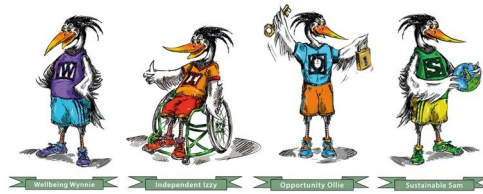




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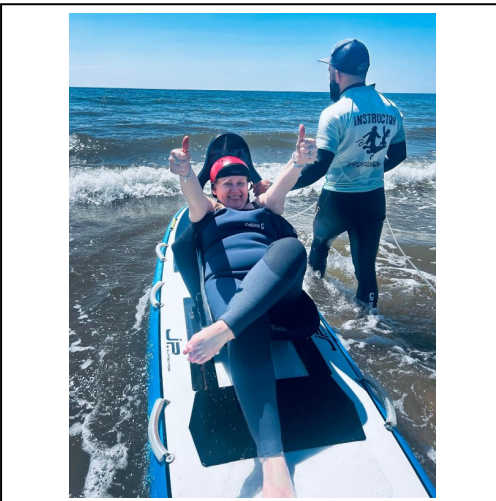
‘MOVEMENT IS THE SONG OF THE BODY’

Vanda Scaravelli



A huge congratulations to Eva-Mae Charles who graduated from the MOVE programme! We celebrated Eva's success with a whole school assembly. Eva then led us around the school grounds accompanied by lots of songs and smiles. When Eva began her MOVE journey she was unable to stand independently and needed the use of a wheelchair at all times. Now Eva is able to sit on a conventional chair without straps, walk independently and has even mastered walking up and down stairs. Go Eva! There is no stopping you now! We are all so proud of you!

MOVE



Primary

A handful of pupils attended Karma Seas Surfability down on Caswell beach in the summer sunshine! After squeezing into wetsuits and lifejackets, all of the pupils sat on the specially adapted surf boards and rode some waves! It was an amazing experience for them which they all loved! Even the head of the primary department Cerys Bowen couldn't resist a go!

There has been lots of wellbeing activities going on this term and during MOVE fortnight we were all encouraged to get moving in different ways. Everyone had a wonderful time in our sports day this year and especially getting mucky and messy in our sensory tents!

Primary

This term Class 6 and TP have been getting together to work on their football skills. Each week the students have developed their skills by learning how to pass the ball to each other, and where to kick the ball on the pitch. After their strenuous session, the students then enjoyed relaxing and mindfulness breathing at the end. To celebrate their efforts, the Mini Herons will now be having their own football awards party!






Farewell to 2 of our Dog Mentors

After years of dedicated service, our beloved therapy dogs, Fiona and Luna, are retiring. These two wonderful dogs have brought comfort, joy, and smiles to so many faces! After working so hard to support our pupils both emotionally and educationally it's now time for them to stay home put their paws up, catch up with Dogs Behaving Badly and eat some cheesy nibbles! Thank you, Fiona and Luna, for your years of love and dedication! We all wish you a very happy and restful retirement.

Secondary

Pupils from the secondary department have been lucky enough to take part in the annual visit to Llangrannog. Pupils enjoyed a few days away from the hustle and bustle of school and home life and spent time taking part in some really exciting activities. Some of the activities included, Dry slope skiing, Quad biking, High ropes, Trampolining, Tobogganing, Swimming, Climbing, Go karting, Horse riding, Archery, Assault course, Bush craft & shelter building. Here is our lovely Carlos and Poppy from class 11 taking on the high ropes! Of course, pupils enjoyed a well deserved party before they returned back to school! Secondary department would like to say a massive

Thank you! 

to all the staff who volunteered their own personal time to assist our pupils in



Centre for Autism

We had a wonderful celebration as a department for our Annual Record of Achievement event this year. What a superb way to recognise and celebrate our friends who were graduating from their Key Stages or finishing their school chapter with us at Heronsbridge. The very best of luck to our pupils leaving Toby, Michael and Ieuan. You have all been wonderful assets to the school and hope that you have your wings so that you can fly. Good luck Herons and well done to all our students for their outstanding achievements this year.

Centre for Autism

It's been a super busy term with lots of celebratory and whole school events taking place. We loved taking part in our Friendship Festival where we celebrate our friends and peers and remember those who have left us. The ice-cream van visit was a firm favourite, of course. We made memory tags, had glitter tattoos, and took part in our sensory 2 rhythm session. Ardderchog everyone!





