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# HERON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER NO. 8

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had another fantastic selection of Easter eggs on display in the Easter egg competition this year and there are great photographs of them inside this newsletter.

I am confident that many parents lend a hand with their child's decorated egg entry and there is obviously a lot of talent in our families for making and painting. This was proven last week, when crowds of Year 1 parents and grandparents came in to help the children design and build their ideal bedroom (see photographs inside). Perhaps there are some would-be teachers or teaching assistants amongst you? You are most welcome to come into school more regularly to volunteer to give you an idea of what goes on in schools these days.

To train towards becoming a teaching assistant or a teacher, there are many exciting opportunities available in our local area. Kendal College runs acclaimed teaching assistant courses and 'Kendal Primary Partnership School Direct' provides teacher training opportunities; as a founding member, Heron Hill supports several students each year in their studies and teaching placements. For more information about 'Kendal Primary Partnership School Direct', follow the link in the article on the back page or look on the school website under 'Partnerships'.

Have a good break over Easter and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the many events you will be invited to during the summer term.

*Peter Hicks*

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	The Big Pedal Fortnight begins, see below
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Reception Family Learning begins
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	FoHH Summer Fair meeting, 6.00 pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Class Photographs
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Assembly, 10.00 am
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week begins
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Walk to School Week begins
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	FoHH Disco
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Sponsored Walk
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term holiday begins, 3.15 pm

#### Advance Notice of Sports Days

(weather dependent)

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 3-6
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Years 1 and 2

A heads up... We will have a 'Heron Hill's Got Talent' competition at the end of the summer term for pupils in Years 3-6. Let the rehearsals commence!



In March 2017, Heron Hill parents, carers, governors, staff and pupils took part in the 'Big Pedal' and made 2,236 journeys by bike and scooter during the 2 weeks. A fabulous result! Nationally, over 1,000,000 bike and scooter journeys were completed by the 900+ schools which participated.

Heron Hill has registered to take part in the Big Pedal 2018, which is taking place a little later in the year, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April-Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May; good weather is assured for the 2 weeks! So over the Easter holiday, please pump up tyres, check saddle heights, find helmets and get ready to take part! Parent/carer journeys also count towards our total, so please leave the car at home and cycle/scoot along with your child. In class each Big Pedal day, we will ask the children how many in their family have pedalled/scooted to school and log the journeys on-line. The fortnight will end with a Super Hero day. Not everyone enjoys dressing up, it is not compulsory, but if you and your child have superhero costumes handy, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May is the day to wear them to school!

In 2017, Mark Beaumont cycled around the world in 78 days. Each day of The Big Pedal, we will follow in his cycle tracks on a wall chart, starting in his home town of Edinburgh, and will visit some of the countries he cycled through.

PS. Heron Hill will also take part in Walk to School Week, 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May. If you would like to help to distribute stickers on the routes in to school, please contact the school office.

# EASTER EGG COMPETITION WINNERS AND OTHER ENTRIES

1<sup>st</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>

Nursery & Reception



Finlay Robinson



Lily McDonnell



Poppy Carlton



Years 1 & 2



Jake Pearse



Ellie Taylor



Ben Cottam



Years 3 & 4



Holly-Marie Hutt



Finley Johnson



Amelia Carlton



Years 5 & 6



Emma Hewitt



Chloe Procter



Cory Garrity



These are just some of the 52 entries we had this year. The standard gets higher year on year, well done everyone!



Our quiet garden now has a 4 star bug hotel in it! The Gardening Club is doing a great job clearing weeds, planting and doing all that stuff gardeners do (the editor is not a gardener).



Marc Jackson visited Year 2 and spent a day inspiring and engaging them with his comic art skills. The Comic Arts Festival commissioned Hester Harrington and comics creator Marc Jackson to run a comics project with our Year 2s. We look forward to displaying some of their work about Florence Nightingale in the Kendal Windows Trail during the October festival.

## Sport Relief and Sports for Champions



On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, **Stephanie Inglis GB Commonwealth Games 2014 Judo Silver Medallist** spent the morning at Heron Hill Primary School.

As this coincided with Sports Relief Week, all the children wore their sports clothes and brought in a donation towards the GB unsponsored athletes fund and Sports Relief 2018. Throughout the morning, Stephanie was very busy leading all 14 classes through a circuit of high intensity activities. Then she held a whole school assembly as she described the hard work and sacrifices she had put into becoming a medal winning athlete.

Stephanie also told us of how her high level of fitness and determination helped her through adversity when she had a traumatic head injury in Vietnam leading to her having to stop training in her beloved Judo. Mrs Foster noticed that every child was on the 'edge of their seats' as they listened to Steph's inspirational words.



