



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

It would appear that summer is officially on its way! The sunshine making a welcome return has been a highlight of the past week or so; the cherry blossom outside of my window has also been a popular spot for impromptu blossom dancing and 'wedding' ceremonies at breaktimes, a true joy to see!

This week began with a new residential for Y4 and was a huge success. Our coastal study at Sandscale Haws was a particular highlight as the children spent hours learning all about coastal formation, rock types, beach treasure and more! It was truly a privilege to spend time with our children at Castle Head Centre and to see their independence, confidence and enthusiasm grow and grow and grow! I'd like to extend huge thanks to all of the staff who gave up their time to make this happen. Their hard work, dedication and commitment never goes unnoticed – thank you!

I hope you all have a great week and enjoy the extended, bank holiday weekend! **Mrs Middleton**

HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

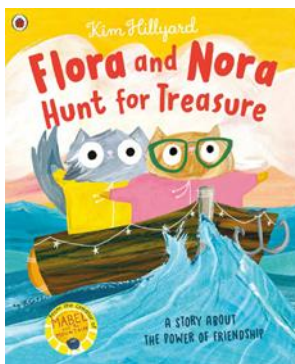
Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class is chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter.

Well done to this week's superstars! Their work is proudly on display in our school hall.

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values:

RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.



With Mrs Middleton *en route* to Castle Head, it was Mr Corrie who led assembly this week. He chose the high-quality picture book 'Flora and Nora Hunt For Treasure' by Kim Hillyard.

We used this story to focus on our **RELATIONSHIPS** value and think about friendships that are important to us. We also talked about how, over time, friendships can change and sometimes be separated.

The story focuses on the 'value' of friendship and encourages children to consider non-materialistic things instead of gifts.

Class:	Pupil:
R Mellbreak	Freddie S
R Lattrigg	Toby T
Y1 Angletarn	Ivan O
Y1 Whinlatter	Corey H
Y2 Outerside	Lana G
Y2 Yewbarrow	Milan L
Y3 Kentmere	William H
Y3 Glaramara	Lincoln N
Y4 Thornthwaite	N/A residential
Y4 Blencathra	N/A residential
Y5 Fairfield	Alfie T
Y5 Catstycam	Lola R
Y6 Helvellyn	James G
Y6 Scafell	Sophia P

PARENT GOVERNOR APPLICATIONS

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the closing date for parent governor nominations. We seek a parent who has the time and capacity to attend at least 2 day-time meetings a term, who has a keen interest in the strategic decisions which govern the school's approach and ethos and who is a team player, willing to work with the welcoming and supportive team of governors already in place. If this could be you, or if you see these attributes in another parent of this school, please complete a nomination form now!

Nomination forms are just inside the main entrance door, thank you.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPH DAY – TOMORROW!

Tempest Photography will be in school tomorrow to take our annual class photographs. ALL children need to be in their normal blue Heron Hill uniform for these please, not PE kit. We hope the sun will shine and that the photographs can be taken outside in our glorious grounds. Year 3 children are asked to bring their PE kit and trainers in a bag, to change into at school. Saaaaay cheese!!!



KENDAL'S SCHOOL SKI RACE

It was an absolute pleasure to join Mrs Altounyan and Miss Wilson last Thursday to watch our teams compete in the Kendal School's Ski Race. Three teams represented Heron Hill and all were fantastic! They worked hard, showed great focus and were really fast too!

What made us most proud was watching their sportsmanship on full display. Heron Hill pupils championed each other and were extremely sporting with other teams too. Before our Y5/6 boys team took their place on the winners podium, they shook hands with the bronze and silver medal winners and were the only team to do this. Amazing!

Congratulations to Isaac, Taylor, Ethan, Savannah, Mia, Lotte, George, Harry, Ethan and Riley. You made us so proud! And thank you to all of the parents and family members who came along to support too!



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance table for last week is shown below. This shows the attendance percentages for each class for last week. We have reason to celebrate as 2 classes had 100% attendance last week – WELL DONE to Reception!

Registration Class	% attendance for class last week:
Reception – Latrigg	100
Reception – Mellbreak	100
Y1 Angletarn	98.2
Y1 Whinlatter	95.9
Y2 Outerside	98.0
Y2 Yewbarrow	98.7
Y3 Kentmere	95.2
Y3 Glaramara	98.2
Y4 Thornthwaite	99.2
Y4 Blencathra	98.5
Y5 Fairfield	95.5
Y5 Catstycam	94.1
Y6 Helvellyn	95.4
Y6 Scafell	94.8

Please ensure you inform school of any planned holidays during term-time. We are unable to authorise these but have a statutory duty to know where every pupil is in term-time. Not telling us leads to huge wastes of leadership time as we try to chase reasons for absence and even complete home visits. This is valuable time that should be spent in school making things great for children.



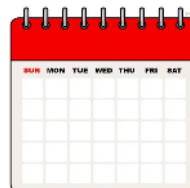
WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK SUCCESS!

A HUGE thank you to the volunteers who gave their time to hand out the Walk to School stickers last week. Many children successfully collected the whole set of coloured stickers and we are grateful to the parents/carers who went out of their way to make sure their child could be part of it.

50% of those who responded to the Travel Survey last term said that they regularly walk to school and we are delighted so many do so, but we hope even more parents can give their child the chance to have a car-free school run regularly, if at all possible. The brighter skies and warmer temperatures are the perfect time to form new, positive habits!

We can't let this 'Walk to School Week' go by without acknowledging that it will be the last for the lovely Mrs Lehane who retires soon. She has personally championed this initiative for many years, taking great care and time to organise helpers, plan calendars and resource only the best, shiniest stickers!

