

Heron Newsletter – Term 5



Dates for your Diary

Term 6

- 01 June – Return to school
- 13 June – Heron Fest
- 17 June – Sports Day
- 19 June – Reserve Sports Day
- 08 July – Y6 Residential
- 15 July – Y6 Leavers Disco
- 16 July – Y6 Leaver's Assembly
- 17 July - Break up for end of term

Welcome from Mrs Brookes

What a busy term it has been! Well done to all our Year 6 children who worked so hard during SATs week- we are very proud of you. Children from different year groups have been involved in a variety of activities including Forest school and a trip to Slimbridge. Our Year 4 children did us proud on their residential trip to the Wilderness; despite the rain, they had a great time. Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the OPAL stay and Play – I hope you could see how the children really benefit from this.

Have a restful half term

Mrs Brookes

EYFS NEWS

This term the children in reception boarded a flight from Heron Airways and started our travels around the world. First, we travelled to Kenya and went on a safari. The following week we went onto China to meet the pandas and build a great wall and then onto Antarctica to study the Emperor Penguins. We then went onto South America to the rainforests before we started coming home via Paris, where we have learnt to say our numbers in French. We will return all your children for half term!

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YEAR 1 NEWS

Y1 have had a busy Spring term. We have created our African Savannah landscapes inspired by the artist Edward Tinga. We have also been exploring the climate and weather comparing different seasons and time of the year. Year 1 have also been independently retelling the story of 'Lila and the secret of Rain' using all the skills we have been learning in our English lessons. We were very lucky as Year 4 performed an African workshop for us showing us different songs and instruments.

YEAR 2 NEWS

In Year 2, we are investigating what plants need to survive. To do this we have set up an experiment. We have a control plant that is given sunlight, water and same temperature. Then we have one plant with no soil, one plant with no water, one plant outside with different temperatures and our last plant has been placed in a dark cupboard. We wrote predictions and made careful observations. We are excited to find out what will happen!



YEAR 3 NEWS



Year 3 had a fantastic time on our trip to Slimbridge Wetland Centre. We loved feeding the birds, exploring the grounds and seeing the otters and flamingos. During the afternoon, the children learnt about the water cycle, the importance of reusing and recycling plastic to avoid polluting natural habitats and had fun identifying pond life, a variety of plants and birds using magnifying glasses and binoculars.

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Year 4 NEWS

This term, we have been looking at mythological stories and writing our own. We used the book *Arthur and the Golden Rope* by Joe Todd-Stanton as inspiration and used our knowledge of Viking gods to help us create our own characters.

In DT, we have been creating our own torches following a brief. We are looking forward to testing these out using a simple circuit. We will then link this to our English and write some instructions.

We are continuing to work hard on our times tables practise with the upcoming official Multiplication Tables Check happening after half-term. Please encourage your child to be practicing regularly on the 'Soundcheck' section of Times Table Rock Star. They will take the official check at some point in the first two weeks back after half-term.

Year 4 had an amazing residential trip to the Wilderness Centre, some lovely memories were made!

Year 5 NEWS



Year 5 have had a fantastic term and created some wonderful abstract art using photography while we also enjoyed using the tablets for sorting data in Computing. We have been writing diaries and letters based on our text 'The Northern Lights', while learning about angles and shapes in Maths. We can't quite believe that we are approaching our last term already, although we are excited to see what we can achieve in our last few weeks of Year 5 😊

Year 6 NEWS

Year 6 have had a very hard-working term, particularly with our focus on SATs. The pupils have made us very proud and should know that they have done themselves proud.

In our Art lessons we have turned our attentions to architect, Zaha Hadid, who is well-known for her futuristic architecture. We have been using one-point perspective sketching to beginning drawing 3D buildings, as an architect might.

Our Science lessons have focused on how drugs and our nutritional choices impact our body. Additionally, in our Wellbeing sessions we have been learning about rights and responsibilities; we spent a few sessions preparing and running a mock election.

We now look forward to our last half a term as Year 6, just before pupils head off to secondary school!

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MUSIC News

Music News - Save the Dates!

Music Performances at Heron Fest - Saturday 13th June

Musical Theatre Club Showcase - Wednesday 24th June

Picnic Prom - Tuesday 14th July

Full details of the events will be shared separately closer to the date.

Breakfast Club

Children have been enjoying having yoghurts as part of their breakfast.

Reminder : Please let us know if you do not require a place for your child in September as your place will automatically get carried over if we do not hear that you don't want the space.

Breakfast club runs 7.45-8.35 (start of school day)

If you would like a place for your child at Breakfast club please enquire at school office

OPAL

Children enjoyed showing parents/carers what they do at Opal at the OPAL stay and play. Thank you for supporting this, we had over 200 parents and carers that attended. Thank you to those who filled out our Opal Questionnaire for parents, we will send out the feedback on this next term.

Reminder: Please send your child to school with a coat, sun hats and please apply sun cream before they come to school.

SAVE THE DATE : OPAL STAY AND PLAY 9TH JULY (Times to be confirmed))

Thank you for all of the donations sent in this term, we really appreciate it.

We are always looking for donations of scooters, dolls prams or real-life prams, car seats, old cooking utensils, kitchen bins, suitcases and old slides (just the slide bit)

If you have anything you think would be useful to us, please ask at office

All donations really help support the children`s play.

Reminders to Parents

- Your child should bring a water bottle into school each day which can be refilled through the day.
- Children will need to bring a sunhat to school every day and apply sun screen BEFORE school on hot days.