



Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter -
Week beginning
20th October 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our first half term of this academic year draws to a close tomorrow and what a great start to the year it has been! We are really looking forward to tomorrow morning's Celebration Assembly where pupils will be awarded certificates linked to core subjects and our school values. There will also be one special 'Heron Hill Way' award per class for pupils who have shown excellent understanding of all four of our school values this term. Please do celebrate with your child if they bring one home.

Our FOHH Pumpkin Walk on Monday evening was a HUGE success! Thank you to everyone who helped to make it happen: from pumpkin carving, to setting up the trail, to refreshment stall manning, we couldn't have put on this event without your support and efforts – THANK YOU! ☺



Please remember that school is closed to all pupils on Friday 24th October for Phonics training for all staff. This means half term starts one day early for pupils so on behalf of the whole team in school, I wish you all a restful, enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 3rd November.

Mrs Middleton, HT

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS



Thank you so much to everyone who sent in food and toiletry items for our local foodbank. As you can see, we collected lots and these items will really support families in need in our local area this half term.

We'd also like to say well done and thank you to Oliver T in Y3 who brought in a beautiful hand-made wreath that he had created for our Harvest Festival assembly.



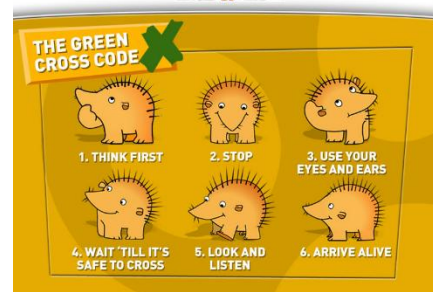
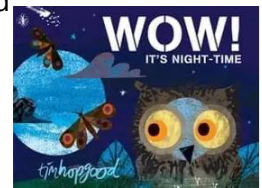
ASSEMBLIES THIS WEEK

We enjoyed two assemblies this week. One was our annual Harvest Festival, the other focused on an important element of safeguarding: keeping safe during the dark nights.

Our Harvest Festival assembly centred around the book 'Thank You' by Jarvis and reminded us of **the importance of being thankful** for even the smallest of things we have in our life, from a toothbrush to clean our teeth to a bowl and spoon for eating jelly from!



Our safeguarding assembly focused on **crossing roads safely** and the extra precautions we need to take when the dark nights begin to set in. We used the story 'Wow It's Night-time' by Tim Hopgood to inspire our thinking about the risks dark nights bring. We talked about being bright, being seen and using our eyes and ears to cross safely. We also shared the Stop, Think, Listen, Live hedgehog resources to promote road safety.



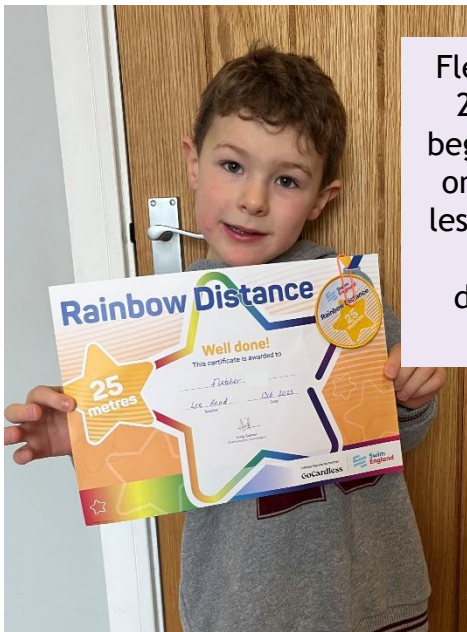


ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We'd love to continue celebrating any out-of-school achievements on our weekly newsletter and had so many things to celebrate last year!

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.

