

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

Dates for your Diary Term 5

- 13 April – Return to school
- 23 April -Class/Team Photographs
- 4 May –Bank Holiday
- 22 May – Inservice Day
- 25 May – 29 May- Half Term

Attendance

Possible attendance 100%
Actual Attendance this term is 95.25%

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, where did Term 4 go? We have been very busy here at school this term. The children have enjoyed: becoming French Ambassadors, a visit from a well-known author, a clarinet recital, World Book Day, Experience Easter at the church, The Life Education sessions, and a fantastic Easter Assembly from the church to name a few. In addition to all the fantastic learning.

I hope you were able to attend the parent consultation evenings and found them informative. I wish you a relaxing Easter break.

Save the date - Our next Opal stay and play will be during the afternoon of Tuesday 21st April . This is a good opportunity for you to see your child playing during OPAL. More details will follow next term.

EYFS NEWS

Reception have had a super term thinking about what they would like to do when they grow up. We have learnt about different jobs and what these entail. We have enjoyed lots of super books linked to different jobs in our Drawing Club sessions and looked at the composition of numbers, doubles and some number bonds in Maths.

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YEAR 1 NEWS

This term we have been learning all about castles, fairytales and William the Conqueror. We have had an exciting theme day where we did lots of activities such as building castles and creating our own fairytale character. We also enjoyed a trip to Multi skills where we all had lots of fun exploring and playing a variety of games.

YEAR 2 NEWS



In Year 2 we have been developing our Geography fieldwork skills and our practical skills in Science. Class 2.2 decided on our own field work questions, which we investigated when we went on a local walk. We drew sketch maps to show geographical features and completed a tally chart showing how people travel to Morrisons. Class 2.1 have been designing and carrying out a Science investigation in which they compared how flexible and stretchy different materials were.

YEAR 3 NEWS

Year 3 had a great time at Christchurch Church for their Easter Experience session. We heard all about the Easter story and took part in a range of activities such as sharing our hopes and dreams for the future and tasting bread and grapes from the last supper. We enjoyed taking part in a song at the end of the session too. All the children were very respectful and listened carefully to the adults. Well done Year 3

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YEAR 4 NEWS

Year 4 have continued to work very hard this term. We were joined by a real-life artist, Liz Friedman, who did a workshop with each class on lino printing. Nature was the focus and the children used pictures of nature to inspire their lino-printing design. They then had to carefully use the lino tool to cut out their design before printing it using paint. It was a fantastic way to learn new skills!

We have also been focussing on our times table practice with the upcoming Multiplication Tables Check in mind. So many children have now 'Gone Green' on Times Table Rockstar and we have seen so much progress! It has also really helped with our focus on multiplication and division in maths. Keep practising!

YEAR 5 NEWS



We have had another very busy term in Year 5: we had the visit from the wonderful author, B.Ware; we have written some wonderful poetry based on the poem 'The Highwayman'; in Maths we have converted units of measurement and found equivalent fractions; we discovered more about how the Tudor dynasty began in History; and in Geography we have found out about our own locality by looking at the physical geography of the United Kingdom. Another fantastic term – well done Year 5!

YEAR 6 NEWS

It may have been a short term but we sure have been busy in Year 6! We have been thoroughly enjoying our class book, Alex Rider: Stormbreaker, which we have used as inspiration in our writing. Additionally, our other topics, such as Geography, have given us other writing stimuli in the form of writing instructions for how to survive in a rainforest biome. In Maths, we have been getting to grips with statistics and in Science we have been learning more about how light works and investigating electrical circuits. PE has focused on developing our netball skills, whilst in Art we have been using aboriginal artwork as inspiration for our own printed versions.

We have enjoyed a new topic in RE, focusing on how Muslims are taught about right and wrong in their religion. Furthermore, our Wellbeing sessions have taught us about the importance of keeping safe online and in person.

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MUSIC NEWS

We have received visits from several musicians this term:

A Clarinet Ensemble came and performed to children in Reception, Y1, Y5 and Recorder Club. They played pieces of music linked to the Y5 Water Topic as well as telling the story of the Wind in the Willows through music. After the performance, children were able to ask the players questions and Miss Wyndow brought her clarinet in the following week for the recorder club children to have a go on.

To finish off the term, Y6 children were treated to a visit from a Drummer! Children have been doing Chair Drumming and writing rap songs in their lessons and so the tips they've picked up from Mr Evans about drumming can be applied to their own work. Perhaps some of the children will learn to play the drums when they move onto secondary school in September.



MFL

This term, it has been encouraging to witness Heron pupils' continued enthusiasm and motivation to learn new languages. A big thank you to you all for your great efforts.

International Mother Tongue Day took place on 21st February. We celebrated the diversity and richness of other languages and cultures with a special assembly, involving the French ambassadors and several children who speak a different language at home. The ambassadors gave a presentation on the importance of learning different languages and languages at Heron. We were then introduced to a variety of languages by pupils speaking in their mother tongue. The whole school then participated in a faster Italian lesson with much enthusiasm. Fantastico! Some LKS2 pupils have been busy learning a selection of basic Spanish phrases in Spanish club. Look out for the language clubs which run each term if you are interested in developing further language skills.

Bonnes vacances,
Madame Docherty.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Children having been enjoying doing Easter crafts, whilst enjoying a healthy breakfast, including yoghurts, toast, fresh fruit and fruit juices.

We have limited spaces available so if you require a Breakfast club space please enquire at the school office.

Breakfast club timings 7.45-8.35(when school starts).

OPAL

Children have been enjoying the sunshine and our new sensory cube.

Can we remind Parents that children should always bring a coat due to the good old British weather ! We always have showers.

We may have some warm weather too so a sun hat will also be a good idea.

Thankyou for all your donations for OPAL this term, the children have really enjoyed the new things which have been donated.

We are looking for donations of car seats, loose parts eg pipes, wood, cable reels, suitcases, crates, anything children can use to enhance their play. We are also looking for scooters, dolls prams and full size prams.