



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our latest addition of our weekly school newsletter. This week the sun has made a welcome return to Kendal and we've been pleased to see so many children prepared for this, with sun cream applied before school and hats for break/lunchtime. It's important children get their time outdoors each day so thank you for ensuring they can do this safely when temperatures rise.

I'm always extremely proud of the great things happening for our pupils inside and outside of school, and last week was no exception. Eight pupils represented our school in the annual Kendal School's Ski Race and it was such a privilege to be there and watch them! They truly embodied our school values of RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS and RESPONSIBILITY throughout the competition and we were thrilled when both teams landed podium places. You'll find out more about this as you read on.

Tonight, our Spring Concert is taking place where we will be showcasing the musical talents of children from across KS2. Listening to our choir perform is always such a joy; I know anyone attending is in for a real treat!

Thank you for your continued support and I wish all of our school community an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend when it arrives.



Mrs Middleton

## NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please be reminded that **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED** on school grounds and any dogs who join you for the school run, must be tied up in the allocated, grassed area in front of the hedge.

Please do not go beyond any school gates with a dog, including holding them. This also applies to the staff car park area and during Happy Herons drop-off/pick-up.

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.



## 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.



## YOUNG CARER MUFTI DAY

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our 'me time' mufti day for Young Carers last week. It was fantastic to see how many different interests, clubs and hobbies our young people have outside of school. From Beavers to gymnastics to choirs to rambles... we saw it all. The grand total raised from your donations was £165.



## **PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL**

Have you seen our new banners promoting safe and responsible parking outside school? Did you read them carefully and make the right choice when dropping off/collecting this week?

Or, are you one of a small number of parents/carers who still insist on parking on the mini roundabout at the top of Hayfell Avenue or on double yellow lines? It is so disheartening to see this but sadly that has been the case each afternoon this week.

Anyone choosing to park in this way is threatening the safety of ALL our children who attend Heron Hill, including their own. Please stop!



## **STAFF FUNDRAISING MISSION FOR CANCER CARE**

Mrs Little, Mrs Corbett and Mr Buxton are all in training during their time outside of school for an important charity walk. They will be walking from Consiton to Barrow (21 miles!) on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May to raise money for Cancer Care. If you would like to support them please follow the link below or bring any cash donations to the main school office. Thank you.

<https://keswick2barrow.co.uk/donate/236107?cid2=236107>



## **YEAR 2 KIDSAFE SESSIONS BEGIN**

Year 2 have started their KidSafe sessions this week, a national safeguarding programme empowering children with the skills to keep themselves safe. The children enjoyed exploring the meaning of trust, talking about different feelings and the importance of sharing our worries with trusted adults. They were also excited to meet KS the monkey!

## **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.

**The table shows the number of school days missed in each class last week. Well done to Mellbreak, Catstycam and Helvellyn classes who had 100% attendance everyday last week!**

Registration Form	Class - Number of days missed
Reception - Latrigg	6
Reception - Mellbreak	0
Y1 Angletarn	5
Y1 Whinlatter	1
Y2 Outerside	2.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	7.5
Y3 Kentmere	2.5
Y3 Glaramara	1
Y4 Thornthwaite	6.5
Y4 Blencathra	2.5
Y5 Fairfield	2
Y5 Catstycam	0
Y6 Helvellyn	0
Y6 Scafell	1

**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





### 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.

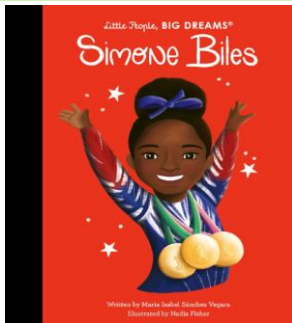
*NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ParentMail and online.*



Meredith R did the Colour Dash on Sunday. She raised money for St John's Hospice and walked 5km. In total her family raised £45. Well done Meredith!



Oliver D from Y4, volunteered at the Kendal Colour Dash at the weekend, throwing paint at the runners. He had lots of fun supporting this important fundraiser. Well done Oliver!



### ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK....

Focused on our school values:  
**RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS.**

This week, we shared the story of Simone Biles and her successes in the world of gymnastics. We linked her story to our school values and the importance of role models.

Zooming in on our **RESILIENCE**, we considered how we commitment and dedication always pay off, and reminded ourselves of our school motto, "Practice makes progress!"

### THANK YOU MR STANGER

Mr Stanger is one of our school governors and takes great interest in our school grounds. He is always on hand to help with any DIY matters and has recently volunteered his time and skills to repair our allotment beds, create new planters from pallets and revitalize some of our aging benches. We are so grateful to him for this.



- RESPECT - RESPONSIBILITY - RELATIONSHIPS -

### HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

We continue to celebrate achievements, progress and effort in all things presentation during our weekly headteacher assemblies. This week, the following children have been praised for their super efforts. Well done! 😊

Class:	Pupil:
R – Lattrigg	Theo L
R – Mellbreak	Cooper C
Y1 Angletarn	Ellen P
Y1 Whinlatter	Joshua T-E
Y2 Outerside	William P
Y2 Yewbarrow	Leo H
Y3 Kentmere	Harriet O'K
Y3 Glaramara	Rhys W
Y4 Thornthwaite	Lola R
Y4 Blencathra	Charlie R
Y5 Fairfield	Tristan G
Y5 Catstycam	Riyana J
Y6 Helvellyn	Max S
Y6 Scafell	Lewis A

## KENDAL SCHOOL SKI-RACE CHAMPIONS!

I am so pleased to inform you that both of our teams secured podium finishes last Thursday in the annual school's ski-race!

Our girls' team earned a **bronze** medal following superb runs against multiple school teams. The girls worked together exceptionally well, cheering each other on, remaining fully-focused on their task and bouncing back after any losses. This was the first time school has been able to enter an all-girls team, making the win that little bit more special! They were determined to the end and absolutely deserved their medals - well done girls!

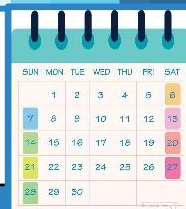
Our boys' team were determined to 'dominate' and, like the girls, showed fantastic teamwork throughout. When faced with a difficult opponent they did not waiver and even a dropped ski pole or two didn't deter them from the goal of finishing first. They finished **FIRST** out of all of the primary schools taking part, earning a much-deserved spot at the top of the podium, a gold medal each and a trophy for school! Well done boys!



## SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are the main dates currently in the calendar.

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 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Class photographs
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Mufti/own clothes day for Marigold Day – please donate an outdoor colourful plant
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 Ancient Greek Workshop
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 residential visit
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	TNS Food Tasting Event – 3.00 pm-4.30 pm. Come and try our amazing new menu!
Week beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS week
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Wood Matters workshop
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Pollinator Sponsored Walk (pupils invited to dress as a pollinator) 9.15 am-10.15 am: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. 2.00 pm-3.00 pm: Years 3-6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 day visit
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Y6 Scafell day visit
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Fischy Music workshop and whole-school assembly (morning) <b>Choir to Kendal Parish Church for the 'Sing Up for Climate Justice' event (PM)</b>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y6 Helvellyn day visit
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Celebration assembly (9.00 am). Break up for half term at 3.15 pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Return to school
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Family Learning 'Ready, Steady, School' course begins, 9.00 am (Nursery parents)</b>