



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Yesterday, I was out of school for a Headteacher area meeting where - alongside many other heads from Westmorland and Furness - I heard the latest education updates and areas of focus for education, wellbeing and safeguarding. It is always great to work collaboratively with a wider group of peers but I do always miss being in school on days like this! Listening to the many challenges facing schools and education settings made me very grateful for the team in school who work so hard and are super committed to doing the best we can by your children. Next week, at our parent consultation evenings there will be a parent/carer survey available to you all. This will contain a small number of questions and a star-rating feedback option too; please fill this out and give feedback to our team in school. We are keen to hear from you about what is working well and what could be even better for you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Middleton

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL

Please remember, we are a **NO NUTS** school.



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.

ASSEMBLIES 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 kindness and how this can enhance our friendships. We shared the story of Ned, a hamster with big aspirations to win the Great Garden Hamster Race. He had been training hard for this event and wanted to win more than anything in the world! But, along the way, he met several creatures in trouble and strife. Because he was so focused on winning, he didn't stop to help and then found himself in danger and in need of a friend. We finished our assembly with a moment of reflection, channeling our 'gratitude is the attitude' mantra. We thought carefully about who regularly shows kindness to us and how grateful we are for those special people.

Class:	Pupil:
R Mellbreak	Ivy H
R Latrigg	Theo F
Y1 Angletarn	Aaron S
Y1 Whinlatter	Tillie C
Y2 Outerside	Charlie D
Y2 Yewbarrow	Cobie S
Y3 Kentmere	Hudson D
Y3 Glaramara	George E
Y4 Thornthwaite	Brody M
Y4 Blencathra	Freddie W
Y5 Fairfield	Teddy B
Y5 Catstycam	Kai F
Y6 Helvellyn	Evie D
Y6 Scafell	Ben P

ATTENDANCE

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	2
Reception - Mellbreak	5
Y1 Angletarn	3.5
Y1 Whinlatter	0.5
Y2 Outerside	1.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	4
Y3 Kentmere	3.5
Y3 Glaramara	4.5
Y4 Thornthwaite	2
Y4 Blencathra	0
Y5 Fairfield	1.5
Y5 Catstycam	5.5
Y6 Helvellyn	6.5
Y6 Scafell	4.5

Well done to **BLENCATHRA** class who were all here every single day last week! They are the only class to achieve 100% attendance - the second time they've done this in the spring term. Well done Blencathra class!



We are beginning to receive a number of term-time holiday request forms for the remaining months of this academic year. Whilst it is **essential that school are notified of any planned absence** so that school resource/time is not wasted on unnecessary home visits for absence, please note that **we cannot authorise any term-time leave for family holidays**.

All requests will be processed as **unauthorised absence** and fines can be issued by the Local Authority as a result. You can read more about this here: [School attendance | Westmorland and Furness Council](#)

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

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

These original dates and any additional calendar dates and events (such as trips, visits and residentials) 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 when we know family life is so busy!



RED NOSE DAY

Red Nose Day is a national fundraiser traditionally supported by schools and other organisations. This year it takes place on Friday 20th March.

Heron Hill will be joining in with the fun with a mufti day and, with school going cashless, donations can be made via our JustGiving page: [Heron Hill is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)





TEN PIN BOWLING PANATHLON EVENT

Well done to Alfie, Jayden, Harry and Amelia for their amazing teamwork and kindness to each other at the Panathlon Ten Pin inter-school event in Morecambe. The children were a credit to our school, showing great sportsmanship to other teams as well as being super polite when they received their medals during the ceremony. Super proud!

Mrs Jones

It is always fantastic to hear of our pupils representing our school well, showcasing our school values and trying something new. I was so impressed by the behaviour and collaboration shown by these children as they represented Heron Hill Primary with pride. Well done to you all! Enjoy those awesome medals!

Mrs M

Design an Egg Competition

In preparation for Easter, once again, we are running a competition at school for children to design and decorate an egg. The egg should be blown rather than hard boiled so it is empty and therefore will not smell after some time. There is no particular theme for the entry – just let your imagination and creativity flow. Remember this is **an egg decorating competition so try to keep your entries small and unique**. Put your child's name and class on your entry and place on the tables close to the school office.

Entries for the competition can be brought into school from Monday 23rd March and the closing date is Wednesday 25th March at noon.

