



# Heronsbridge News Summer 2016

## Primary

This term our Primary classes have been learning about Our Wonderful World. We have been exploring aspects of light and dark, learning in the outdoor environment about plants and living things. Pupils enjoyed a visit from Zoolab ( thanks to Class 1 and Kia Lee's Mother for her birthday) and some of us were brave enough to touch spiders, snakes etc—not for the faint hearted!



We have welcomed Elizabeth Neal as Class 4 teacher.



We also took advantage of the recent sunshine to take part in the Pedal Power Initiative.

## Senior

**Music in Hospitals**—a musician came to play classical, modern and jazz music on the piano and violin. Pupils loved the chance to get up and move to live music.

**Calan Folk band.** Calan performed a musical adaptation of The King, the Cat and the Fiddle to the Senior Performing Arts group. Pupils loved this multisensory performance.

**Class 12** visited Pontardawe Arts Centre for a performance of a play, "The King of the Sky" written by a local author. The cast put on an additional performance especially for us and spent time with the class after the performance.



**Llangrannog.** Twenty one KS 3 and A8 pupils enjoyed a week of activities and fun together, at the Urdd camp in West Wales.

From archery to climbing, from Go Karts to grooving on the Disco Dance floor, every single person gave 100% and we loved every minute!

## **St Athans MOD**

Ks 3 pupils had a wonderful educational trip to St Athan courtesy of the MOD. They even explored a helicopter! What a great day—thank you!



## Dates for the Diary

- 30 May-4 June** Half term
- 13 June** Citizens Advice Bureau
- 15 June** Dads Aloud - support group for dads 1.30 - 2.30
- 16 June** Bring & Buy -Heron Hall 10-1
- 17 June** Blue bags2school
- 22 June** Let's Get Together Foster Carers 1.30 - 2.30
- 26 June** Gardens open 1-4
- 2 July** Friends Fete
- 4 July** Let's Get Together Gastrostomy 1.30 - 2.30
- 7 July** Reports to Parents evening
- 13 July** Records of Achievement Day
- 13 July** Welfare Benefits Clinic - Please phone for appointment

## Centre for Autism

The Autistic department's topic this term has been Our Wonderful World. The Primary Autistic have been under the sea, to the jungle and to the zoo ( with a little help from our interactive stories). The Senior Autistic have visited nature parks to look at animals and creatures in their natural environment.

Several staff and parents attended the PECS course delivered by Pyramid. It was highly successful.

Top dog - canine communication- has been working with some of our pupils encouraging interaction and developing communication.

## Celebrations

### VAULTING

Our horse vaulting team are preparing for their end of year show at the Talygarn Open Day at the Talygarn Equestrian Centre Pontyclun on 17th July.



### GENEVA 2016

Morgan Brunt and Lowell Evans travelled with Mr Howe to Geneva this May to represent Mencap's National Football team. They played in 8 group matches, beating Scotland in the final to become European Champions for the second year running! Well done boys and a big thank you to Mr Howe.

**FAMILY MATTERS** Please come along and support any of our events.

**FAMILY MATTERS GROUP** Welfare Reform was the subject of our Family Matters meeting this month. David Williams from Cerebra came in to talk about the changes that are taking place in the benefit system. Very informative advice and information a big thank you to everyone who attended.

**LET'S GET TOGETHER FOSTER CARERS** - Our first session was well attended, plenty of information sharing and support.

The next Get Together **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun 1.30 - 2.30.**

**WELFARE BENEFITS CLINIC and CITIZENS ADVICE** -

These appointments are individual and confidential. Our next Citizens Advice clinic is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Welfare Benefits Clinic is Wednesday 13 July so book your space! (01656 653974)

### **PARENT DROP IN**

Every **Tuesday morning** 8.45 until 10.00, all parents and carers are welcome to pop into the conservatory, have a coffee, relax or discuss any issues. Lending Library and Sensory resources are available to borrow and purchase, we have upcycled School Uniform for sale £1 per item. We now have the school toothpaste on sale for £1 per tube and Disabled Toilet Keys for £2.

### **FAMILY INFORMATION DAY**

Our 21 April day was another busy informative day for everyone with advice and support from many organisations that work together to improve the lives of our children and their families.

Next Information Day will be held in October 2016.

Karen Davies Family Engagement Officer Contact: 01656 653974 [karen.davies2@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:karen.davies2@bridgend.gov.uk)

Keep up to date on issues such as e-safety and see pictures in our gallery of events by visiting our Moodle website on <http://moodle.bridgend.gov.uk/heronsbridge>

**Attendance** Our most recent whole-school attendance figure is 91.1% showing a slight decrease since Easter.

If you have any queries about attendance please contact Jeremy Evans or Karen Davies at school to discuss. Congratulations to class A3 who currently have 97.2% attendance, followed very closely (in ranked order) by classes C12, L3 & A1 who all have over 95% attendance.

We would like to remind you that it is vital that you give your child every opportunity to reach their full potential by ensuring they come to school every day. If your child is absent for any reason, please could you phone the school office to let us know, thank-you for your consideration and co-operation.

*If you would like to talk about any aspects of your child's education  
or to report a child's absence you can telephone (01656) 653974  
or email [admin.heronsbridgeschool@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:admin.heronsbridgeschool@bridgend.gov.uk).*

*We would like to remind parents that we do have an open door policy  
and welcome all contact with parents and families.*