



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I was so immensely proud of our Y4 pupils last week for the hard work and effort they put into hosting our first Pudsey Bake Sale. Thank you to all of the family members who supported with baking and to everyone who sent their child in with money to support. I am pleased to announce that a grand total of £392.10 was raised by the bake sale! WOW! Well done Year 4!



By the end of this week there will be just 4 school weeks left before Christmas – isn't time flying?! There are lots of festive activities and events for our families to get involved in. Please make sure you have your calendars synced to our annual calendar dates and Class Dojo calendar to ensure you don't miss out on any of the fun! Our Christmas Fair is now confirmed as Friday 5th December and this week's newsletter includes some further information on this from the Friends of Heron Hill group.

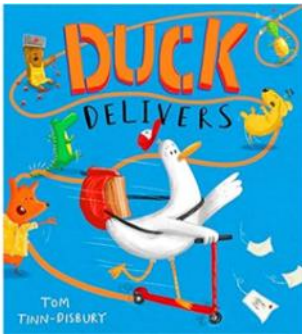
This week I've been busy with lots of Reception Open Events and walks around school with prospective parents. It always fills me with great pride to be showcasing our school to parents and carers; Heron Hill is a wonderful place to be and I continue to be so proud of the community we are building. I wish you all a brilliant week.

Mrs Middleton, HT

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.



We zoomed in on the **RESILIENCE** value this week as we concentrated on how we can keep going when things are tough or tricky.

In KS1, we shared the story 'Duck Delivers' by Tom Tinn-Didsbury which was very popular with the children! We went on an adventure with Duck as he tried to be successful in his first ever job – delivering parcels. Despite lots of challenges, and with the help of some friends, he was successful and got his package to squirrel in time.

Y1-Y6 had some special guests for assembly this week: Rory and Fiona from the Young Carers team came to speak to children about what a young carer is and how they help young carers to do a great job looking after loved ones.

If you would like to know more about Young Carers or think your child may be eligible for some support from this great organisation, please see Mrs Little.

HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.

Class:	Pupil:
Y1 Angletarn	Annie T
Y1 Whinlatter	Bridget T
Y2 Outerside	Flynn L
Y2 Yewbarrow	Louie H
Y3 Kentmere	Fraser P
Y3 Glaramara	Kai P
Y4 Thornthwaite	Jasper S
Y4 Blencathra	Kamo M
Y5 Fairfield	Ronan S
Y5 Catstycam	Alfie T-C
Y6 Helvellyn	Finley T
Y6 Scafell	Evan S

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.

Our attendance table for last week is shown below. This shows the number of days missed in each class last week:

Registration Class	Class - Number of days missed
Reception – Latrigg	1.5
Reception - Mellbreak	4
Y1 Angletarn	4.5
Y1 Whinlatter	5.5
Y2 Outerside	3.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	3
Y3 Kentmere	0.5
Y3 Glaramara	0
Y4 Thornthwaite	10
Y4 Blencathra	1.5
Y5 Fairfield	4
Y5 Catstycam	8
Y6 Helvellyn	11
Y6 Scafell	2

Well done to
Glaramara class who
achieved 100%
attendance last
week!



BREAKFAST CLUB DROP-OFF PROCESSES

We have noticed recently that several children are walking into Breakfast Club provision by themselves and without a parent/carer.

We understand that mornings can be rushed and hard with everyone needing to be in different places at the same time.

However, in line with our wraparound policies and procedures, children must be escorted to the Breakfast Club and signed in by their parent/carer please.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



FOHH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Friends of Heron Hill annual Christmas Fair is on Friday 5th December 3.30 pm- 5.30 pm.

A separate email with more details on all the ways you can support the event will be sent out later this week.

In the meantime, if you can help out at the Fair please follow the link below to sign up.