Leavers

Students in the Leavers department are given the opportunity to work towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. This half term, Year 12 and 13 students took on a two-day expedition, complete with an overnight camp in the school gym. Battling horrendous weather - including relentless rain and gusty winds - they showed incredible adaptability as they navigated steep climbs and uneven terrain. Undeterred, they set up camp and cooked their evening meals on Trangias, proving just how resilient and resourceful they are. Despite the challenging conditions, every student completed the expedition safely. What a remarkable achievement - we are so proud of you all!

Leavers

As the school year draws to a close, we bid a fond farewell to our incredible Year 14 students. It's been a fantastic year for them as they make the transition to Bridgend College, Bevan College and Bridgend Resource Centre. Their journey with us has been full of growth, laughter, and achievement. We gave them the send-off they truly deserved, with a memorable ROA ceremony followed by a glittering Prom to mark the end of their time at school. We'll miss you, Year 14—but we know you're ready for all that lies ahead. Pob Lwc—you are amazing!



Curriculum Review and Reflections

With our Heron assemblies, reward systems, inclusion in intended Outcomes and plenaries during lessons, the four purposes are integral to everything we do. The pupils, to the best of their abilities, can be heard talking about which Heron they have been and why or choosing which one they are working on that day. We feel this is a real strength of the curriculum. We have started a piece of work to further develop the four purposes and our values with staff to further deepen their understanding in a very authentic and real way.

This term teachers have taken time in their AOLE working parties to review our curriculum design. They reflected on two key areas: Progression and the impact of our assessment of progression for our learners. Whole school planning: the topics themselves, collaboration within school, emerging use of AI and our Assessment In Learning strategies, outdoor and authentic learning opportunities, were all deemed as strengths. Areas to consider included; continuing to develop our own Pre-Progression steps, to collect feedback from our pupils about the Big Wows to make sure they are as motivating as we think they are, continue to review AOLE coverage to ensure a breadth and depth of opportunities across the curriculum and review our summative assessment to ensure it best meets the needs of all of our learners whilst adhering to the Curriculum for Wales guidance.

Next term we will be looking at the topic of "Tell Me A Story" so you might like to share a favourite childhood story of your own or explore settings over the summer that may inspire a story or two. We hope you have fun!



Cineworld Cinemas
£1 Family Films. ALL SUMMER LONG!
You read that right! 📖 From July 25 to August 28, we're bringing fantastic family films to Cineworld screens for just £1 a ticket!

Family Matters



Thank you to all that came to our Meet The Team event this term! We hope you all enjoyed, had a good chat, a hot drink and a sweet treat! Thanks as always for your support!




HERONSBRIDGE SCHOOL FOOD PANTRY

We will be opening on the following dates through the school holidays in order to support our family and community:

- Thurs 31st July
- Thurs 7th Aug
- Thurs 14th Aug
- Thurs 21st Aug

Come along and support and take care of any shopping needs. 12 items for £5!

Thursdays
11:00-12:00
Closed last Thursday 28th August

Get in touch with any questions by emailing manleyr2@hwb.cymru.net or family@heronsbridgebridgend.cymru





Thank you to the Rotarians for sponsoring and supporting the Pantry Project- we appreciate all that you do for us. Heronsbridge school is also one of the centenary projects that Rotary Bridgend are fundraising for


PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays	MORRISONS Kids under 10 Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
BEEFEATER Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main	PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept	PURETTO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
BREWERS FAYRE Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
BREWDOG 2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
BURGER KING From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)	SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm
CHIQUITO Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch	TESCO Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st
FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025	TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)
FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
GODDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th
HARVESTER Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App	WHITBREAD INNS 2 Kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays	YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	ZIZZI Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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A number of local groups and charities have shared a list of activities that some of them are offering children with additional needs over the Summer. Please head over to the website where a list of the activities have been uploaded;

[Family Engagement Notice Board – Heronsbridge School](#)



Attendance to date

88.5%

Summer term 5 & 6
Top attenders

A6	97.0%
A5	96.7%
C4	95.4%

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




This link will also take you to information on how to keep safe online

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

SUMMER BREAK
Mon 21st July—Wed 3rd Sept

Thursday 24th July—
Sunshine Family Wellness Day Newbridge Fields 12-3

Thursday 31st July,
Thursday 7th Aug,
Thursday 14th Aug

Thursday 21st Aug - Ty
Cwtch Food Pantry 11-12pm
Holiday times.

Wednesday 3rd Sept—
Pupils back to school