



# Heron's Bridge News

Summer 1 2019



## New Outdoor Area



Thanks to the Friends of Heron's Bridge who generously contributed £10,000 to turn a little used area outside the Primary Centre for Autism into an amazing outdoor learning environment. This high quality space increases the range of exciting opportunities for our pupils.



### Llangrannog

Pupils in KS3 and KS4 enjoyed a fun filled week away at Llangrannog. The pupils were lucky enough to go skiing, take part in tobogganing, climb the high ropes and even shoot a few arrows in archery! After their daily entertainment they enjoyed watching films, dancing at the disco and getting a good sleep ready for the next day! Fantastic trip with impeccable behaviour.



### Duke of Edinburgh

Sam, Dafydd and Sadie represented the school at an award ceremony held at Sony when the school was presented with a Community Youth Award for their Duke of Edinburgh commitment. This was a special evening and the students also met George North.

### Family Matters

#### Half Termly

#### Attendance

Whole School 91.2%

#### Top Attenders

1.	EY	98.9%
2.	A7	98.8%
3.	A2	98.6%

**FAMILY INFORMATION DAY** – Thank you to everyone who attended our Spring Information Day, a very busy morning offering support and advice from a number of organisations. We held a raffle to fund the Hospitality students summer trip we raised £120. Massive thanks to everyone who supported.

**CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU** – CAB continue to hold individual hourly confidential sessions for parents on issues such as DLA, PIP, disability, housing, money and debt, welfare benefits etc. Our next date is Monday 24 June appointments need to be booked.

Next **BOOK SWAP** is on Tuesday 4th June 8.45 – 10am during the Drop In.

**Check the Heron's Bridge Moodle for latest information.**

### Dates for the Diary

#### MAY

27 - 31 May WHITSUN

#### JUNE

06 June Puberty Talk for Parents.  
Please book a space

13 June Bring & Buy

14 June Bag2School collection

24 June Citizens Advice Bureau  
Please book an appointment

#### JULY

06 July School Fete 11-4

08-19 July Moving on Fortnight Transition for whole school

19 July Last Day of term

22 July INSET DAY

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## It is not the winning but taking part..!



As we have mentioned in many of the newsletters, we really like to make the most of our lovely school grounds. They provided a great venue for our annual Sports Day which this year included a new experience—Super Sensory Circuits. Pupils (and parents/carers!) were able to touch, feel, hear and smell a variety of experiences as well as taking part in their races. Well done to all who ran and walked so enthusiastically!



### Primary

- Our topic focus for the summer term has been “Are we There Yet?” with lots of transport themed fun learning activities. To celebrate we welcomed the local fire brigade into school, and also set off rockets made at home—whoosh!! Up, Up and Away!!!!
- We have also been very fortunate to attend a consecutive Aberavon Splash Party courtesy of Oskar Yaddehi in celebration of his birthday.

- Over the term the primary department has been very active in promoting pupil health and wellbeing. Many of our pupils have achieved swimming awards and we are now able to offer our learners with profound and multiple learning needs, certified Rebound sessions.
- We wish our KS2 leavers the best of luck as they start the senior department in September.



### Secondary

- **Just keep learning..... Just keep learning....Just keep learning ....** one of our literacy groups have been exploring letters and using various mark making techniques. Bradley took full advantage of the situation and painted Carlos' nose! Its amazing how much knowledge is retained when the pupils are having fun!

- **ACTION.....** Key stage 4 have been busy this term entertaining the school with their performance of ‘A Present For Pan’. Lots of hard work went into creating this performance. Heron'sbridge School have some amazing performers who are very dedicated and lucky enough to show off their acting skills on stage in the Bridgend College Sony Theatre.







## Centre for Autism

Classes A4 & A6 visited South Wales Aviation Museum (SWAM) in St Athan. The pupils enjoyed sitting in helicopters, took the 'hot seat' in a Phantom fighter jet and had a play in a real 747 Jumbo jet cockpit to name but a few of the experiences offered to the pupils. We are extremely grateful to all the staff at SWAM for making our visit so successful. We will certainly be back !!!

A1, 2 and 3 enjoyed our visit from the Fire service! We enjoyed squirting the fire hose, dressing up in the fireman's uniform and sitting in the fire engine!

Pupils from senior Centre for Autism have been visiting various places to learn more about transport and travel, which is our topic of the term. The National Waterfront museum was a great success, staff were very supportive and pupils were able to try out the interactive displays and various vehicles. Only some of us remember the Sinclair C5!! Another excellent term!!!



## LEAVERS

Three groups of students have completed their D of E expedition this term. They walked along the seafront at Porthcawl from Rest bay to Coney Beach on the first day and then a walk at Parc Slip on the second day. They camped in the Orchard in school and enjoyed a sing along whilst chilling in the evening. The students showed great resilience and stamina throughout. Awesome stuff.  
Well done all !!!

Leavers had a department trip to Heatherton. We had a beautifully sunny day and the students really enjoyed themselves. They played golf, rode the bumper boats, jumped on a massive inflatable pillow, played water games and some were even brave enough to come down the zip wire!!!

The year ended with our Prom. An evening for the students to celebrate their success with family and friends, a "truly glamorous" evening!



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

...every school day counts!

Half Termly  
Attendance:

**91.6%**

Top Attenders

1. A1—98%
2. A6—96.7%
3. A3—96.5%

Please phone school  
if your child is  
absent.

## Family Matters

**FAMILY ROOM** – Our new Family Room will be ready for our first Drop In of the school year on Tuesday 10 September. We are extending the time from 8.45 until 12.00. Please come along, meet other parents, 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** – CAB continue to hold monthly individual hourly confidential sessions for parents on issues such as DLA, PIP, disability, housing, money and debt, welfare benefits etc. Our next date is 18<sup>th</sup> September appointments need to be booked.

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Karen Davies Family Engagement Officer

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### JULY

19 July LAST DAY FOR PUPILS

### SEPTEMBER

02 September INSET DAY

03 September INSET DAY

04 September FIRST DAY  
BACK FOR PUPILS

10 September Citizens Advice  
Please phone to book an  
appointment

**HAPPY & SAFE  
HOLIDAYS**

*If you would like to talk about any aspects of your child's education you can telephone us on 01656 815725 or email [admin.heronbridge@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:admin.heronbridge@bridgend.gov.uk).  
We have an open door policy and welcome all contact with parents and families.*