



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

January is proving to be a busy but productive month in school and it has been wonderful to see so many children focusing on their learning during my recent learning walks with Mrs Wilkinson and Mr Corrie. A vital part of our role as senior leaders is ensuring that the quality of teaching and learning in school is high, that our staff are well-supported and that our pupils are thriving. This week, we have been looking in pupils' exercise books at their learning over time for both History and Geography. We have been so impressed by the standards of presentation, the attention being paid to key knowledge and skills in these subjects, and the interest being shown by your little learners. Well done Team HH!

Mrs Middleton

ROCK KIDZ REMINDER

Rock Kidz return NEXT WEDNESDAY (28th Jan) and pupils are excited to engage with this lively workshop again. At the end of the day, the Rock Kidz will be out on the playground for their 'meet and greet' where pupils can take pictures, ask questions and buy awesome Rock Kidz merchandise.

A £2.90 contribution has been requested from all pupils to cover the cost of this experience. This can be paid via SCOPay.



HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

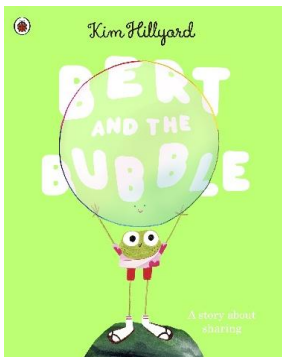
Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class is chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter. Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.

Class:	Pupil:
R Mellbreak	Teddy H
R Lattrigg	Rosie R
Y1 Angletarn	Izzy W
Y1 Whinlatter	Molly P
Y2 Outerside	Oscar D
Y2 Yewbarrow	Ivan P
Y3 Kentmere	Lucas K
Y3 Glaramara	Amelia W
Y4 Thornthwaite	Amelia S
Y4 Blencathra	Esther M
Y5 Fairfield	Darcie G
Y5 Catstycam	Joshua W
Y6 Helvellyn	Holly B
Y6 Scafell	Olivia G

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values:

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



We zoomed in on the **RELATIONSHIPS** value this week as we learnt more about the importance of sharing, respecting other peoples' boundaries and sharing our emotions. We listened to the story 'Bert and the Bubble' and explored how it feels to have something special that breaks or is taken off you. Children really enjoyed the story and it is now outside my office all week for any pupil/class who wishes to have another read!



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) retained her 1st place of the U10s Girls age group, at Kendal Amateur Swimming Club's Annual awards evening . She shares the title with a joint winner and was so proud to receive this trophy at the Castle Green Hotel. Jessica is showing great determination with her swimming - well done and keep it up!



Last weekend Poppy S (Y1) received a certificate from Stagecoach for completing her first year. She is very proud. Well done Poppy!



ClassDojo



SPRING TERM CALENDAR DATES

To support our busy families we shared our calendar dates for the whole school year in July and again at the start of the new academic year. This document can also be found on our school website.

The spring calendar dates and events have been added onto our Class Dojo platform. This means that you'll be able to see upcoming events quickly and easily at the click of a button. We do hope this new approach is supporting family members to keep organised and on top of the things happening in school.

AVA THE ECO-HERO



I just wanted to share a few words about Ava from Y2 who has shown some wonderful responsibility outside of school this week. Ava is one of my composters and comes every Friday to sort out all of the compost bins across school. We have noticed recently that a lot of children have been putting plastic wrappers in the bins so Ava (and her wonderful grandma!) took matters into their own hands and have made some posters in their free time to remind people about the importance of fruit only in the compost bins. What a fab display of our values in action! Well done Ava!

Miss Storey

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HERON HILL SCHOOL'S CROSS-COUNTRY ACHIEVEMENTS

What a lovely afternoon for the Cross Country event at Sedbergh School, Casterton on Wednesday 14th January 2026. It was a little fresh but not too cold! Once again our participants did themselves and school proud.

Y4 Girls: Martha 8th, Josie 11th, Esther 26th, Maya 44th and Wren 45th out of 89 runners, they placed 4th team overall.

Y4 Boys: Freddy 37th, Charlie 47th, Alistair 54th, Harry F 58th out of 117 runners – unfortunately an injury forced Theo to drop out.

Y5 Girls: Mia 15th, Jessica 18th, Bonnie 32nd, Imogen 54th out of 74 runners, they placed THIRD team overall!

Y5 Boys: Alfie 5th, Finlay 7th, Lucas 31st, Riley 48th, Jake 71st out of 98 runners, they placed THIRD team overall!

Y6 Girls: Evie 9th, Sophie 15th, Ella 34th, Isla 41st, Sienna 50th out of 87 runners, they also placed THIRD team overall!

Y6 Boys: Harrison 6th, Flynn 7th, Max M 30th, Max H 38th, Arlo 50th out of 97 runners, they placed 4th team overall.

Excellent results! Anyone who has placed within the top 16 places in their race will now be invited to the County Trials on Wednesday 28th January.

Mrs Foster

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	3
Reception - Mellbreak	3
Y1 Angletarn	2.5
Y1 Whinlatter	4
Y2 Outerside	3
Y2 Yewbarrow	4
Y3 Kentmere	2
Y3 Glaramara	6
Y4 Thornthwaite	6.5
Y4 Blencathra	0
Y5 Fairfield	1
Y5 Catstycam	11
Y6 Helvellyn	11
Y6 Scafell	3

Well done to Blencathra class who are the only class in school that had ZERO absences last week! GREAT JOB BLENCATHRA!



ATTENDANCE LETTERS

Leaders in school regularly review pupil attendance and, in line with Westmorland and Furness Council's policy and expectations, send letters to parents about concerns.

Any child with an attendance percentage below 90% at any point in the school year, is classed as persistently absent. This is something school cannot ignore and must act on. Letters will shortly be sent to all pupils below 90% to raise parental awareness of their current attendance. If your child has an attendance score below 85% a meeting in school will be required and some additional support may be sought.

Please note, this is not just a Heron Hill approach, it is a national one. Attendance to school is a statutory requirement in England so if you do receive a letter please read it carefully.

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL



Please remember, we are a NO NUTS school.

We have several children in school with life-threatening nut and peanut allergies.

Please do not send any nut products into school for breaktime snacks or packed lunches. **THIS INCLUDES PESTO PRODUCTS CONTAINING PINE NUTS.**

Thank you.