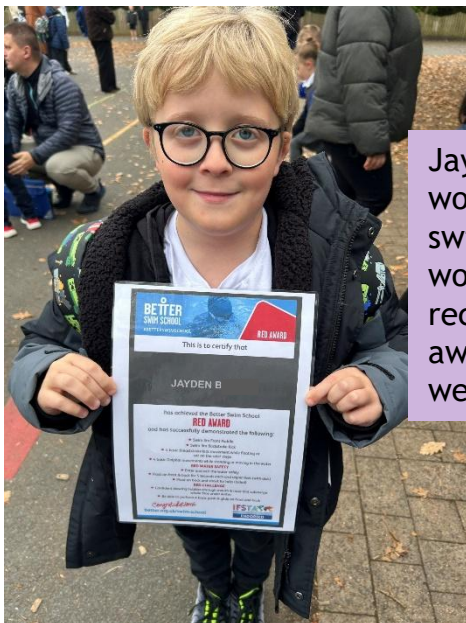
NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ScoPay and online.



Fletcher D (Y1) achieved his 25m swim unaided at the beginning of this month after only 4 months of swimming lessons. This weekend he has just reached his 50m distance. Wow! Great job Fletcher!



Savannah R (Y4) won 3rd place in a solo, street dance competition at the weekend. Well done, Savannah! She hopes to be entered into the next round at Blackpool next year. We'll keep our fingers crossed for you Savannah!



Jayden B (Y4) has been working so hard in his swimming lessons. This hard work has paid off and he has recently achieved his 'red award'. Well done Jayden - we are super proud of you!



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.

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception – Latrigg	5
Reception - Mellbreak	1.5
Y1 Angletarn	4
Y1 Whinlatter	1
Y2 Outerside	0
Y2 Yewbarrow	4.5
Y3 Kentmere	2
Y3 Glaramara	6
Y4 Thornthwaite	2
Y4 Blencathra	8
Y5 Fairfield	3
Y5 Catstycam	7.5
Y6 Helvellyn	4.5
Y6 Scafell	0

Well done to Outerside and Scafell classes who made it into school every day last week! AMAZING!



Y6 WORK WITH CUMBRIA WILDLIFE TRUST

Last week, Year 6 pupils from Scafell class gave up their time to support Cumbria Wildlife Trust with some canal path plug planting.

Mrs Wilkinson received a wonderful email afterwards from Caitlin at CWT:

"I wanted to say a huge thank you for Heron Hill's involvement in plug planting yesterday. The pupils were fantastic, full of energy, with such keen curiosity into learning more. Your staff and helpers are lovely, incredibly helpful and their skill is reflected in their happy pupils."

What a lovely email to receive! Congratulations Y6 for showcasing 'The Heron Hill Way' in all that you do.

USBORNE BOOK FAIR



We are excited to inform you that the popular Usborne Book Fair will be back in school on **Thursday 13th November**. There will be a wide range of books and other high-quality resources available to purchase – just in time for Christmas!


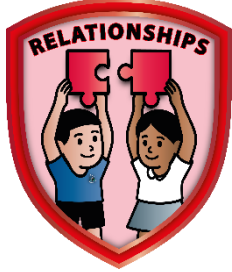


The fair will begin at 3.00 pm to allow parents to browse without children and then continue after school too.

Every book purchased contributes to a whole-school fundraising total that we can then spend on more books for class libraries and our reading tents. Thank you for your support with this.

HOUSE POINTS UPDATE

This half term saw the launch of our new school house system. All classes were placed into one of 4 houses: RESPECT, RELATIONSHIPS, RESPONSIBILITY or RESILIENCE. This approach was chosen to encourage collective responsibility, shared endeavour and teamwork.

House points are issued as Dojo points via the Class Dojo platform and have been building this half term. The end-of-half-term totals for each house are shown below:

			
845	877	890	925

Congratulations to RESILIENCE house who have the most points this half term!

Following on from some pupil feedback work with our Y6 Prefects, we have decided to reset every child's points total to zero at the end of each week. This will prevent huge build-ups of individual points and put everyone in a 'fresh-start' position each week. We are proud of our Y6 Prefects for considering this and the impact it could have on pupils. We will be sharing a weekly house point total each week via this newsletter from week 2 of next half term.

END-OF-DAY PUPIL COLLECTION

We understand that there are times when plans can change last minute and parents/carers can need to change their end-of-day collection plans. If another parent is collecting your child for you, please inform class teachers of this.



