

# Heron Newsletter – Term 4



**Attendance –Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are ill or have a medical appointment. Attendance Improvement meetings will be held next term for children who are persistently absent from school.**

## Dates for your Diary

### Term 5

- 17 April – Return to school
- 1 May –Bank Holiday
- 8 May –Bank Holiday
- 26 May – Break up
- 29 May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June –Half Term

### Attendance

**Possible attendance 100%  
Actual Attendance this term is 93.57%**

## Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

It has been a very short but busy term here at school with trips to the church, Nature in Art and the Year 4 residential to The Wilderness. Our Year 6 children have been working on writing, performing and recording their leavers' song, which sounds amazing! It was great to see so many of our parents attending parents' evening and the feedback has been very positive. We will look forward to seeing you in school next term for our next drop in sessions.

I wish you a relaxing Easter break and will see you on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs Brookes

## ABSENCE

Please report all child absence to the office before 9.15. You can call 01452 415105 and choose option 1 to leave a message or choose option 3 to speak to a member of the office team.

## School Car Park Access

Please do not drive onto the school site unless you have a parking permit. Permits can be applied for through the school office [admin@heron.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heron.gloucs.sch.uk) Permits are renewed every year so you will need to reapply if you hold an old permit.

## EYFS NEWS

Reception have enjoyed travelling around the world this term. We have enjoyed learning about different countries and learning different languages. So far we have built the Eiffel Tower and the Great Wall of China, painted flags and created pyramid collages. We enjoyed learning some flamenco dancing, going on safari and recreating the Dragon dance for Chinese New Year!



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## YEAR 1 NEWS

What a busy term in Year 1! We started the term with our World Book Day Celebration and children in Year 1 enjoyed sharing books with pupils from Year 5 and 6. In our English lessons we have been reading the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and we have written some fantastic character descriptions for the Troll, we've also been learning about instruction writing and have written our own set of instructions for 'How to Trap a Troll' using imperative verbs (bossy words). This week we have enjoyed taking part in the Easter Fundamentals Festival at Oxstalls Sports Park where we were joined by pupils from other Gloucester schools. We made some fantastic Easter crowns to wear to the festival!

## YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been observing the growth of plants based on their needs. We have placed one in a dark cupboard and the other on a window sill. The children made predictions on what they think will happen using the knowledge we have gained about plants so far. We are caring for them each week. The children are having great fun observing and recording the changes.

## YEAR 3 NEWS

In Year 3 this term we have been very busy finding out about human skeletons in Science. We have been identifying many of the different bones and naming them. We found out that the rib cage protects the heart and lungs, the skull protects the brain and babies have more bones than adults!



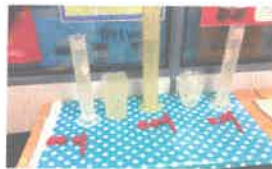
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## YEAR 4 NEWS



The biggest event of this term has been our residential trip to the Wilderness Centre. We have had a brilliant time so far and have made some great memories! We have done lots of different activities and hope that the sun will soon start shining for us!

## YEAR 5 NEWS



Year 5 have enjoyed their Science experiments this term. We have investigated water resistance – looking at which shapes take longer to sink to the bottom of a container and why. We have also investigated insulating materials; we used data loggers to record the temperatures of beakers surrounded by different materials. We are looking forward to more experiments next term!

## YEAR 6 NEWS

Another term and some more brilliant learning completed in Year 6! Our class book (Alex Rider: Stormbreaker) has given us more writing opportunities, including publishing our own spy graphic novel. In our P.E. lessons we have been developing our netball skills outside and our gymnastic skills inside. And, we have been working incredibly hard at improving our understanding of algebra and statistics in maths. Furthermore, our history work has provided us with opportunities to compare different ancient time periods, in terms of the architecture and artefacts relating to them. In addition, our geography lessons have provided us with time to study the topical issue of climate change and discuss what we can do to find solutions for it.

