

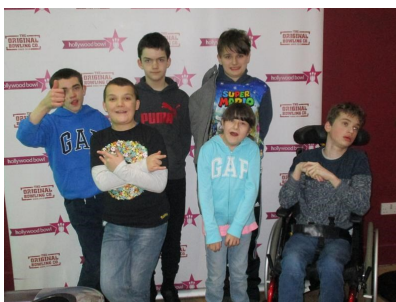
## Awards for International Partnerships

Heronsbridge were very proud to have been recognised for our international work by Gwobrau Cymru Africa. The Wales Africa awards were decided by a panel of International Development experts to celebrate the work in this area by individuals, groups and organisations in Wales. We received highly Commended awards for Inclusion and Fundraising. Mr Evans, Miss Morgan and Mr Howe accepted the awards in a ceremony in City Hall in Cardiff.



### Primary

- Lots of classes have joined in with sensory stories all about the weather—they loved listening to the sound of the rain.
- Class 2 have been taking Maisy (the class teddy) home to have fun over the weekend.
- Class 4 and 5 have enjoyed attending the Story Café with Parents/ Grandparents / Carers. They shared books and reading activities with their families
- Linked to the topic of weather, classes have been out and about visiting the wind turbines and getting wet and cold in Bryngarw Park!



### Seniors

- Class 7 and 8 celebrated Chinese New Year with a trip to Cardiff and the cinema.
- M & M productions performed "The Hunchback Of Notre Dame" where the children were encouraged to interact, which they did very enthusiastically.
- We have welcomed the Swansea City Community team who have delivered a 6 week skills block .
- Morgana Luke has been selected for Team Wales in the Para Cheer Unified Freestyle Pom Division at the International Cheer Union World Cheerleading Championships in Florida. Well done Morgana.





## Centre for Autism

- Our pupils have been taking part in different activities for 'Birdwatch Fortnight'
- We have been using our 'good looking' skills to carry out bird surveys and have made feeders to hang in the school gardens

- Congratulations to Siarlot Hall on winning the Autism Hero Award for 'Outstanding Contribution to Education'
- The charity summed up Siarlot's fantastic work— "Her commitment to improving lives through education at the unit and within the community is simply remarkable". Newyddion gwyh—Da iawn Siarlot!



## Leavers

- This term we welcomed Eve Devlin who has joined us as the Teacher in Leavers 4
- A group of Duke of Edinburgh students visited the Swansea Welsh Air Ambulance Station They learnt a lot about the work of this emergency service.

- Six students attended the Mencap Football Trials in Yorkshire. It was a busy weekend but a really good experience to compete for a place in the national team.
- Some of our pupils will be helping to host our Bollywood Night. They have prepared a trio of desserts, will be serving guests and clearing tables for our 100 paying guests.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

...every school day counts!

Half Termly  
Attendance

Whole School  
89.6%

Top Attenders

1. A8—96%

2. A5—95.9%

3. A1—95.4%

Please phone school  
if your child is ab-  
sent.

## Family Matters

**MINDFULNESS** - An 8 week Mindfulness course is taking place at Heronsbridge facilitated by Gareth Clode. If you are Interested in attending the next course please give me a call.

**WILLS & TRUSTS** - Thank you again to Alison Huggins from Howells solicitors who came in and gave valuable advice to parents about making a will and setting up a trust fund.

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** - Our next date is Monday 26th February. Please phone for an appointment.

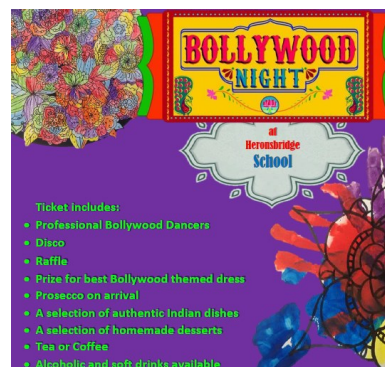
**PRIMARY STORY CAFÉ** is well under way this term with our topic 'Weather'.

**SOCIAL WORKER** - Don't forget we have a social worker from the Disabled Children's Team coming to the Drop In every fortnight, this is proving to be very useful for families. Every Tuesday morning 8.45 until 10.00 all parents and carers are welcome to come along to the conservatory, have a coffee, relax or discuss any issues. We always have plenty of resources available to buy and borrow.

**BOOK SWAP** - .Next swap Tuesday 6th March 8.45 - 10am. Don't forget our Family Information Day is Thursday 26th April.

Check the Heronsbridge Moodle for latest information.