ClassDojo

The easiest way to do this is via Class Dojo.

If you are not yet signed up for Dojo, please pop to the school office where you will be able to scan the QR code for your child's class.

CALENDAR DATES



Our annual calendar dates can be found on our school website here: [HH CALENDAR DATES](#)

They are also listed on Dojo for your convenience.

There are lots of exciting opportunities to join us in Christmas celebrations next half term.

More information will follow; for now, please make sure you have the relevant dates in your diaries so that you can join us where possible.



**Heron Hill
Primary School**

Headteacher: Mrs L Middleton
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs M Wilkinson

Please see our school website or contact the school office (01539 721276) for further details and an application form for the following vacancy:



Midday Supervisors (2 vacancies)

Required from 11.50 am – 1.05 pm Monday to Friday during term-time only. Immediate start following DBS checks. No experience needed as training will be given. We welcome applicants who are enthusiastic about working and playing alongside children aged 5-11 years, helping to ensure lunchtimes are happy and fun for them. You would be joining an experienced, friendly and supportive lunchtime staff team.

Salary: £12.85 per hour

Please call in or email school to find out more about the role.

Heron Hill Primary School is committed to the principles and practice of safer recruitment, safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children. These posts are subject to an Enhanced DBS Check and excellent professional references.

E-School Nurse Clinic

(By appointment only)

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



Tuesday and Thursday

Telephone for an appointment

0300 304 9039

You will be able to talk to a school nurse, the contact will be private, secure and confidential. In consultation with you, the nurse will assess the child or young person's health problem and provide you with the support and advice needed.

Growing Healthy

0-19 Healthy Child Service

Westmorland & Furness



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Council

STORIES UNDER THE STARS



STORYWALKS FOR AUTUMN DAYS
FIRESIDE TALES FOR DARK NIGHTS

[STEALINGTHUNDER.CO.UK](http://stealingthunder.co.uk)

FIRESIDE FOR FAMILIES



MYTHS BY THE FIRE

4PM, BOWLAND BRIDGE
FOR ALL AGES 7+

THU 30 OCT, FRI 31 OCT

SAT 1 NOV, SUN 2 NOV, SUN 9 NOV

STORYWALKS

11AM, ORREST HEAD
FOR ALL AGES 4+



MON 27 OCT, TUES 28 OCT, FRI 31 OCT

SAT 1 NOV, SUN 2 NOV, SAT 8 NOV, SAT 22 NOV

FIRESIDE FOR GROWN UPS

CONSTELLATION MYTHS & MUSIC BY THE FIRE
8PM, BOWLAND BRIDGE

FRI 31 OCT, SAT 1 NOV, SUN 2 NOV

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE BUT MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE



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Westmorland & Furness Family Hub.

Your Family Hubs

Tell us what you think

Help us to shape the future of services for families, children and young people in your community

As a thank you for taking part, we are offering the chance to be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher.

Please scan the QR code to access our online survey.




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FREE

Parenting Support Group

A safe space for parents of 1 to 7 year old children to connect, collaborate, play and discuss mindful parenting strategies.





EVERY FRIDAY
9:00-10:30
Outside-In
Kendal

www.kendalparentnetwork.org
kendalparentnetwork@gmail.com

thebayhealthfestivals.org.uk



SUNDAY FUN DAY



SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

at Kendal Leisure Centre
10:30am to 2:30pm
Free entry



NHS **BETTER** THE BAY HEALTH FESTIVALS
BARRROW • LANCASTER • KENDAL

Sunday Funday at Kendal Leisure Centre

Sunday 2nd November
10.30am-2.30pm
(1.30pm-2.30pm SEND quieter time)

Free entry!!

Get ready for a day packed with fun for the whole family! From pool sessions, games, tastings, smoothie bike, games and wellbeing marketplace - there's something for everyone!

Mark your calendars and bring the kids along for a fantastic day of activity, laughter and community spirit!

P-P-P-Pick Up Your Pumpkin

If you contributed a pumpkin for the pumpkin trail, please collect it from outside the school office by tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon.

