

Heron Newsletter – Term 3



Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy New Year to all our parents and carers!

Our children have settled well after the Christmas break and are working hard. Our Year 6 children represented Heron fantastically well and had a great time at Young Voices. Just before Christmas, Miss Shears took a group of children to perform their Street dance at Ribston- they did an amazing job! Last week we saw all the children take part in the sponsored bounce which they thoroughly enjoyed. Rehearsals have begun for the Year 6 end of year production of 'Matilda' and 'Noisy Boyz' has started with Mrs Hart. We look forward to seeing these productions in the future.

Claire Brookes

Absence

We are experiencing a growing number of parents/ carers who are not notifying us of their child's absence. This can lead to unnecessary work for the office staff and possible safeguarding issues. *'Parents must notify the school on every day of an unplanned absence – for example, if their child is unable to attend due to ill health – by 9.15am. This can be done by calling 01452 415105 and choosing option 1 to leave a voicemail. Alternatively you can choose option 3 and speak to office staff directly.'*
(Heron Primary School Attendance Policy)

OPAL

The children are continuing to enjoy OPAL at lunchtimes. Bearing in mind that the weather has (and continues to be) very wet and muddy, we would encourage all our children to bring in old clothes or waterproofs for use at lunchtime. Waterproofs will become part of Heron uniform from September.

EYFS NEWS

EYFS enjoyed their first Outdoor Learning session with Gilly and Kate. They drank hot chocolate to warm themselves up and made bird feeders for their outdoor area. We are looking forward to seeing some new wildlife in our outdoor area.



Dates for your Diary

Term 4

- 24 Feb – Return to school
- 2 March – Parent consultation week
- 5 March – World Book Day
- 16 March – Life Education Bus in all week.
- 31 March – Y1 Trip to Berkeley Castle
- 3 April – Egg Rolling/Non uniform. Break up for Easter

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have started our topic 'My Castle is my Home'. We have been learning about the different types of castles and have particularly enjoyed making our very own Egg box dragons.



YEAR 2 NEWS

Year 2 have been loving our new book, 'Where the Wild Things Are.' This week we acted out the wild rumpus that the Wild Things have with Max as their king, and designing a new 'Wild Thing' ready to write a character description. Here we are collaborating with a friend and painting our creations.

YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 are engrossed in all things to do with Brazil. We are preparing a carnival dance and researching various Amazonian animals.



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YEAR 4 NEWS

In Year 4, we have been experimenting with water-inspired art and used colour to create mood. We explored underwater scenes and used this as inspiration for our painting.

YEAR 5 NEWS

Happy New Year from Y5!

Y5 have begun the New Year in a very active manner.

All of our Y5 pupils have participated in

'Experience Dance' with Mrs Debbie Reid from the GSSN to create, learn and perform a Natural Disasters themed dance. We have also been busy making a Splash in the pool learning to swim and improving our techniques during swimming lessons at GL1.



YEAR 6 NEWS

Year 6 were lucky to receive a bird feeding station before Christmas and it's now ready for the hungry birds to enjoy. They haven't noticed it yet but as soon as they do we expect that each container will need regular refills.

Have you ever built a computer? Well our Year 6 have! Once they were finished building, they were able to access programs such as Minecraft and Scratch and then took their computers apart again! Thank you to the Cyber Hub for allowing us to borrow the equipment.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council have launched a competition in an effort to keep our corridors tidy. Points are being awarded every day for the tidiest cloakroom areas and at the end of each week the children who use the winning area will be awarded house points.

We have seen an improvement already!

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Music NEWS

The Year 6 children had a simply amazing time at our Young Voices concert in Birmingham. They sang and danced their hearts out, accompanied by thousands of other children and stars such as Tony Hadley! It was a truly memorable night and I would like to thank parents and carers for supporting this event. Mrs Hart.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the Infant (KS1) Gymnastics squad who finished in a very strong 4th place, from 12 schools, at the GSSN KS1 Gymnastics Competition at Ribston School. The competitors were: I. Skuse, A. Hart, P. Herbert, F. Drew and E. Poole. Great work team!

The first ever Heron Ten-Pin bowling team created history by participating in the GSSN Ten-Pin Bowling competition at Centre Severn Barnwood on Friday 10th January. The team bowled exceptionally well to achieve a Bronze medal (3rd place) out of fifteen schools. A special mention to T. Shepherd who was the second highest top scorer on the day with a total of 102. Great work! L. Prince, B. Roberts and A. George-Bevan completed a fine performance, with two strikes, and the team recording an average of 85.7. Great work team!



Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club children have enjoyed using the new football tables. We still have spaces available, so come and enjoy the fun with a healthy breakfast. If you have any enquiries please call 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.
- Your child should bring a water bottle into school each day which can be refilled through the day.
- 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.
- Can you please remember when paying for school lunches that there has been an increase in the price of a school dinner, it now costs £2.10 per day for a school lunch.
- We are very short of school trousers for the Medical room. We would be grateful for any old school trousers, especially bigger ones!

Accelerated Reader Book Donations.

Our AR book stock consists of a wide range of quality children`s literature. If you are having a clear out of unwanted books at home, then we would be ever so grateful for donations to school to replenish our AR book stock.