Please feel free to contact me on 01656 815725 at any time or email: karen.davies2@bridgend.gov.uk



## Dates for the Diary

16 February Bollywood Night

19 - 23 HALF TERM

26 February First Day back for pupils

26 February Citizens Advice Bureau

Please phone to book an appointment

01 March St Davids Day

15 March Lets Get Together Parents

- Pets as Therapy

- Benefits and Discounts  
(Citizens Advice)

- Heronsbridge Values  
in Heron Hall 10.30—12.30

26 March Citizens Advice Bureau

Please phone to book an appointment

30 March - 13 April EASTER HOLS

16 April Inset Day (MONDAY)

17 April First day back for pupils

*If you would like to talk about any aspects of your child's education you can telephone us on 01656 815725 or email admin.heronbridgeschool@bridgend.gov.uk.*

*We have an open door policy and welcome all contact with parents and families.*



# Partnerships Continue

Our Global Learning Journey continues and has received significant support from the Rotary Club of Bridgend. Proceeds from REMIT (Rotarians Eliminating Malaria in Tanzania) fundraising events, led by Bridgend Rotarian Dr William Williams, will be used to purchase 1,000 mosquito nets for students in our partner schools in Tanzania. Local links with students from Pencoed Comprehensive School's Interact Club (Bridgend Rotary's student wing locally) have benefitted Heronsbridge when they chose to raise money specially for us and gave the school a donation of £400.



### Primary

- Class 4 and 5 went to a gymnastics competition, where lots of the children won medals!
- For World Book Day the children came into school dressed up as characters from their favourite book and they also brought a book to swap.
- Everyone enjoyed the Easter Bonnet parade and egg hunt!

- Key Stage 2 took part in History Week where they learnt about The Victorians. They were able to experience what life was like during that time.
- The children have been on lots of exciting trips in our area such as visiting the Library, a litter pick in Ogmore and a trip to St. Fagans.

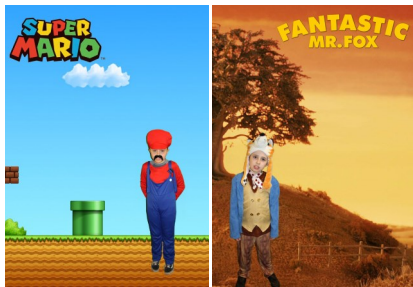


### Seniors

- The Senior Department finished their Easter Enterprise project where they produced pebble photo frames.
- We took part in a Non Uniform Day to raise money for international sporting opportunities.

- A team of 14 pupils made the South Wales Gymnastics finals held in Cardiff. As always they represented the school well.
- Thanks to Hannah Coombes in Class 11 who raised £300.00 in sponsorship for Sport relief. The whole school walked a mile a day for a week.





## Centre for Autism

- This half term, our primary aged pupils celebrated World Book Day
- We dressed up as characters from our favourite books and used our new greenscreen wall to transport us onto the front covers!

- A7 and A8 have been busy in our art and design technology sessions this term.
- We made leeks and daffodils ready for St David's day using Jumping (air drying) clay.



## Leavers

- The Leavers had a very successful Bollywood Night and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves.
- A group of Leavers visited the RNLI at Barry to learn about the rescue work they undertake along our coastline.

- The Blas Da Horticulture Group made some fantastic plant baskets to sell for Mother's Day to raise money. Look out for more plants to buy in the summer fete.
- Leavers enthusiastically joined in Sport Relief and walked a mile a day.... Though many achieved more than this!



### Half Termly Attendance

**88.4%**

### Top Attenders

**1. A2—98.4%**

**2. C7—96.8%**

**3. A5—96.3%**

Please phone school if your child is absent.

## Family Matters

**LET'S GET TOGETHER** - **George the PAT dog** (Pets as Therapy) came in with his owner Janice to meet parents, hopefully he will be working with pupils in the future.

**Heronbridge Values and The Rights of the Child** were discussed by our Deputy Head Mrs Lisa Smith.

**Citizen Advice** came in to talk about **Money Matters** including benefits, allowances, tax credits and more.

Thank you to everyone who attended, your support is valuable.

**CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU** - Our next date is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Please phone for an appointment.

**PRIMARY STORY CAFÉ** - Classes 5, 4, 3 & 2 have now finished their Weather Story Café. Our topic for the Summer term is Colour.

**SOCIAL WORKER DROP IN** - Our Tuesday morning Drop In attended by a social worker from Disabled Children's Team is working well, next date for social worker is 24<sup>th</sup> April.

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Karen Davies Family Engagement Officer

## Dates for the Diary

### April

- 16 INSET DAY
- 17 FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS
- 19 Speech & Language in the Home Heron hall 10.30 - 12
- 24 Social worker Drop In 8.45—10
- 26 Family Information Day 10—1.30

### May

- 01 Book Swap 8.45—10am
- 21 Citizens Advice Bureau Please phone for an appointment
- 24 Elmer Day—Primary Dept
- 28—01 WHITSUN HALF TERM

### June

- 04 FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS
- 21 Bring & Buy Heron Hall 10 - 12.30
- 22 Bag2School Clothing Collection
- 25 Citizens Advice Bureau Please phone for an appointment

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