



Heron's Bridge News

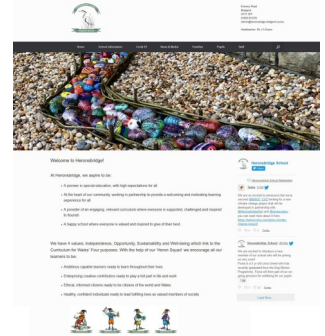
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★★HEADLINE NEWS★★

Check out our new Website www.heron'sbridge.co.uk for all our latest news, information and resources!

The children's commissioner for Wales has given the school's Super Ambassadors a mission this term-to encourage pupils to think about how Heron's Bridge supports their well being and put forward suggestions on what else we can do. We look forward to hearing about their ideas.



Primary

- Welcome to our new pupils who are all settling in to their exciting new classes!
- We all had the opportunity to interact with Fiona our new school dog! She came around our classes to visit us and we were all encouraged to say hello by stroking her and giving her big hugs!

Primary continued

- From the 20th-26th September, we all took part in National Nature Art Week. We engaged in lots of outdoor learning whilst embracing an artistic style. One of our favourite techniques was Hapa Zome.



Bib; and ball; at the ready.....

On Saturday 18th September, the Herons had a 'ball' with their rendition of a Dribble-A-Thon. Mr Howe and his footballers pulled off a great day with pupils, past and present, strutting their stuff! Pupils had a great time showing off their dribbling skills in this marathon attempt, but were they able to master the art? With 191 laps of the football pitch (26.2 miles) completed by the team we're likely to be having players

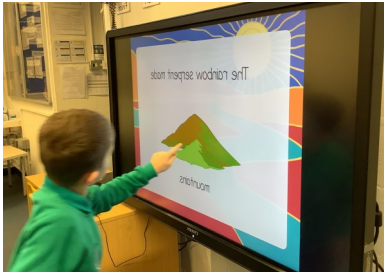
signing for Swansea City Mr Howe! I hope there were no yellow cards mind Steve! Well done to all those who took part not to mention all the staff and families who were there in support. And what about the incredible £2,509.52 raised by the guys for The Friends of Heron's Bridge! Which we're still adding to!

Y'hello' from the seniors!

Welcome back to all our pupils! This term we have celebrated Yellow Day to help raise money for Young Minds Mental Health. Pupils dug out their best yellow frocks and did it with style. We had a 'selfie' booth and lots of our pupils rocked the show with their funny socks, hats and onesies. Thank you to all those who took part and donated, it was a great day. #SELFIE

Have a safe and relaxing half term from all in seniors!





Centre for Autism

This term we have welcomed 6 new pupils to the department and 2 new teachers. There have been several classroom moves and everyone has settled well into their new classes. Kaleidoscope is our topic and we have been working on the Health and Wellbeing element of the New Curriculum—the introduction of movement breaks and engagement sessions.

The Centre for Autism had lots of fun on Hello Yellow day. We all got together over TEAMS to join in with our Movement breaks. We enjoyed lots of Yellow activities including cookery, art and outdoor learning. We have lots of exciting new projects in the coming months and we can't wait to share them with you.

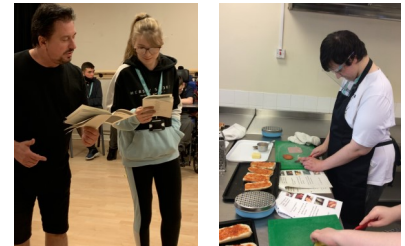


Leavers

The Leavers Department welcomed our new students with an Induction Week, introducing our “freshers” to many of the experiences that Leavers has to offer. The students had taster sessions in the coffee shop, where they tasted fruit and made a fruit salad and visited our market garden, where they ate some of the delicious vegetables grown in the poly tunnel. They also had a go at camp cooking and tent building as part of our Duke of Edinburgh programme. Work-based learning and the Duke of Edinburgh will be a big part of our new students' Heronsbridge experience over the next three years.

Leavers continued

We are excited to take our Leavers back to Bridgend College again, after an 18-month hiatus due to Covid. Our Year 12s are working hard on a production of The Wizard of Oz with Tim, the college Performing Arts tutor, while our Year 13s are learning how to cook some delicious dishes with Cath, the college's catering tutor. Transition to college is an important part of the Leavers Department experience.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS
...every school day counts!

Half Termly Attendance

88.5%

Top Attenders

1. A5 — 97.9%
2. A2 — 97.7%
3. A1 — 97.2%

Please phone school if your child is absent.

Family Matters

FAMILY DROP IN – We have started holding our Virtual Drop In via Microsoft Teams on a Thursday morning for the moment. There are 2 sessions 10–10.45 & 11–11.45, but we will go with the flow if an afternoon is more convenient.

All you need is a smart phone, iPad, laptop/computer and internet access. We have 'Microsoft Teams How To' sheets to help get you started and I am on the end of the phone. If you are unsure, give me a call and I will try to help.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU – We are unable to hold CAB sessions at school for the moment, but if anyone would like an appointment to help complete DLA / PIP forms or any other issues please phone the school and I will arrange this for you.

RESOURCES – don't forget we have lots of useful resources for sale, ear defenders, chewables, radar keys (disability toilet keys), timers, fidget toys, toothpaste etc

Please feel free to contact me on 01656 815725 at any time or karen.davies@heronsbridge.bridgend.cymru
Karen Davies Family Engagement Officer

FRIENDS OF HERONSBRIDGE

We are very excited to announce that we now have a brand new Facebook group!! By joining us, you will be able to access our news, events and see how we are supporting Heronsbridge school.

Dates for the Diary

OCTOBER

- 21 Scary Hair Day
- 22 Inset Day
- 25–29 **Half Term**

NOVEMBER

- 01 First Day back for pupils
- 28 Funky Friday

DECEMBER

- 20/12 - 03/01 **Christmas Hols**

JANUARY

- 04 Inset 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.heronsbridgeschool@bridgend.gov.uk. We have an open door policy and welcome all contact with parents and families.