



Quality, excellence and passion

13.01.23

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this is the first newsletter of 2023, I would like to begin by expressing that I hope you all had a good Christmas/winter holiday and that you were able to enjoy the time together. As January progresses, I can see that time is going to fly by; I cannot believe that this Friday marks the end of the second week of term! What a fantastic school we have full of your wonderful children. I have been very impressed with the way the children care for one another and the sense of teamwork across the school. Across these first few days, I have had the pleasure of meeting many pupils. They have confidently introduced themselves to me and demonstrated both good humour and patience as I endeavour to learn their names! I have also met many of you in the mornings during drop off. I think we have all demonstrated a degree of 'good humour' battling against the rain and wind which has greeted us at 8.40am in the morning! It has been fantastic to begin to get to know all the Heron Park families and I look forward to more opportunities to do so.

Values



In school, we have been focusing on our value of 'Aspiration'. In our first assembly together, we explored what it means to be aspirational. We looked at how aiming high can often be challenging, particularly if we can't complete or achieve something straight away! The children explored the word **yet**; I might not know the answer yet, but I will be able to soon! Having the confidence to try new things and not give up is certainly a skill for life. I have already seen the children demonstrate both resilience and aspiration in all aspects of school life, particularly within their lessons.



Our values champions were awarded in assembly this week. Congratulations to all the children for their achievements and for modelling our focus value across each school day.

Safeguarding



Should you ever have any concerns about a child and require advice, you are able to contact ChildLine or our school Senior Leadership Team/ some members of our Safeguarding Team: Mrs Richardson, Mrs Crees, Mrs Williams or Mrs Morgan. Keeping our children safe online is extremely important. Do have a look at the two recommended websites towards the end of this newsletter which are full of advice to support parents in helping protect children.

Attendance

Attendance in school is an absolute priority for our children. Regular and punctual attendance is utterly essential so that all children have full access to the curriculum and realise their potential. Valuable learning time is lost when children are absent or late. Please do continue to ensure that your child is in school each day and in time for his/her registration. Thank you with your support in this critical area of your child's education.

Our current awards were issued to the following classes this week for excellent attendance:

Gold: Butterflies 94.6%.

Silver: Ducks 94.3%.

Bronze: Rabbits 93.9%

Parent Consultations

Our Term 3 Parent Consultations are scheduled to take place on **Tuesday 31st January** and **Thursday 2nd February**. Please do save these dates. In the near future, you will receive details about how to book your appointments. These meetings are an opportunity to celebrate your child's success and also find out the next steps needed for them to reach their end of year targets. We look forward to seeing you later this term.

I do hope that you enjoy looking through the rest of the newsletter which celebrates just some of the events/learning that has taken place across the last two weeks, as well as some further information about future events in school. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday for another action-packed week of wonderful learning experiences.

Kind regards,

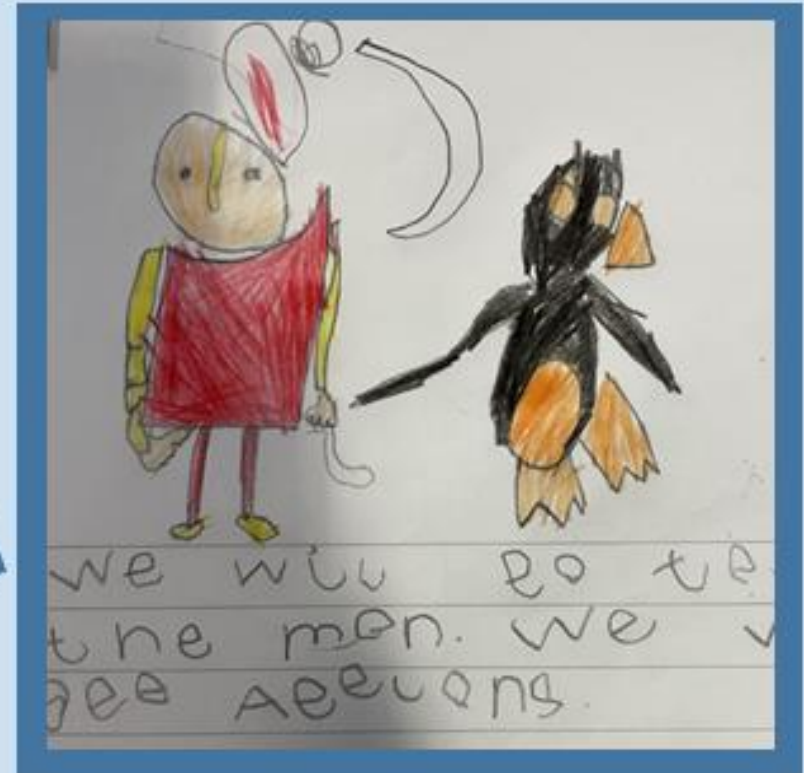


Mrs H. Crees

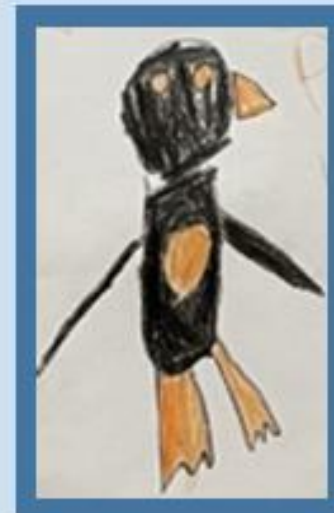




Each time I have arrived in our Nursery setting, I have been thrilled to see the children's creative ideas and their collaboration across all of their activities. Last week, I had the opportunity to read some stories with the children. It was an utter delight to share in their enthusiasm for stories. Recently, they have been busy exploring Julia Donaldson's *Stickman* story. Our youngest learners have completed a range of activities which included making their own version of stickman himself! Congratulations to all the children.