<https://volunteersignup.org/MWHA7>



RECEPTION'S ZOOLAB WORKSHOP

On Monday, Reception children were visited by some amazing creatures – big and small! They were all so brave as they learnt how to handle the animals safely and listened carefully to so many amazing facts about them too.

The Reception team would like to say a HUGE thank you to FOHH for funding this learning experience for our pupils. It was such a memorable day and seeing the awe and wonder on the faces of the children will remain a memory for a very long time!



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.



PARKING ISSUES ON THE RISE

We have been made aware that our school was mentioned on a less-than-favourable Facebook page last week due to some inconsiderate parking during school drop-off.

This is not the kind of reputation and narrative we want to be being spread about our school. So much great stuff is happening in school each day, so it is always sad to see us being mentioned in a negative light for something that school has little control over.

- Please THINK before you park.
- Please BE KIND to others who are also making their way to school.
- Please play YOUR PART in ensuring Heron Hill has the great reputation it deserves in the Kendal community.



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.



Jessica A (Y5) competed in the Kendal Swim Club Gala on Saturday and the Carnforth Otters Gala on Sunday. Overall, Jessica won 4 silver medals in both breaststroke, backstroke and front crawl. Well done Jessica!



Meredith R (Y2) earned her 5m badge last week in swimming which she has worked so hard for. Well done Meredith!



Erin S (Y5) has had a busy weekend competing in swimming galas, not only was it her first external gala but in her internal gala she got her first medal and podium finish -3rd place in 25m backstroke! She got some PBs as well and had a successful weekend all round, but most of all came away smiling! Well done Erin!



Rory M (Y2) has had a busy weekend! He got his 25 metre medal at swimming on Saturday then played his first away game for Hornets at Preston on Sunday! Well done Rory!



Ezra H (Y2) has been working hard making lots of crafts to sell on his stall at a Christmas fair. He wanted to donate 50% of his earnings to MacMillan in memory of his uncle Nick and managed to raise over £20 for the charity. Well done Ezra!

BLUE PETER BADGES

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have been receiving their Blue Peter badges awarded for their Year 5 Enterprise Project when they raised £1,145 for 4 charities, Cancer Research, Make a Wish, the RSPCA and Lend with Care. Well done for writing very persuasive letters to the BBC! This is Byron W just after he received his letter and badge.



SEVERE WINTER WEATHER

If at any point over the next few months there is so much snow, rain or wind damage during the night that **we cannot open, we will inform parents via ScoPay and Class Dojo by 7.30 am.** We will also put a message out on Smooth Radio, Heart Radio, BBC Radio Cumbria and our website.

If there is severe weather while your child is at school and it will make their journey home at 3.15 pm dangerous, you can collect your child from school during the day.

During periods of heavy snow, we will do all we can to make priority walking routes into school clear and safe. The priority routes will be the paths to the main entrance, to Year 2, to the Upper Junior doors and to the Nursery. Please keep to these paths.



Local Events and Initiatives



Remembering Romeo's NEARLY NEW BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE

Sunday 30th November
11am - 1pm

Ibis Sports & Social Club,
Kendal LA9 6DE

Shop for nearly new baby & children's
Toys, Clothes, Books and much more!

Tables: £10 each (payable in advance)

Entry: £1 (Children FREE)

Refreshments available

In loving memory of
Romeo Mackenzie Horn

All proceeds to
Abigail's Footsteps

To book a table or for more information:
07833 556637



AFTER SCHOOL KIDS COOKALONG!

Let your little chefs take the lead!

Whether you'd like your child to learn to cook, try new foods, understand food waste or learn about healthy diets, budget friendly recipes, these sessions offer something for everyone.



NEXT COOKALONG:

MONDAY
8TH
DECEMBER

4:15 PM
-
6:45 PM

Child-friendly
recipes
Enjoy a tasty
meal together!

The Eddington, 106a Highgate, Kendal, LA9 4HE

For more information and to book your place visit:

www.wiw.org.uk/cooking

With thanks to our
supporters

