to be grateful for a time of celebration that we have enjoyed with loved ones.

We also talked about the hope that spring brings, with signs of new life all around us and the excitement of Easter treats ahead.



## 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.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO COLLECT A LEAVE REQUEST FORM FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR ANY DAYS OF ABSENCE (EXCLUDING ILLNESS OR MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS).**

**ALL OTHER LEAVE REQUESTS SUCH AS MUSIC EXAMS, SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND HOLIDAYS MUST BE RECORDED ON THE CORRECT FORM. THANK YOU!**

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

| Registration Class    | Class - Number of days missed |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Reception - Latrigg   | 80.5                          |
| Reception - Mellbreak | 60                            |
| Y1 Angletarn          | 47                            |
| Y1 Whinlatter         | 39.5                          |
| Y2 Outerside          | 61                            |
| Y2 Yewbarrow          | 43.5                          |
| Y3 Kentmere           | 36                            |



| Registration Class | Class - Number of days missed |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Y3 Glaramara       | 29.5                          |
| Y4 Thornthwaite    | 91.5                          |
| Y4 Blencathra      | 84.5                          |
| Y5 Fairfield       | 42                            |
| Y5 Catstycam       | 29                            |
| Y6 Helvellyn       | 57                            |
| Y6 Scafell         | 70.5                          |

## SPRING TERM DATES

Below are the main dates currently in the calendar.

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   |
|---|---|
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                | Swim Panathlon ( 9 Y3/Y4 children taking part)  |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                | FOHH Easter Treasure Hunt at 3.30 pm. <b>Dress as a bunny, in an Easter costume or in clothes that include spring colours – ignore previous email message, it is a mufti day.</b> You are invited to come into school before or after your egg hunt to look at the fantastic Easter Egg competition entries (but no touching!!).                  |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                  | Break up for Easter Holidays  |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                | School reopens after the Easter Holidays  |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                | <b>Easter Messy Play. See last page for more details</b>  |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                | Year 4 local visit  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                 | <b>Non-uniform day to raise funds for Young Carers: come to school wearing anything you would wear for your 'me time'. This could be a football kit, Brownie or Beavers uniform or even your pyjamas! Suggested donation £1. All money raised will go to Carer Support South Lakes to support Young Carers in our school and local community.</b> |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April              | Summer Music Concert, 4.00 pm   |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April              | <b>KidSafe sessions begin in Year 2</b>   |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May                  | Class photographs   |
| Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> -Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May | <b>Year 4 Residential visit</b>   |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May                   | Year 6 SATs Week (to Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May)   |



# YOUNG CARERS TIME FOR ME DAY

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April

Come to school wearing anything  
you would wear for your 'me time'.

Suggested donation £1



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## Easter Messy Play

**TUESDAY 22ND APRIL**

9:00AM-10:30AM

**BOOKING REQUIRED**

Please email [admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) or  
call 01539 721276

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

£2 PER CHILD  
SNACK PROVIDED



### **TOILETING WORKSHOP**

It was lovely to welcome Sam Hill (Public Health Practitioner) into school last week to offer support and advice to parents about toileting. A really useful website was shared during the session:

<https://eric.org.uk/> Here you will find top tips on potty training, toilet anxiety and support for children with additional needs. If you couldn't make it and would like some support, please speak to Miss Storey or Mrs Little and they can signpost you to the school nursing team.

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### Free Easter Library Workshops



#### Rucksack of Rhymes: Daffodils, Daisies and Springtime

For children aged 0-5 and their parents/carers

Join us for songs, crafts and play as we celebrate the joyful arrival of spring. Exploring the flowers, animals and other wonders of the season, using the lives and writing of William and Dorothy Wordsworth as our inspiration.



#### Wake up to Spring

For children aged 5+ and their parents/carers

Join us for a fun and creative craft session as we celebrate the colours of spring! We'll explore the sights and sounds of the season, from whirling daffodils to chirping cuckoos and discover how William and Dorothy Wordsworth found inspiration in nature. Get ready to create, learn and bring the magic of spring to life!

**Thursday 17 April**

**Kendal Library**  
10.30-11.30: Rucksack of Rhymes  
11.30-12.30: Wake up to Spring

**Windermere Library**  
2-3pm: Rucksack of Rhymes  
3-4pm: Wake up to Spring



### E-School Nurse Video Clinic

(by appointment only)



Twice weekly online health support and advice for parents, carers and professionals who are supporting children and young people aged 5-19 years old.

**Tuesday and Thursday**

You can telephone for an appointment Mon-Fri 9-5pm

**0300 304039**

You will be able to talk to the nurse over a live video link using MS Teams. The link is private, secure, confidential and convenient, your appointment link will be sent by email on the day of your appointment.

In consultation with you, the nurse will discuss the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

For more information on the E-School Nurse video clinic please visit our [website](#).