



Newyddion Heronsbridge

Tymor yr hydref 1 2025



#Hello Yellow Day

There was a sea of yellow in the school on Friday 10th October as students and staff were invited to wear something yellow to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. The pupils enjoyed a find something yellow treasure hunt during their mile walk and had a wonderful time taking part in a range of activities to raise awareness for positive mental health, resilience, confidence and the importance of their wellbeing. This year's theme was 'Wear it loud. Wear it Proud' and to celebrate that everyone had a great time snapping photos in the photobooth with a whole range of bright yellow props.



Primary

We have had another busy start to term, welcoming lots of new pupils to the department and settling back into our school routine after the summer break. We have been continuing to develop our Wellbeing Wynnies by offering lots of opportunities throughout the term such as equine therapy, boys and girls club and music therapy. In addition to developing attention and engagement, the pupils have had lots of smiles and laughter which is what it is all about!

Primary

Classes have been getting out and about again this term developing skills and learning more about our topic 'Tell Me a Story' where we have been focussing on 'Alice in Wonderland'. Class 5 visited Margam park where they enjoyed listening to stories in the Fairy Tale Village.

On Friday 24th October we are having a Mad Hatter's Tea Party with a Halloween fancy dress theme! The classes have worked together and made lots of treats for everyone to enjoy!





Secondary

In the Secondary Department this term we have reignited our BOTAWA links as well as working towards the pupil chosen target of our School Improvement Plan - 'To make an impact in Global Goal 12.5 - By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse'. We have been learning about life in Botswana and Tanzania and how we can all make a difference to our planet and being more eco-friendly. We have created TingaTinga paintings using African techniques, created a model Mnt Kilimanjaro, taken part in assemblies and created African-related art using recycled materials and improving our environment by recycling our waste.

Secondary

As part of 'Pathways' on a Thursday morning, Mr. Howe has taken a group of pupils to learn about 'Ground Maintenance'. Pupils have shown excellent work ethic and Mr. Howe has commended Dylan for his ability to follow demonstrations perfectly, his attention to detail and his focus. If you think the school is looking particularly good, it's all thanks to this hardworking group of pupils; the true sense of Sustainable Sams!

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Centre for Autism

Wow, what a first term we've had! A big welcome to all our new pupils into the department. It's been wonderful to see everyone settling in so well—smiles, routines and lots of learning happening in all our classrooms. This term we've jumped into our magical new topic "Tell Me a Story". We've been exploring tales, rhymes, characters and adventures from some favourite books and rhymes. We have loved exploring Alice in Wonderland, and as the Cheshire Cat once said "We're all a bit mad here" we've certainly embraced the madness!

Centre for Autism

The Senior Centre for Autism have returned refreshed and ready for their new term. It's been wonderful to see our learners settle back into routine with confidence, curiosity and lots of smiles. We've embraced our learning in lots of different ways and it's been exciting exploring our new stories. Some of our students have been working on their transition and accessing a wide range of spaces across the school. They have been Wellbeing Wynnie's accessing our stunning Hydrotherapy pool and dynamic DYB! Bring on the next term!





Leavers

Students in Leavers have the opportunity every Friday afternoon to take part in a jamming session! There are a range of interesting instruments to choose from to explore. Each week learners play together, along with Laura on the keyboard and Mr Hoey on the drums, what a great way to end the week!

Leavers

It is important for our learners to get out and about in the local community. This is to practise skills learnt in class and transfer them to real life situations. Walking from R block into Bridgend learners can visit a range of locations and local facilities such as ASDA, Tesco, various cafes and leisure areas such as Newbridge Fields. We enjoy getting out and about!



Special News

Last Spring Lydia Courtier, Kath Tilbury, Francis Thomas and Joe Hickles had the chance to go on a bee keeping course with Bridgend Bee Keepers.

Over the summer with the help of the local community we had our first hive move onto school grounds. Since moving in the bees have been busy making honey and we hope to be selling Heronsbridge honey at the summer fete.

The four beekeepers held a recruitment evening recently and now we have 8 budding bee keepers to care for our growing apiary.



Scan the QR code to find out more about how the Rotary Club have helped with setting up the Pantry project and how pupils are benefitting from it





Family Matters



Friends Together | The Friends of Heronsbridge (Registered charity 1131617) | UNICEF South West England

TABLE TOP SALE

Sunday 16 November 2025
Heronsbridge School
11am-3pm

£5 per table

All proceeds from the cost of the table will be used to directly benefit the pupils of Heronsbridge School.

Refreshments available

For further information, or to book a table, contact Karen on 07729 079555. Please note: £5 must be paid at the time of booking.

Support for Parents and Carers

We know parenting a young person with complex needs is exhausting. That's why our support comes from people who have been there.

Advice & Guidance Wellbeing benefits, respite, care planning & accessing local services	Shared Experience Insights from parents who have navigated health, education, social care & home adaptations	Signposting Clear pathways to local resources & specialist services
Empowering You Information & resources to help you advocate with confidence for your child's needs	Transition Support with next steps: education, employment, independent living & adult services	Legal Guidance Introduction to Court of Protection, trusts & financial planning for the future & legal advice

CONTACT US
Walking alongside you and your family, every step of the way. Get in touch or sign-up to access our support today.

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Join our community

TY CWTCH TIMETABLE

Ty Cwtch Pantry | *Ty Cwtch Pre-Loved*

Opening Hours

EVERY MONDAY
10am-2pm

PARENT DROP IN
THURSDAYS
LAST OF EVERY MONTH
10am-1130am

EVERY FRIDAY
10am-1pm

Our new timetable for the year for all our lovely customers. Thank you as always for supporting and giving our pupils the opportunities to develop and experience work based skills! All items in Ty Cwtch Pre-Loved £1, 12 items for £5 in the Food Pantry and don't forget our pre-loved uniform is also available for £1 an item.

Attendance

Attendance to date
89.6%
Autumn term 1 -Top attenders

- A11- 98.3%
- A5 - 97.4%
- A8 - 97.2%

If your child is unable to attend school, please phone the office on 01656 815725 before 9.00am on the first day of absence and each morning thereafter (unfortunately we are unable to accept messages from the taxi escorts).

Keeping learners safe

Scan the QR code to access information on keeping learners safe on our school website

The following link will also take you to information on how to

Out of school hours contact information

Emergency duty team (01443) 743665

Early Help: (01656) 815420 / 0642740 / 815431 **Email:** earlyhelp@bridgend.gov.uk

Information, Advice and Assistance team (IAA): (01656) 642320

Dates for the Diary

Half Term 27th-31st Oct

Nov

3rd Pupils return

14th Children in Need

27th Meet the Team & Sensory Santa

Dec

2nd Friends & Co

Christmas singalong

3rd Primary Carol Concert

10th/ 11th Senior Christmas Show

16th Pupil Christmas Fete

17th Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

19th Pupil Xmas disco & last day of term