Heron Hill Primary School

Whole-school newsletter - Week beginning 16th November 2026

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

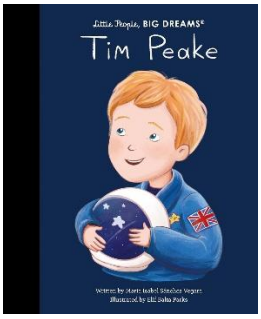
We were excited to share our Ofsted report and outcomes with our school community on Monday of this week. We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who has sent supportive comments, well wishes and thanks; the team in school really appreciate your kindness and support. The report will be published nationally on the Ofsted website at the end of this week.

As I said in my letter to you all on Monday, I am extremely proud of the outcome of the inspection and proud of all that we have achieved in our first 2 years together. We will continue to follow 'The Heron Hill Way' in all that we do and strive for the very best school experience for all of your children.

Thank you for your continued support, **Mrs. Middleton, Proud Headteacher of Heron Hill Primary**

ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Focused on our school values: **RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE.**



This week's assembly focused on the story of Tim Peake, the famous UK astronaut. Its from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series which are always an assembly hit!

Children heard the story of his early career in the RAF and early interest in planes with him first flying one as a teenager! Tim blasted into space in 2015 and became the first astronaut to visit the International Space Station.

This story linked well to our RESPECT value and reminded us of the importance of role models. We all have people who inspire us and were reminded that we ourselves can also be inspirational to others!

TIM FARRON'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



In Monday's assembly certificates were shared with Darcie W, Joshua T-E and Jack T-E who all entered the annual Christmas card competition run by local MP Tim Farron. He was really impressed with their designs and creativity! Well done to you all!

HANDWRITING & PRESENTATION PRAISE

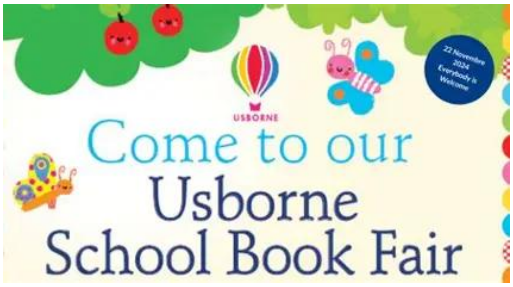


Each week we celebrate how practice makes progress in pupil work, handwriting and presentation. A child from each class is chosen and their names shared here on our newsletter.

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

Class:	Pupil:
R - Melbreak	Charlotte P
R – Lattrigg	Phillippa H
Y1 Angletarn	Abigail A
Y1 Whinlatter	Maisie W
Y2 Outerside	Theo A
Y2 Yewbarrow	Livi B
Y3 Kentmere	Kole T
Y3 Glaramara	Seb H
Y4 Thornthwaite	Alfie H
Y4 Blencathra	Hudson D
Y5 Fairfield	Martha G
Y5 Catstycam	William S
Y6 Helvellyn	Kaden H
Y6 Scafell	Oliver D

USBORNE BOOK FAIR



A friendly reminder that our Usborne Book Fair will be taking place in the school hall on Wednesday 2nd December from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents/carers to browse a fantastic range of high-quality books and discover their next great read. Every purchase helps raise funds for the school to purchase Usborne Books, enabling us to add even more exciting books to our classrooms.

For every £1 spent, we receive 60p back in book credits to spend on books for school.

You are able to pay in cash or by card (cash can be a quicker option when paying as there is only 1 card machine).

We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your continued support of reading across our school community.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme: Bookings for the Christmas holidays will open on 19th November. Please visit https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme for more information and to book places.

KENDAL PARISH CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

This annual event is returning to the Parish Church this season and of course, Heron Hill will be contributing.
The festival starts on Friday 27th November and our Y6 Prefects have chosen the Blood Bikes for our charity this year.
Nursery have been busy decorating beautiful butterflies for our tree to fit in with the theme of 'things that fly'. We can't wait to see the finished tree!





CHILDREN IN NEED BAKE SALE





We'd like to say a HUGE thank you to Y4 for all of their hard work in preparing for the annual Pudsey Bake Sale. The cakes and bakes brought in were amazing and children really enjoyed hosting the sale in the hall.

Their grand total raised from the bake sale was £223!!! This will support worthwhile projects and causes linked to this national charity.
Well done Year 4!

ACHIEVEMENTS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Our pupil community have many different talents and interests outside of school and we love to celebrate these on our weekly newsletter. Please continue to send any achievements, awards or proud moments 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.



Alfie was away in Sheffield on Saturday competing in the DNA Judo Concord Open Championships. He won his first bracket winning all 4 matches by the full point (Ippon) against players of similar age, weight & grade to win gold! Winning that category meant Alfie was given the chance to compete in another pool with two older boys both aged 10 and a full grade belt higher. He wasn't deterred with the age and experience gap and went on to win both contests with two Ippon throws and gain another gold medal!

He then travelled with our team from Sheffield over to Wigan to compete in the North West Area Regional Schools Championships on Sunday where he represented Heron Hill Primary School.

Fighting in the u30kg Year 4 & 5 category Alfie had 3 fights. He showed maturity and great technique to come out on top on all three bouts to take gold and be crowned 2026/27 North West Area Regional Schools Champion.



Meredith R (Y3) was awarded her 10m badge at swimming lessons this week she has worked very hard for this and we a super proud of her for this achievement. Morwyn R (Reception) was also awarded her Well done badge she hasn't long be swimming and didn't quite get her 5m but we are still super proud of her for trying so hard. Well done girls!

Tillie C (Y2) took part in her LAMDA exam at Stagecoach where she had to learn a poem and talk about a favourite toy to an examiner. Her teachers said she shone like a star. We are so proud of her.





Other information, events and community initiatives:

