



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

If anyone wishes to join me in lobbying for a 3 day weekend every weekend, please get in touch! It was lovely to see so many refreshed, smiling faces on the gates this week. I hope you all had an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and were able to make the most of the pleasant weather which littered the weekend.

Things in school are extremely busy as we head towards the summer events calendar, SATs week for Y6 and other end-of-year tasks and challenges. We remain super proud of our pupils and of all the hard work and effort they are putting into their learning and behaviour each day. Thank you for your continued support and trust in the team here in school, who do all they can to encourage and drive forward your children's education. It is a privilege that we never take for granted.

Enjoy the week ahead. My door is open if anyone needs me.

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.



Mrs Wilkinson was happy to lead our assembly on Tuesday morning this week. As part of our 'INSPIRING PEOPLE' series of assemblies, she shared the story of Rafa Nadal. We have several budding young tennis players in our school who were inspired to hear his story.

We used this book to focus on our **RESILIENCE** value and think about how goals and ambitions are often rooted in hard work, dedication and practice! We also reminded ourselves of our motto that 'practice makes progress.'

Class:	Pupil:
R Mellbreak	Seren T
R Lattrigg	Ettie H-D
Y1 Angletarn	Poppy S
Y1 Whinlatter	Rachael M
Y2 Outerside	Willow S
Y2 Yewbarrow	Taylor J
Y3 Kentmere	Hugh J
Y3 Glaramara	Keira J-H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Dylan W
Y4 Blencathra	Cathy P
Y5 Fairfield	Lucas R
Y5 Catstycam	Daniel S
Y6 Helvellyn	Henry B
Y6 Scafell	Emily F



THE TOUR DE FRANCE IS COMING TO CUMBRIA

You may already be aware that the Tour De France is due to arrive in Cumbria this July. You can read more about this exciting event here: [Cumbria Tour de France stages will have 'overridingly positive' impact - BBC News](#)

There is currently an art competition open for young people to design posters for this coveted cycle race. We have so many talented artists here at Heron Hill, I simply had to share this. Here are all the details you need: [Grand Départ GB launches poster design competition for students](#) If your child does enter, please send a copy of their poster design into school. I would love to celebrate their talents on this school newsletter.

MARIGOLD MUFTI DAY

Mrs Wilkinson and her team of willing gardeners are so, so grateful for all of the donations of bedding plants sent into school today.



This annual event really transforms our 6.5 acres of school grounds in preparation for the summer. Thank you!



SPORTS DAY

You will have noticed there are less dates in the school calendar for Sports Day this year. This decision has been made to support working parents with multiple children who previously struggled to get several days off work to be able to see each child race.

With all of our fingers crossed, we are hopeful of good weather on Tuesday 30th June and this will be the date for Years 1-6 for their Sports Day events. Each year group will be participating in a series of track and field events across the day with parents welcome to watch any of these. Below is an initial outline of when events could be.

EYFS parents also need to keep Tuesday 23rd June free as this will be your date. More information on how your events will run will follow from the EYFS team.

	Field events:	Track events:
Y1 & Y2	Y2 9:30-10:30 Y1 10:30-11:30	Y1 9:30-10:30 Y2 10:30-11:30
Y3 & Y4	Y3 9:30-10:30 Y4 10:30-11:30	Y4 9:30-10:30 Y3 10:30-11:30
Y5 & Y6	Y5 1-2pm Y6 2-3pm	Y6 1-2pm Y5 2-3pm

YEAR 6 SATs

Next week our Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs. We are so proud of them, they have shown remarkable dedication, resilience and a fantastic attitude during the busy time up to this point. We wish them clear heads and calm hearts during their assessment tests and hope they will enjoy all the fun things that take place next week as well.

Year 5 will vacate their classrooms to give Year 6 more space to spread out, so we thank them for their patience and resilience as they relocate to other areas of the school each morning.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance table for last week is shown below. This shows the total number of missed days for each class last week. Well done to Latrigg class who had another week of 100% attendance last week!

