

Heronsbridge go outside...

On Wednesday 23 May the whole school took part in an outdoor classroom day where we had exciting learning opportunities and used as much of our school grounds as we could. This included an outside assembly, mini-beast hunt, route finding, den building, art using natural materials and a sensory version of Going on a Bear Hunt. It was great to see everyone take part so enthusiastically.



Primary

- On the 15th May the department supported the MPS awareness day by wearing blue to school.
- Some Early Years and Class One pupils enjoyed attending the story café for 3 weeks with parents / grandparents linked to our topic of colour.

- Class 2 and 3 held a garden party to celebrate the Royal Wedding. They made bunting, had snacks and played some party games.
- We celebrated Elmer Day by dressing in coloured clothes and having a craft assembly where many colourful elephants were created.



Seniors

- Exciting times ahead as it has been agreed that the whole senior department will all wear navy uniform from September 2018.
- Well done to Jessie Owen for completing his National Tests in Reading and Numeracy

- Classes celebrated the royal wedding with parties.
- The Athletics team took part in the WSAPLD championships at Leckwith Stadium
- Congratulations to Mr Howe for organising the Mencap football squad playing in Geneva. Also well done to our students Garin and Josh for taking part.





Centre for Autism

- We have been making the most of the sunny weather that we've had this half term by doing lots of outdoor learning
- The classes have been busy doing colour hunts, nature surveys, artwork and lots of outdoor games and music!

- We enjoyed a special sensory assembly to celebrate the Royal Wedding.
- We all made flags to wave and experienced the different sights, smells and sounds that we thought might be in the wedding.



Leavers

- The Leavers had a visit from the RNLI who spoke to them about beach safety.
- Our young people learnt about the safe areas of the sea to swim, as well as the meaning of the different coloured flags. They recognised the importance of keeping safe at the beach.

- The Performing Arts Group presented "Little Red" to the school as part of their Accredited Course. The students acted extremely well and the show was very entertaining.
- Leavers 5 were invited to the official opening of the redeveloped Bridgend Train Station and its new disabled facilities. Our students were interviewed and were on TV !



Half Termly
Attendance

88.8%

Top Attenders

1. A8—100%

2. A5—95.7%

3. A1—94.7%

Please phone school
if your child is
absent.

Family Matters

FAMILY INFORMATION DAY - another busy day full of advice and information, Thank you to everyone who attended, your support is valuable. Next FID October 2018.

EMA - (KS4) If you would like any help to fill out the **EMA** forms please give me a call and we can arrange a convenient time.

MINDFULNESS - Our parent course has now finished, if anyone is interested in participating next year please contact me and we can try to arrange another course

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU - Our next date is Monday 25th June. If you require help to fill out a DLA form, please phone for an appointment.

PRIMARY STORY CAFÉ - Our Primary topic is Colour, we have listened to Pete the Cat and Elmer's Colours.

DROP IN - 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.

BOOK SWAP - Pick up a few holiday books, next swap Tuesday 05 June 8.45 - 10am.

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

Karen Davies Family Engagement Officer

Dates for the Diaries

JUNE

- 21 June Bring & Buy - Heron Hall 10 - 12.30 All welcome
- 22 June Bag2School Clothing collection
- 25 June Citizens Advice Bureau Please phone to book an appointment

JULY

- 03 July Parents evening
- 07 July School Fete 11 - 4pm
- 9 - 20 July Moving on Fortnight
- 11 July Sports Day -
- 16 July Citizens Advice Bureau Please phone to book an appointment
- 18 July ROA Day
- 18 July Leavers Ball
- 20 July Garden Party -
- 23 July Last day 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.
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Heronsbridge News

Summer 2 2018



ONCE A HERON.....

- We would like to wish Jaci Bevan and Sue Ronan a long and happy retirement
- We would also like to wish Simon Type farewell and the very best of luck in his new job as Deputy Head
- Other staff moving on to better things (is there anything better than Heronsbridge?) are Lewis Davies, Matthew Greenwood, Annie Merchant and Tom Dunn
- A big 'thank you' to you all for your hard work!



Primary

- We went on a department trip to Aberavon Splash Park thanks to a kind donation. It was lovely to spend time all together!
- Some pupils attended Oily Cart theatre production of Splish Splash in Hydrotherapy—it was amazing!

- Everyone enjoyed transition fortnight where they had the opportunity to meet new friends and teachers. During this week we also had the chance to come together to learn and perform a new song.
- Class 2 enjoyed attending LAP, NAP and OLAP sessions which was well supported by parents.



Seniors

- Oily Cart Theatre also worked with pupils in the Senior School to take part in 'Splish Splash' - the music was incredible!
- Sports Day was a resounding success with all of the pupils 'having a go' at long and short races.

- We have enjoyed some lovely class day trips/outings during the last few weeks - Victoria Park, Odeon, Techniquet, Ice cream parlours etc. We have certainly made the most of the fantastic weather.
- Some of the pupils also enjoyed a visit to Ewenny Priory as part of the Ewenny 900 festival.





Centre for Autism

- We have been busy this half term with lots of opportunities to work and play in our new classes during 'Moving On Fortnight'.
- There have been lots of different activities including a circus skills workshop, bouncy castle, garden party, cricket and meeting some sheep!

- We enjoyed participating in our sports day. We all took part in different races, some walking and some running, ranging from 20m to 80m.
- We all did our best and had lots of fun cheering on all of the other competitors! Staff also joined in, showing a very competitive spirit!



Leavers

- All of the Leavers department went to Heatherton Theme Park for the day. We had great fun on all the rides and the weather was kind to us.
- Other class trips have included bowling in Cardiff, travelling by public transport to Margam Park followed by a picnic, breakfast at Weatherspoon's and a BBQ at Bryngarw Park. We have all had a fun end to a hard working and busy year.

Leavers cont.

- All the year 13 and 14 along with their guests came to the School Prom held in Heron Hall. It was a fantastic evening with the girls looking beautiful in their Ball Gowns and the Boys in their suits.
- We wish all those leaving success in the future and hope you will keep in touch....



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

...every school day counts!

Half Termly Attendance

89%

Top Attenders

1. A8 96%

2. A5 95%

3. A2 94%

Family Matters

BRING & BUY / BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION – Another successful fundraiser, we raised a massive £420, thank you for your support, the next sale will be in November.

ELMER DAY – The Primary department celebrated Elmer Day this year, pupils and staff dressed in brightly coloured clothes, watched an Elmer story in Heron Hall and then produced a colourful elephant. Everyone all had great fun!

EMA – If you would like any help to fill out the **EMA** forms please give me a call and we can arrange a convenient time.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU – Our next date is Monday 24th September. If you would like to book an appointment, please give me a call.

PRIMARY STORY CAFE – Massive thank you to the parents who supported the Story Café this year.

DROP IN – 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.

BOOK SWAP – Our next book swap will be on Tuesday 2nd October 8.45 – 10am.

Check the Heronsbridge Moodle for latest information.

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Dates for the Diary

SEPTEMBER

3 & 4 Inset Days

5 First Day back for pupils

24 Citizens Advice Bureau

OCTOBER

29 - 2 Half term

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