Lastly, we have been thoroughly enjoying our time collaborating with The Music Works group, who have been helping us to develop our very own song, which we will be recording very soon!

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## MUSIC NEWS

Y6 are excited to record their song. They have loved composing their own melody and lyrics. Thank you to MUSICWORKS!



## Breakfast Club

We have been enjoying making Mother`s Day cards and Easter crafts. If you would like to enquire about a space for your child at breakfast club please ring the school office. A big thank you to Morrison`s for their donations to Breakfast Club.



## OPAL

The children have enjoyed making dens and participating in lots of activities outside. Please remember to provide wellies and waterproofs or a change of clothes in case your child gets dirty. A big Thankyou to Sue Ryder Abbeydale for your donations and to Howell and son Tree and Hedge care for your donations of wood chippings. We are looking for donations of full size pushchairs and dolls prams. If you have any donations please bring them to the school office.



## Reminders to Parents

- Could we politely remind parents to name your child`s uniform and belongings. This makes things easier when looking for lost items.
- Please be reminded that you CANNOT park in the school car park without a permit, nor enter the gates to drop off a child after 8.15am without a permit.
- Please stick to the schools paths when entering and leaving the site.

## Kellogg`s Breakfast Club at Morrisons

Morrisons have contacted us regarding the Kellogg`s Breakfast Club event they are holding during the Easter Holidays. If you take your child/children to the café in Morrisons during the Easter holidays before 11.00am, they can have a free bowl of cereal.

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## Sports News

### Cross-Country

Twenty-five Heron pupils from Y3-Y6 attended the Gloucester School Sports District Cross Country Championships at Holmleigh Park Secondary School. The team put in a great performance to represent the school so well. Two particularly strong runs came from D.Duff who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the Y6 race and J.Gerken Y5 who crossed the line in 6<sup>th</sup> place during the Y5 race. As a result, both were asked to attend the Gloucester District trials. From this J.Gerken Y5 was selected to represent Gloucester District at the County trials where he finished in an excellent 16<sup>th</sup> place, from over 100 runners, narrowly missing out on selection for the National finals. Great work everyone!

### Athletics

Congratulations to the nineteen girls and boys in the Y5/6 Indoor Athletics Squad who participated in the Gloucester School Sports Indoor Athletics Championships. After a morning and afternoon of running, relays, throwing and jumping events the team amassed a strong number of points to finish in second place from ten schools and secure silver medals for a record ninth year in a row. Well done everyone!

### Multi-Skills

Last term all sixty Y2 pupils attended a GSSN Multi-Skills festival at the Oxstalls University Sports Park. This week all of our Y1 pupils attended the Easter GSSN Multi-Skills festival having the opportunity to have fun and test their movement and athletic abilities and skills.

### Football

The Heron football teams have been very busy this term participating in representative matches, festivals, cup competitions and the league.

The Heron Girls team played very well in the GPSFA Festival at the University of Gloucestershire. The team collected a win, a loss and a draw to finish second in the group. A week later, the Girls beat Kingsway School 4-3 in the quarterfinal of the Cup in a very entertaining and exciting match. The team then progressed to play a strong Longlevens team in the semi-final, and exited the competition after a spirited performance.

The Heron HH- Team represented the school in a keenly contested and exciting game against Abbeymead Primary C-Team. The enthusiastic Heronites narrowly lost out to a brace from our visiting neighbours.

The Heron H-Team participated in the GPSFA B-Team festival at Oxstalls Sports Park. The team played very well finishing top of the group with a determined attitude and unbeaten run. Goal of the afternoon was netted by M.Evans from Y5 to equalise in a 1-1 draw against USL Primary school.

Congratulations to the Heron First Football team who after going unbeaten for the whole season, are League Champions! The winning campaign was sealed with a strong home win against USL Primary School. League Winning Team: T.Hale, K.Patel, S.Jackson, H.Eckford, T.Pockajevs, S.Milton, H.Lake-Kelly and D.Duff. Great work Heronites and keep it up!