



# Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -  
Week beginning  
30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

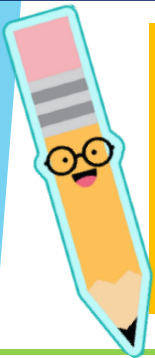
## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week marks the beginning of our transition from one academic year to another. Pupils and staff are all very excited about 'moving up day' tomorrow. All year groups will spend approximately 2 hours in their new classroom with their new teacher. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other, share hopes and dreams for September, and familiarise themselves with their new learning environment. Please ask your child all about it over the dinner table tomorrow evening.

Last Friday I had the absolute pleasure of accompanying Reception on their trip to the Lakes Aquarium and Haverthwaite Railway. Despite the rain, we had a brilliant day and the children did such a great job of embodying our school values throughout. Well done Reception! We've included some photos on this newsletter so you can see the adventures we had.

It's that time of the year where we all start searching for new school uniform for our rapidly-growing children! Several shops and supermarkets have their usual annual discounts beginning this week/next week but if you'd rather be eco-friendly and save some serious money, we have a large range of pre-loved and nearly-new uniform available in school. This will also be available at our Summer Fair on Friday after school. We hope to see many of you there!  
Thank you for your continued support.

**Mrs Middleton (Proud HT)**



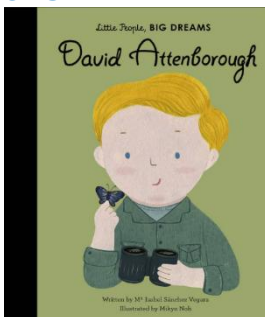
## HANDWRITING AND PRESENTATION PRAISE

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! 😊

## ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK...

Focused on our school values:

**RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.**



This week we enjoyed finding out more about the Eco-legend, David Attenborough. Our pupils love the Little People Big Dreams book series and have enjoyed finding out more about a wide range of inspirational people this term.

We discussed the length of David's career and his huge successes. Pupils were excited to find out that there are a number of species named after him because of his hard work on conservation.

Class:	Pupil:
Rec- Mellbreak	N/A
Rec- Lattrigg	N/A
Y1 Angletarn	N/A Sports Day this week so no assembly
Y1 Whinlatter	
Y2 Outerside	
Y2 Yewbarrow	
Y3 Kentmere	Rachel R-B
Y3 Glaramara	Charlie B
Y4 Thornthwaite	Sophie L
Y4 Blencathra	Annabelle C
Y5 Fairfield	Ethan B
Y5 Catstycam	Emily F
Y6 Helvellyn	Elana A
Y6 Scafell	Zara R



## SCHOOLS CLIMATE CHANGE SUMMIT

Mrs Patrick and 4 Heron Hill pupils attended an exciting event in Barrow on Friday which aligned brilliantly with our school's eco focus and values.

Mrs Patrick was bursting with pride as our children were absolutely fantastic: answering questions, explaining their ideas confidently and eloquently, singing with such enthusiasm and passion. They really stood out. She had the pleasure of overhearing other schools/organisers/local councillors commenting on how impressive our children were throughout the whole day. And at the end when attendees were writing about the highlights of the day this is what Appleby Grammar pupils and staff chose to write:

- The Heron Hill eco- fashion show was amazing!
- Hearing Heron Hill singing - they were amazing!
- If we sing again, get some strong singers to lead. Heron Hill were amazing and it would have been great to see them on the stage!

We'd like to extend our thanks to Mr Dickinson for driving our Heron Hill representatives to the event, to Miss Beck and Mrs Patrick for attending with our pupils and to Mrs Lawson for her hard work in organising our involvement in this important event.



## STAFFING UPDATES

At the end of this academic year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Waters who has been a valued member of our support staff team. She has worked with high-focus pupils, as a lunchtime supervisor and at our wraparound care. We are very grateful for all of her hard work and wish her well for her next chapter.

Mrs Fenna will also finish her support hours in Nursery but will continue to work with our pupils during lunchtime and therefore remain as a member of Team HH. Our growing Nursery provision has really enjoyed working with Mrs Fenna and are grateful for all of her hard work and efforts.



## ROCK STEADY MUSIC SCHOOL

After our rockin' launch assembly, Rock Steady has proven to be very popular! There is only one remaining space available and it is for a vocalist in a Y5/6 band. If your child is interested, please see the office for a sign up leaflet or visit [www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com)

## A DATE FOR YOUR SEPTEMBER DIARIES

The whole teaching and leadership team at Heron Hill are hosting a 'Meet the Team' evening on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30 pm-5.00 pm**. This new event will replace the year group specific parent information meetings that have traditionally taken place across the first week of term at 2.45 pm daily. We understand that many parents/carers with work and other commitments have struggled to get to these, and those who have multiple children in different year groups cannot possibly come to them all.

It is our hope that this one event will allow you to come to school, meet the teachers and ask any questions you need to about the year ahead. Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Our teaching team are currently collating important information for each year group onto a handy double-sided A4 sheet for parents. This will also be available on this evening for you to take home and keep safe on the fridge (or somewhere similar!) so that you can keep referring to it as needed.