## Year 5 Enterprise Project

A record-breaking £883.42 profit was made by our Year 5 young entrepreneurs. Staff cars, thanks to the car wash company, have never been cleaner! The children were so impressive in the way they contacted companies for donated gifts for their stalls.

The charities that will benefit are Sight Advice, Children with Cancer and St John's Hospice. £258 of the profit is being price-matched by the school, so that we can make a 'space walk' in the school grounds. We are so proud of all the children and their achievements.



## Easter Egg Hunting: Year 4 and Nursery



Year 1 pupils have had a very busy time: DT time with parents and grandparents to make models of their ideal bedrooms, a visit to the Parish Church and a destructive visit from the Highway Rat, which meant the police had to be called in to help with enquiries and report writing (spot Miss Messenger in a hazmat suit)!



We have bees again! Lots of them and they are lovely and docile! They are already out and about finding pollen; this is a photograph of one of them bringing pollen back to the hive. Roll on summer and honey!

## Train to Teach in Kendal

The Kendal Primary Partnership School Direct programme is currently recruiting for September 2018. Students complete a full time PgCE which is affiliated to the University of Cumbria. The course is based in and around local schools.

This exciting programme provides opportunities to experience critical and creative approaches to teaching in Early Years and Primary settings. Currently recruiting for its fifth year, the course has established partnerships with local schools who support placements and academic modules.

For further details contact Rachel at [resposito@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:resposito@st-marks.cumbria.sch.uk) The KPP website is [www.kendalprimarypartnership.org](http://www.kendalprimarypartnership.org)



## Sports Report: Year 3/Year 4 Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

On 26<sup>th</sup> March we took 3 teams to Queen Katherine School to play hockey on the astroturf. Every team played excellent defensive hockey making sure that very few goals were scored past us. Unfortunately we did not score many ourselves, although there were outstanding goals from Grace Irving (1), Lachlan Shaw (1) and Jake Bowman (3) in Team 1 and Keane Clarkson showed great hockey skills in Team 2. Rory Addison guided Team 3 in winning their Group so they will each receive a special certificate!

*Janette Foster*



Well done to Louis Bigland and Alfie Addison who took part in the national cross country event in Leicester last week. Louis came 17<sup>th</sup> out of 300 in the Year 6 race and Alfie placed 25<sup>th</sup> out of 265 Year 5 runners.

## Governor Insight: Michelle Wilkinson

As Mathematics Subject Leader, I am passionate about pupils enjoying this core subject. I believe it is crucial that they recognise its relevance to them in everyday life. As a governor, I am also very aware that children are entitled to access to a broad and balanced curriculum. At Heron Hill, we know that both of these dovetail very nicely, because maths is at the heart of every subject! It is a joy when teachers see the children making connections, recognising that maths is a creative subject that applies to all areas of their learning. A very few examples of this are:

- Year 3 children seeing the importance of symmetrical design in William Morris wallpaper art;
- Year 6 looking at population figures of different UK cities in Geography and thinking about timelines in History;
- Year 4 and Year 5 young entrepreneurs calculating profits;
- Year 1 measuring themselves, then comparing heights to find out who is tallest and shortest;
- Reception pupils may need to fill their water tray – but how?

Letting the children explore, try out and develop their ideas allows them to naturally develop key skills of reasoning, trial and improvement, decision-making and working systematically, all of which they will need throughout their lives. Oh yes – and they will be having lots of fun 'doing maths' at the same time! As parents, teachers, governors and carers, our role must be to guide the children to see that they can do maths, that maths is everywhere and that solving everyday puzzles and problems is satisfying - and can be lots of fun too! Let us make sure we point out the maths that is all around us, whether we are baking, shopping, planning train times and the cost of a day out...the list is endless. We need to help the children to see that they can all do maths - and we all do maths all the time.

## Flower and Vegetable Show

Although we only had a few entrants in last year's competitions, we have decided to again challenge families to grow the tallest sunflower and the biggest pumpkin. New this year...who can grow the longest runner bean?! It is too early to start planting, but you can start planning and mulching! Remember, we will need a photograph of your child with the growing plant.



## Heron Hill School on the Radio

Listen to our pupils being interviewed live by BBC Radio Cumbria... click on the link below and skip to the 34<sup>th</sup> minute.

<https://t.co/ugdGeGrdB8>



## Choking Danger

Whole grapes are a known choking hazard, especially for smaller children, Please could you cut grapes into halves or even better, quarters, if you provide them in your child's lunch box or as a snack.

## Boxes of Hope Cumbria

During April please donate paper: notebooks, colouring books etc, that will fit in a shoebox. We have a collection point in the entrance hall and can still accept toiletries and hair items.

