

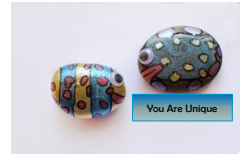


# Heron's Bridge News

## Spring 1



### Only One You



At the front of the school we have laid a river of fish pebbles, painted individually by pupils and staff, based on the story 'Only One You'. We liked this story because it empowers children to embrace their uniqueness, encouraging them to be who they are and not feel the need to follow everyone else. It is an important message about adventuring into the world, exploring new things, appreciating diversity but also accepting how special it is to be an individual.

'There's only one you in this great big world'



### Primary

All of the children were very excited when we had an unexpected crash landing in school for our 'WOW' factor to start our topic. An alien appeared and we found out as much as we could about him to help send him back home! The staff wore white forensic suits to avoid contamination— a real sight to see! Lots of learning about space with sensory stories and slime included.

- We have been working hard to learn about our rights as this week we are having a special visitor to school. We are currently a rights respecting school but would love to be rights committed! Our fav right—the right to play and learn
- M and M Theatre performed Peter Pan for us, which was much enjoyed with lots of audience participation— "I do believe, I do believe".



### Is there *Space* for this news?

This term has been very busy and extremely messy! We have been studying space! Pupils have been exploring space dust and learning about the solar system. Our pupils have been lucky enough to attend an intergalactic experience in a space dome and even tried some Neapolitan space food! I wonder if the kitchen would consider putting it on their menu?



### Strictly a Blast...

- Some of our seniors took part in the first ever inclusive dance competition this term sponsored by Leonard Cheshire Wales, a UK charity . They put their glad rags on and put on their dancing shoes. They got to experience coaching from some amazing dancers from our local area.
- The pupils came away with some great moves and some very shiny medals!





## Centre for Autism

- What fun we've had this term learning all about space, exploring the planets and the solar system including a visit to 'The Dome'.
- We have been 'Opportunity Ollies' and 'Independence Izzys' in our cooking, making planet cake pops! We have also been 'Wellbeing Winnys' and 'Sustainable Sams' on our morning walk this helps us to get ready to learn!

- Senior pupils and staff are learning about 'biophilia' the importance of green and blue spaces outside. As part of this we are going on exploration walks around the school grounds. Pupils are encouraged to 'find' things in the environment using pictures of familiar items around the school and then use magnifying glasses to look at them in more detail



## Leavers

- Students in Leavers have been taking part in a "sensory planets" theme in the hydro pool. Another great opportunity to see, hear, touch and feel in a different environment.
- Bendigedig to Ben Clatworthy for being a worthy winner in Strictly Cymru and for giving a very professional interview on ITV!

- Congratulations to Ethan Underwood and Liam McGuire for being selected to play for the Mencap Tournament in Geneva.
- Leavers 5 made a didgeridoo as part of 'exploring Australia'. They wanted to support the relief effort and organised a non uniform day, asking everyone to wear **RED**. Total raised £212.



Half Termly  
Attendance

**91.4%**

Top Attenders

1. **Class 12a** - 97.1%
2. **A4** - 97%
3. **A3** - 96%



Please phone school  
if your child is  
absent.

## Family Matters

**WILLS & TRUSTS** – Alison Huggins from Howells solicitors will be coming in 06 March to give a talk on a very sensitive, but also very important subject. We have limited spaces so booking is essential. Please phone the school to book a place.

**STORY CAFÉ** – Our Primary Story Café this term is linked to the theme of Explorers. Parents and grandparents have been taking part in a story and a fun art activity.

**FAMILY INFORMATION DAY** – Advice and Information for parents / carers / families on Thursday 30 April from 10 until 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome, sensory resources will be on sale.

**FAMILY ROOM** – Our new Family Room is up and running, we have extended the time from 8.45 until 12.00. Please come along, meet other parents and enjoy a coffee in our relaxed conservatory. This is a great opportunity to build a support network and share experiences and ideas.

**CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU** – Our next date is 01 April - appointments need to be booked.

**Check the Heronsbridge Moodle for latest information.**

Please feel free to contact me on 01656 815725 at any time or  
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## Dates for the Diary

### February

24 First Day back for pupils

### March

04 St David's Day  
06 Wills & Trusts  
booking essential  
27 Coping with Stress & Anxiety  
booking essential

### April

01 Citizens Advice Bureau  
Please phone for an appointment  
06 - 17 **EASTER HOLS**  
30 Family Information Day

### May

06 Citizens Advice Bureau  
Please phone for an appointment  
08 **May Bank Holiday - Friday**  
Due to 75th anniversary of VE day

*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](mailto:admin.heronbridgeschool@bridgend.gov.uk). We have an open door policy and welcome all contact with parents and families.*