## 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.*



Mia G-Y (Y4), Evie G (Y5) and Josie G (Y3) all took part in the Razzmatazz Summer Showcase on Sunday at the Bryce in Burneside. Singing, dancing and acting... it was a great show! Well done girls!



Jarvis B (Y4) has been busy playing for his football team Wattsfield Wanderers. They've entered 8 tournaments this year (one still to play). Jarvis and his team have managed to win 5 out of the 7 we have entered! Which is amazing for them, as they've worked so hard as a team this season.

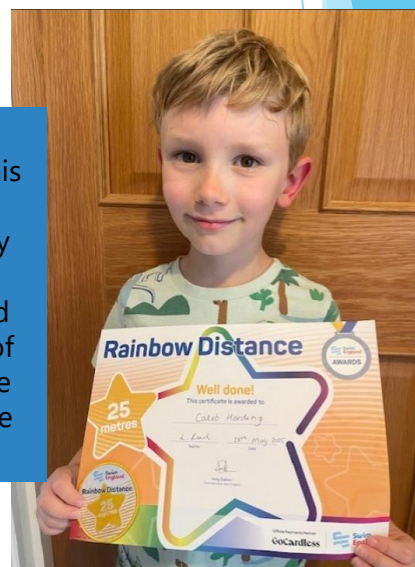
Livi B (Reception) took part in her first "Razzmatazz summer show" at the weekend. The show was titled "In My Razz Era". Livi sang and danced to songs from Grease the musical and 70's hits. Well done Livi!



Isaac E (Reception) was awarded his yellow tag at Karate this week. He is working so hard on his karate practice. Well done Isaac!



Caleb H (Y1) recently earned his 25m swimming badge. He is very proud of this achievement and has gained lots of confidence in the water! Well done Caleb!



**SINCE INTRODUCING THIS SECTION OF OUR NEWSLETTER WE HAVE CELEBRATED MORE THAN 100 OUT-OF-SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS! WOW!**

If there are any that you have forgotten to send in for your child, please send them across to [admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) and I'll make sure they make it onto one of the two remaining newsletters for this academic year.

## SUMMER TERM DATES

Below are most of the main dates currently in the calendar until the end of term. 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 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Moving up morning – transition morning with new teacher
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Heron Hill Summer Fair, 3.15 pm-5.00 pm. Please make cakes! (No nuts)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Rescheduled Y5/Y6 Sports Day
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 visit in the afternoon, early lunch
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 production, 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 visit, morning
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports to parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery family BBQ
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Adventure
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Optional Parent Consultation Meetings, 3.30 pm-6.00 pm. Telephone or email the school office if you wish to book in to discuss your child's report. Ten-minute appointments.
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term, 3.15 pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Staff training days (INSET)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Return to school
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Team evening, 3.30 pm-5.00 pm

## KS1 SPORTS DAY RESULTS



We went right to the wire at the end of sports day so we did not manage to announce the winning team at the end. Wow it was close! A fabulous afternoon of events in the blazing sunshine. Phew. After 2 cancellations due to bad weather, the KS1 team were glad to get it done in the end!

- Blue team – 488 points
- Yellow team – 484 points
- Green team – 416 points
- Red team – 286 points

Thank you to all who came along to support!  
(Mrs Foster)

## SEPTEMBER INFORMATION

PE will not take place in the first 3 days of term as classes will be settling into their new routines, getting to know their new teacher and beginning to hear about the exciting topics they will be covering. Once timetables are all finalised, PE days will be sent out on the first newsletter back (Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September) Thank you!

Our 8.45 am staggered start is now a permanent fixture of our school procedures and has made a positive difference to the morning rush of drop off. You can therefore continue to drop children into school anytime from 8.45 am in September. Registers are taken promptly at 8.55 pm so "Teachers close the door at 8.54!"

## RECEPTION'S RAINY DAY OF ADVENTURE

Our Reception children had the best time last week at the Lakes Aquarium and Haverthwaite Railway. They loved searching the aquarium for axolotls, catfish and poison dart frogs! Everyone had a different favourite creature and we were fascinated to learn what each breed ate for breakfast! The steam train journey was also brilliant and we were all super brave when we climbed to the top of the railway bridge to look down the tracks. Thank you to the parent helpers who came along to support us.



## 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. We will soon be sharing annual attendance figures - will your child meet the 96% national target?**

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception – Latrigg	3
Reception - Mellbreak	9.5
Y1 Angletarn	3
Y1 Whinlatter	2
Y2 Outerside	3
Y2 Yewbarrow	1
Y3 Kentmere	3
Y3 Glaramara	3.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	4.5
Y4 Blencathra	12
Y5 Fairfield	5
Y5 Catstycam	2
Y6 Helvellyn	5.5
Y6 Scafell	8

None of our classes were here every day last week to secure a 100% attendance score. 😞 Well done to Yewbarrow who were really close!

