

Heron Newsletter – Term 3



Dates for your Diary

Term 4

- 19 Feb – Return to school
- 7 March – World Book Day
- 11 March – Parent consultation week
- 20 March – Y4 Residential
- 22 March – Break up for Easter

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.

Attendance
Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance this term is
93.72%

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

Well, what a very short but very busy term it has been. We have welcomed Musicworks to school to work with our Year 6 children on writing their leavers' song, swimming has restarted at Brockworth Sports Centre, our athletics and football teams have represented Heron in tournaments and all our children have engaged well in assemblies from Open the Book. We have also welcomed the dentist into school to conduct the National Dental Survey for Year Reception and Year 1. Lots to look forward to next term including: scooter coaching, The Big Walk and Wheel, Young Voices and The Life Education Team.

Wishing you a restful half term break.

Thank you to all our parents who have supported us in ensuring that we drive and park safely around the school. Don't forget, Morrison's, the other local shops and the Ridge and Furrow are all happy for our parents to park in their car parks at drop off and collection.

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.

EYFS NEWS

We have had a lovely first half of our Spring Term. This term we have been learning about Fairy Tales and focused on a different Fairy Tale every week. We've planted beans like Jack, made Gingerbread men like the old lady and house like the three Little Pigs. It has been so much fun. Our class text this term has been Biscuit Bear and the children have done some lovely bits of writing linked to this.

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have begun learning about Grace Darling and her part in the boat rescue in the stormy UK seas. We have been busy during DT week too, creating a model boat that will float successfully. We have been busy identifying hot and cold places around the world and have been looking particularly at the South and North Pole. This has linked into our new story this term 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Year 2, we have been learning about the abstract artist Sonia Delaunay. She works with her husband on pieces of art. They would create pieces of art and then join them together. We created our own abstract art, cut our pieces in half, swapped them with another child and joined them together again to create something new and interesting.



YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 have been enjoying our computing lessons this term. We have been learning to program using Scratch. We have learned that the characters are called sprites and they move across a stage. We can program our sprites, linking command blocks in a sequence. We have experimented using different sprites on a background of our choice.



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YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have had a great start to the year immersing themselves in the world of Edward Tulane (Our new Power of Reading text). They have also been exploring the world of pneumatics and hydraulics, preparing to create their own moving animal head. In Computing the pupils have been turning their hand to programming; producing algorithms to create their names.

YEAR 5 NEWS



Year 5 finished their D.T. projects of making cams with followers; we are extremely proud of how they turned out. In Science we have looked at materials and their properties, alongside studying the planets and their positions in relation to the sun. In Geography, we continue to study biomes and their environments; History has seen us develop our understanding of the Tudor and Victorian periods. We are currently enjoying the poem of the Highwayman in English and in our Wellbeing lessons we have discussed the benefits of a 'Growth Mindset' to understand how we can always learn and develop with the right attitude and focus.

YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 have been incredibly busy in a short space of time. Firstly, we have started our Leavers' Song project (with the Music Works) by developing lyric and music style ideas, which will influence our final song recording. In addition, it has been great to restart swimming and we look forward to the remaining lessons we have. Furthermore, our new term theme (Save Our World) has really got us thinking about what problems there are in the world and how they can be solved.



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MUSIC NEWS

The Jubilee Hall has been a hub of musical activity over the last few weeks. Year 6 are getting ready for their upcoming performance in Birmingham for Young Voices. They have also been busy working on the lyrics and musical structure of their end of year song.

The rest of KS2 have been learning the foundations of reading and writing music notation. They have written simple rhythms of their own and played them on a selection of percussion instruments.

WELLBEING

As a whole school we have been talking about bullying. We have used the acronym STOP to help us recognise when it is bullying (Several Times on Purpose). We have also used the same STOP acronym to help us know what to do if we think we are being bullied or see bullying (Start Telling Other People). We have designed and made anti-bullying posters. Well done to our poster winners, whose posters are being displayed around school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL



We would like to introduce Heron's School Council and House captains. We have chosen 2 children from every year group represent their class and year. The School council make sure their peers have a voice in school matters.

Breakfast Club

Children have been having fun whilst enjoying a healthy breakfast. There are limited spaces left so if you require a place please enquire at office. A big thank you to Morrisons for all of your donations



OPAL

Lots of fun has been had during our Opal play; in particular lots of den building and teamwork. We always appreciate donations so thank you to all parents who have donated this term. We are always looking for donations and are especially looking for cars, scooters, toy pushchairs, real pushchairs and games which can be played in our quiet area. areas.



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.

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SPORTS NEWS

Y2 Multi-Skills

Well done to all of our Y2 Heronites who attended the GSSN KS1 Christmas Multi-Skills Festival at Oxstalls University Sports Park. All the children participated in a variety of multi-skills activities and represented Heron brilliantly. Great work Y2! Thank you families and volunteers of Y2 for your support.

Y4 Football

Great enthusiasm and determination, displayed by our Y4 Heronites, saw the team produce an afternoon of accomplished football in the GPSFA B-Team Football Festival at Oxstalls Sports Park. The team recorded three wins and two games drawn with six goals scored and none conceded to win the group. Good work Y4! Thank you families and friends of Y4 for your support.

Team: G. Davies, L. Arinze, L. Thompson, T. Mann, H. Wood, H. Sadler, L. Taylor and N. Callaghan

Y5/6 Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to the Y5/6 Indoor Athletics Squad who finished Runner-up in the GSSN Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Oxstalls Sports Park. After determined individual performances the team secured overall second place and silver medals in the Large Schools event. Great work Heronites and thank you to all who attended to support.

Heron 1st Team Football League Champions

A fantastic campaign by the Heron 1st Football team, from September to January, has seen them secure the league title with an emphatic 100 % winning record. The team's resilience and determination, ensured they did not lose a game or drop a single point over the whole season. Great work Heronites! Thank you to all the families for their dedicated support and encouragement of the team.

Team: T. Hale, T. Pockajevs, K. Patel, H. Eckford, H. Lake-Kelly, R. Penton, L. Meakin and S. Milton

Heron 1st Team Football Regional Success

Congratulations to the Heron 1st team, who after winning the Gloucester City AFC tournament, represented Gloucester in the National League Trust Midlands Tournament at Solihull Moors FC.

On a very cold day in mid-January the team performed exceptionally well winning against Kings Lynn, Kidderminster Harriers and Oxford City with narrow defeats to Boston United and Solihull Moors. The team finished a strong second in the group reaching the Semi-finals and after a narrow loss placed third overall in the tournament. Well done Heronites, another great day for the team who represented themselves and Heron impeccably. Thank you to all of the families and friends of the team who travelled to Birmingham and for their warm support on a very cold day!

Team: T. Hale, T. Pockajevs, K. Patel, H. Eckford, H. Lake-Kelly, R. Penton and S. Milton.