

Heron Newsletter – Term 2



Dates for your Diary

Term 3

- 5 Jan – INSERVICE
- 6 Jan – Back to School
- 14 Jan -Young Voices
- 13 Feb – last Day Break up
- 16-20 Feb – Half Term Break
- 23 Feb - Back to school

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have come to the end of a very busy term here at school. The children have been working hard both in school and during our After School Clubs. We hope you were able to attend our parent consultation evenings earlier in the term and found the information useful. It was fantastic to see so many of you attending our Christmas productions- we hope you enjoyed them.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Mrs Brookes

Digital Ambassador Badge Competition

The Votes are in, and the Winners are...

A huge congratulations to the overall winner of the Digital Ambassador Badge Design Competition Ella Skone in Year 5.

				
Outstanding Winner Ella Skone Year 5	Platinum Harley Year 6	Gold Baux Morgan Year 3	Silver Ibrahim Boukhsaoui Year 3	Bronze Noelle Benjamin Year 6

Thank you for entering the competition, your awards will be given in the celebration assembly in the New Year.

Mrs Price
Computing Lead

EYFS NEWS

We have been so busy this term rehearsing for our Christmas Performance and we are so proud of the children, as they were brilliant! This term we have started Drawing Club and we have really enjoyed it.

Attendance

Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance 94.89%

Attendance and Punctuality Matter - Regular attendance and arriving on time are key to your child's success. Every school day counts and being punctual helps pupils start the day calmly and ready to learn. Please help us by making sure they're in school every day and arrive promptly. We understand that there may be times when pupils are too unwell to attend school or need to attend medical appointments. Please make sure to inform the school by calling the attendance line each morning. Together, we can build strong habits that support learning and achievement. **Let's Keep Attendance Strong!**

Don't forget your £26 by 2026

For our Heron IT Fundraiser

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Year 1 have had a very busy Autumn term. We have enjoyed reading our new story “The Gingerbread man” and being able to write the instructions for making them. In DT we were busy using our instruction writing to make our own Gingerbread. We practiced and performed our Year 1 nativity where we all did a super job of singing and dancing. Well done Year 1.

YEAR 2 NEWS

We have had lots of excitement in Year 2. We enjoyed dressing up for London Day and learning about the city. We found out about different landmarks and used maps to explore the city. In DT, we designed and made our own pizzas! We enjoyed tasting and evaluating them. We have been experimenting with materials in Science and investigating how to stop an apple from turning brown. We worked hard on our singing and performed a great Nativity – A present for the baby.



YEAR 3 NEWS

We have enjoyed learning about different types of rocks in Science this half term, we worked together as a group to classify rocks by looking at their properties. We loved getting messy with cornflour and water and we were trying our best to use scientific vocabulary to describe how it felt in our hands. In DT, we have been working hard to make moving Christmas cards and making animations using iMotion in Computing.

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Year 4 NEWS

This half term has been an exciting adventure with lots of new learning. In Maths we have been looking at mental strategies for addition and subtraction. Additionally, we have had lots of fun continuing with our times tables practise and it's great to see the green coverage continuing in TTRS. In English we have been looking at persuasive writing and using clauses to create longer sentences. We have read the story of Beowulf and used it to help our learning and think of interesting synonyms. We have recently been planning out DT projects and we'll soon be ready to start making our pneumatic creations.

Year 5 NEWS



This term, Year 5 have enjoyed carrying out scientific investigations in both our forces unit and investigating properties of materials. We have been studying the book Street Child and we have been amazed by the standard of writing of the children, as well as their empathy for the main character, Jim. We have studied both North and South America, discussing their similarities and differences, while in Art we have looked at the artists, Pablo Picasso and Gustav Klimt. We also really enjoyed our Church visit to learn more about the Christmas story 😊

Year 6 NEWS

It has been a busy period of learning for Year 6 in the run-up to Christmas. In English, we have written persuasive speeches, creative poems and informative instructions. In addition, we have been busy with our rehearsals for both our Year 6 production and the Christmas Carol service. Our Art lessons have encouraged us to be expressive as we have studied surrealist artwork and developed some of our own ideas from it. In Maths, our learning has focused on geometry and multi-step problems, and in Science we have gotten to grips with how the circulatory system works in the human body. Our circulatory systems have certainly been pushed through their paces with our gymnastics work in PE. Our webpage designs in Computing have been gradually brought to life as we have attempted to develop user-friendly and informative websites.

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MFL

This term it has been wonderful to see enthusiasm for learning languages continue to flourish in KS2. Many pupils are choosing to extend their learning outside of school by using of the learning platform Duolingo which compliments and extends vocabulary learnt in lessons.

Italian club has been very successful. Children who attended can now 'get by' in Italian having learnt and enjoyed using basic phrases and vocabulary. A second club is planned for February. It has been overwhelming to see the interest shown by so many pupils in becoming a French Ambassador and so lovely to read their letters which were full of drive and passion for motivating language learning across the school.

More Ambassadors will be created just before Easter so please do not be disappointed if you missed out this time.

Vive Les Langues!

Joyeux Noël

Madame Docherty.



DT

Year 2's Pizza Party!

This week, Year 2 rolled up their sleeves and became master chefs, creating their very own pizzas from scratch. The classroom was filled with delicious aromas and even bigger smiles. One child declared it was "The best day ever!"—and judging by the unanimous 5-star ratings, we believe it! We might not be Domino's, but with these budding pizzaiolos, we're definitely delivering happiness—no extra toppings required!



Breakfast News

We have been getting into the Christmas spirit and making some wonderful Christmas crafts.

We have also had some new toys to enjoy in the mornings.

If you require a space at Breakfast please enquire at school office. Breakfast Club starts at 7.45 and runs until the school day starts.

Thankyou to Morrisons for your donations this term.



OPAL

Children have been enjoying the wetter weather and always finding new ways of using their imaginations to create different types of play. Please remember to send

you child with a coat every day during the winter months. We have enough soft teddies for now but are always looking for scooters, dolls pushchairs, full size pushchairs, figures, sweeping brushes, car seats and anything which can be used in our loose parts area eg, pipes, old bins, off cuts of wood (not too small please) If you have anything you think will be suitable please enquire at office and request a call back from Mrs Ponter- Play coordinator.

Thankyou for all of your donations which you have sent in this term the children really enjoy playing with new things.