Thank you Mrs Lehane!



IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Parents were informed back in the autumn term that the INSET days in January and May were no longer going ahead this academic year.

School is therefore OPEN to all pupils on Friday 1st May as usual.



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.

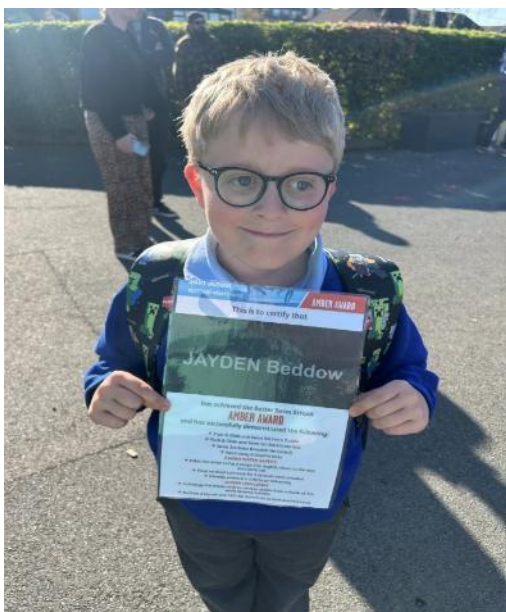
NB: By submitting photographs, you are consenting to your child's image being added onto the newsletter which is shared via ScoPay and online.



Ayla W (Y2) was amazing at swimming last week, she achieved her level 6 which includes swimming fully clothed and butterfly stroke. Well done Ayla!



Also last week, Amelie W (N) achieved her 50 meter swimming badge! As always, I'm super proud of how amazing she is at swimming already. Well done Amelie!



Jayden B (Y4) has recently achieved his amber award for swimming. He is doing so well with this swimming now - we are super proud! Well done Jayden!



Education Appeals – Volunteer Panel Members Needed!

Are you interested in local education, and would you like to get involved and make a difference?

Are you interested in taking an active role in your community?

Do you have the ability to work with other volunteers, put people at ease, consider competing views and make balanced decisions?

If so, why not apply to become a volunteer education appeal panel member?

More volunteers are needed, and applications are encouraged from all sections of the community. People living in Westmorland and Furness or neighbouring areas are welcome to apply.

What will you do?

We are seeking volunteers for appeals against an admission authority's decision to refuse a child admission to a school and independent reviews of the permanent exclusion of a pupil from school.

Admission Appeals Panels are normally held via Microsoft Teams and panels consist of three members, including those with and without experience in education.

Independent Review Panels are held in person as standard (within Westmorland and Furness) and panels are made up of a lay, governor and headteacher member.

We welcome applications from those who are interested on sitting on either, or both, of these panels.

Please note: Westmorland and Furness Council Members and employees are unable to sit on these panels. We will be able to provide further guidance about your eligibility to sit on panels when you get in touch.

About You

We are looking for someone with:

- Excellent interpersonal, communication and listening skills
- The ability to consider information and to work with other panel members to make fair, balanced and objective decisions
- Good IT skills (you will need to receive and review paperwork via email and attend online hearings)

How much time do I need to give?

This will depend on how much time you want to give. Admission appeals and exclusion reviews are held without the year, with admission appeals peaking in May-July. Admission appeals are usually only a morning, but may be longer where there are multiple admission appeals for one school. Exclusion reviews will normally last around five or six hours.

You will be contacted by the legal team when we need to put a panel together and can choose to volunteer as few or as many times as you like.

What can we offer you?

This is a fantastic opportunity to play an active role in an essential decision-making process for our education system.

Sitting as a panel member is a great way to develop your interpersonal skills, decision making and leadership skills and is a great addition to your CV, especially if you are looking for work in education.

Full support and training is provided by the Westmorland and Furness Council legal services team from the outset and throughout your time acting as a panel member.

This is a voluntary commitment which is unpaid. Expenses can be claimed for in person hearings.

If you would like to volunteer to be a panel member, or would like further information, please contact Hannah Reid, Legal Officer, by email at: schoolappeals@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk or by telephone on 07823 781946.



Local news, events and initiatives

Please find information opposite about the next event in the Lakeland Orienteering Club Saturday Series. This is the penultimate event before the final for this season in July and a great chance for children to pick up points for themselves and their schools in the league.

EVENT 5!

SATURDAY SERIES

ONLY £2!



MAY 9TH WRAY CASTLE

Explore the courses together and learn new skills

WHITE, YELLOW, ORANGE AND SCORE COURSE AVAILABLE!

Race around the courses as fast as you can to score points

lakeland-orienteeing.org.uk

REGISTER FROM 1PM
STARTS 1.30PM TO 2.45PM
COURSES CLOSE 3.30PM



IBIS JFC PLAYERS NEEDED



FOR NEXT SEASON
FOR OUR
U12s TEAM.



MUST BE ENTHUSIASTIC FOR FOOTBALL.

INTERESTED?

CONTACT GRAEME HARRISON ON:

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JOIN IBIS JFC - PLAY. LEARN. GROW. SUCCEED.
BE PART OF THE IBIS FAMILY!



Chorister for a day

Does your child love to sing?



This one-off event will be a fun afternoon! An opportunity not to be missed for your child to experience the outstanding singing at Kendal Parish Church led by the professional music staff.



Sunday 3rd May
2-5pm at Kendal Parish Church

Free to attend - just book your child's place at www.trybooking.com/uk/GAZW (or via the QR code below)

Kendal Choristers
the children's choir at Kendal Parish Church