Registration Class	Days missed for class last week:
Reception – Latrigg	0
Reception – Mellbreak	3.5
Y1 Angletarn	5.5
Y1 Whinlatter	5.5
Y2 Outerside	3.5
Y2 Yewbarrow	1.5
Y3 Kentmere	5
Y3 Glaramara	5
Y4 Thornthwaite	4
Y4 Blencathra	4.5
Y5 Fairfield	4
Y5 Catstycam	4
Y6 Helvellyn	2
Y6 Scafell	2.5

Did you know that being late to school by even just 10 minutes each day reduces your child's access to their education?

For our youngest children, this means missing vital Phonics lessons to support early reading and for our older children, important core curriculum input that supports their progress.



OPAL PROJECT BEGINS

The Opal Working Party have now had 3 meetings with our designated OPAL Mentor and are excited at the potential available for outdoor play across our vast school site.

In the coming weeks, we will be appealing for resources to support our plans. These will vary from scooters, trikes and wheeled toys to old pots, pans, baking tins and more! We hope to create large scale play spaces including sand and water play for all age ranges.

If you have any connections via work or family members that could support school with this project, please see Mr Corrie or email him via admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk. The following materials would be particularly handy as we begin to map out plans: **old tyres, play sand, drainpipes, tarpaulin, ropes, plastic crates, plastic barrels, wheelie bins, wooden pallets.**

Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo for more information. As we develop each area of the grounds/project, we will appeal for specific items that you no longer use and may be able to donate to support us. Thank you!

If you would like to find out more OPAL and what playtimes will look like here at Heron Hill, you can visit: [Our story - Outdoor Play and Learning](#)





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.



On Sunday at the Kendal Rugby Club Awards, Harry M (Year 2) won Under 7s Parents' Player of the Year and Charlie S (Year 2) won Under 7s Players' Player of the Year. We are so proud of them! Well done boys!



Hudson, Kayra, Carter and Samuel (Y3) all play for Wattsfield U8's and went to their first tournament of the year this weekend. They were playing away at Fleetwood Town FC's Highbury stadium. It required a very early start but was well worth the experience of playing within the stadium. They came home with a WIN too! Well done boys!

PARENT GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT

Following the recent parent governor nomination process, we are pleased to announce that Mr Duncan Shaw has been appointed for a second term (4 years) as your parent governor; his was the only nomination received.

Duncan currently chairs the Premises Committee and has a secure knowledge of the journey the school has been on for the past four years. We wish him ongoing success as he continues this role for a second term.

You can find out more about our governing body by following this link:



[Heron Hill Primary School - Governors](#)

LOST PROPERTY AND SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have large quantities of lost property in school again, including lots of blue Heron Hill jumpers and cardigans, hoodies and many coats.

Lost property can be found in the main school reception area, in the grey unit shown here.

The drawers are almost bursting open with items so please come and check if your child is missing anything.

We also have large quantities of pre-loved uniform available. There will be a stall in the Infant playground soon, look out for the date, or call at the office anytime.



SMALL BLUE GATE

The gate into the Year 2/Upper Junior yard is kept locked on a timer and the times when it is unlocked are from 8.40 am-8.54 am and then from 3.10 pm-6.00 pm. When the gate is unlocked, it does not swing open but if you push it, it will open. When this gate is locked, come to the big double gates and contact the office via the buzzer. If you visit Nursery during school hours, do not try to go through this gate, use the Nursery front door.

Local news, events and initiatives:



Remembering Romeo's
NEARLY NEW
BABY & CHILDREN'S SALE
Sunday 10th May 11am - 1pm
Ibis Sports & Social Club, Kendal LA9 6DE

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

To book a table or for more information: 07833 556637

Further details can be found on our Facebook Page:
Remembering Romeo

Leo A (Y3) is continuing his fundraising quest with his mum and family, in memory of his brother Romeo. Their next event is a nearly new baby and children's sale this Sunday between 11.00 am and 1.00 pm. All the details you need are on the flyer opposite.

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!

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

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

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