There will be 4 categories for entries: Nursery and Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4, and Year 5 and Year 6. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for all categories, which will be announced during the Celebration Assembly at the end of term. Please collect your creation by the end of the day on Friday 27th March. The competition is purely voluntary, but the creativity each year is admired and appreciated by everyone in school. Have fun and good luck.

Sara Metcalfe, Art Lead



GROWING HEALTHY



Westmorland and Furness families are eligible for free access to the 'Growing Healthy' app. This resource is part of the health team offer for 0-19 year olds and contains lots of useful information about child health, school readiness, services and support available to families and more! If you haven't yet taken a look, see this link for more information:

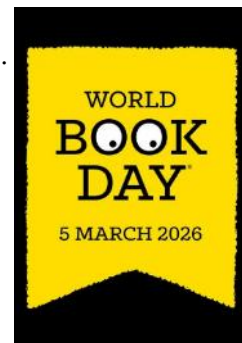
[Growing Healthy 0-19 Westmorland & Furness | HDFT Childrens Health Service](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is TOMORROW!!!! and it will be a fun-filled, book-loving day at Heron Hill.

As per our calendar events information, pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character OR in pyjamas to celebrate bedtime reading.

Pupils who do not wish to dress up should come in normal school uniform please.



OPAL PROJECT – PARENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Following on from last week's newsletter introduction, I am pleased to inform you that there is room for more than one parent on the working party for our OPAL play project. If you are interested in being involved, please speak to Mrs Middleton in person, via telephone or via admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk. Thank you!

We are looking to recruit eager parents who wish to volunteer for this role and be a key driver in the OPAL lunchtime play project. There are several calendar dates next term that they would need to be available for as we begin to plan for the project and get things moving (Tuesday 14th April 12.15 pm-3.15 pm, Tuesday 21st April 1.00 pm-5.30 pm, Thursday 30th April AM)

You can find out more about OPAL here: [Introduction - Outdoor Play and Learning](#)





ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

We continue to celebrate any out-of-school achievements on our weekly newsletter, so many of you are being acknowledged for your experiences, skills and abilities.

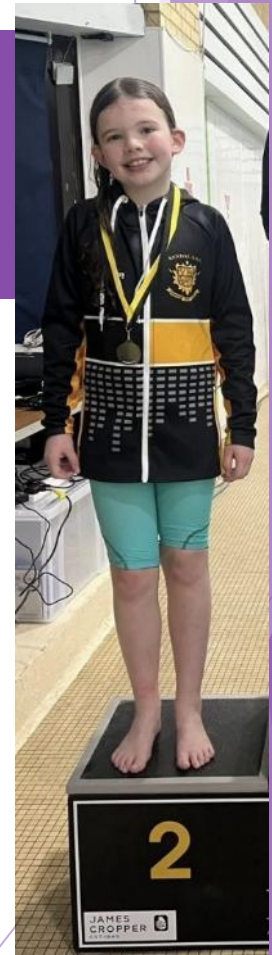
If there is something you'd like to highlight and celebrate for your child, please email admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk with the subject 'F.A.O Mrs Middleton – Newsletter' to ensure your email makes its way to me.

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 from Y5 Fairfield class competed at Kendal Amateur Swimming Club's gala last Saturday. She came 1st place in the 100m breaststroke for the under 12 girls. A superb achievement - well done Jessica!

Erin S (Y5) also competed in the Kendal Swimming Gala, winning silver for the 50m butterfly. Amazing job Erin, well done!



Several pupils from Heron Hill travelled to Belgium recently to compete in an international Judo competition. The lads did an amazing job with Noah H & Lucas S taking bronze medals & Alfie H coming away with the gold on his international debut. Their coach was 'absolutely buzzing' for the boys for their individual performances but was also really proud of them for taking on this amazing opportunity at such a young age.



Bendrigg

FREE ENTRY

SPRING FAIR

1PM - 4PM

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH

RAFFLE
TOMBOLA
REFRESHMENTS
KIDS CRAFTS
WONDERFUL ARTS
& CRAFTS STALLS
AND MORE!

BECK COMMUNITY CENTRE
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NOW TAKING ON
NEW NHS
CHILDREN
17 AND UNDER**



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IN HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN ACCESS



Local news, events and initiatives

ORIENTEERING SPRING SERIES



British Orienteering

28/02/2026
Williamson Park

28/03/2026
Sizergh Castle

25/04/2026
Wellington Wood, Dolphinholme



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START 12:30 TO 1:30PM



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 11.55 am-1.10 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.