It's can be very frustrating when you lose something! Our children in Reception have been busy exploring the book 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. This book tells the story of a little boy who, one day, finds a penguin on his doorstep. It is a text about friendship and has certainly inspired our young learners. They have completed some impressive artwork inspired by the story. I think we may have some future illustrators amongst our Reception pupils! Congratulations to all the children..





Something strange had occurred in our Sunshine Room over the Christmas break. Mr. Platt and his team couldn't even explain what had happened! Year 1 pupils discovered footprints and debris on arrival to the classroom. Rumour has it that they discovered an alien invasion! The room was buzzing with questions from the pupils who certainly enjoyed investigating the situation. Year 1 are looking forward to learning a little more about famous people who have explored outer-space. I am certainly very grateful for all the investigating they completed on return to school. Thank you, Year 1.



WB: 9th January 2023

LO: To identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, birds and mammals.

Fish

Fish live in water.
They are cold-blooded.
They have skin covered in scales. They also have fins to help them swim and they have gills to help them breathe. They lay their eggs in water.

Goldfish



Sting ray



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Birds

Birds have beaks, wings, feathers and two legs.
They lay eggs.
They lay on.
They are warm blooded animals. They live in water and on land. When they lay their eggs they make nests using sticks and leaves.



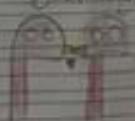
my penguin



Penguins

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owl



Our Year 2 pupils have got off to a flying start in Science this term. I visited a lesson earlier this week and the children could not wait to share their fantastic writing about fish, birds and mammals. Importantly, pupils were using accurate scientific vocabulary to describe the features of these different animal groups. In order to be a scientist, pupils have to develop lines of enquiry in their lessons. The children I spoke to had put together some interesting scientific questions and were able to respond to them clearly. This is fantastic work and, as it is only the beginning of term, it is going to be very exciting to see the children's outcomes in this subject. Well done, Year 2.



Our year 3 pupils have started exploring life in Roman times. The children are keen readers in the year group and have been retrieving information from non-fiction texts. They are skilled at using glossaries to find key terms and locate them within these books. Pupils have already spoken to me about their initial opinions about the Roman invasion and life in Roman Britain. It's certainly a very exciting topic. The children have promised to keep me updated as their knowledge grows.

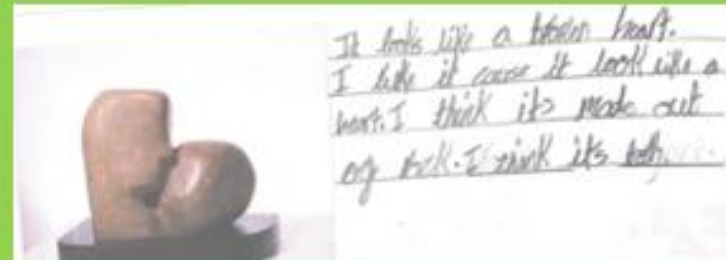


Year 4 have completed their launch session about Raiders and Traders. Importantly, they have drawn on their previous learning in history to help place key events from the past in time order. They talked with interest about their current understanding of the historical concepts linked to this topic. I look forward to seeing them answer key questions throughout their unit.



In Year 5, pupils have begun exploring the artwork completed by Barbara Hepworth. Her artwork was inspired by her study of the environment. She made her sculptures look like people or things. Our pupils have looked closely at some of her most famous sculptures and shared their observations. I particularly liked one child's report that the sculpture below looks like a broken heart. Like me, I am sure you cannot wait to see the work they produce as the unit continues.

In addition to this, the children are beginning to look at the Rainforest exploring living things and their environments. It has been a pleasure to see them begin their scientific explorations! Well done to all pupils.



The space race is on! Year 6 pupils had the most wonderful time creating their own space rockets this week. With only newspaper and masking tape to hand, the children joined forces in small groups to put together spacecrafts which would stand confidently in the classroom. Safe to say they experienced total success. Some of the children shared with me the strategies/skills that went into creating the design. Without exception, pupils spoke about teamwork and resilience. Having finished the activity, they considered the space race and what was required by the teams in each country to ensure that they were the first to launch a rocket. A special mention has to go to Ruby for her independent homework creating 3-D models of both the Earth and the Sun. The children's learning and enthusiasm was absolutely fantastic. Well done all!



NSPCC Number Day 2023

IT'S MATHS, BUT NOT AS YOU KNOW IT.

On **Friday 3rd February**, we will be joining the nation to fundraise for the **NSPCC** as part of **Number Day 2023!**

As part of this day, we'll be taking part in lots of maths and NSPCC awareness activities in class. To recognise this event more so than an average day at school, we'd really like to encourage our pupils - across the school - to **dress up** in exchange for a voluntary contribution which can be paid using **Parent Pay**.

In nursery, EYFS and KS1, we would love for children to come to school dressed up as their favourite number! Have a look at some dressing up ideas below for inspiration:



In KS2, we will be dressing up as rockstars, ready for an epic times table rock stars battle to commence! Here are some dress up ideas for KS2 pupils too!



Please note that we would love for costumes to be home-made from items you may already have in your cupboards and that costumes do not need to be new or shop bought!



Online safety and awareness is becoming more and more of a stand-out issue for both families and educators to be on top of. With an increasing number of children now accessing a range of devices and online content, from social media platforms, 'trending' videos on TikTok, YouTube videos and live streaming, to new apps that we as adults have sometimes never heard of, it's important to know where to look for **help and advice**. We cannot recommend the following **two websites** enough for this very purpose and encourage our parents and carers to spend five minutes of the day taking a look at the excellent **advice and resources** that these sites offer. They are a brilliant tool to help adults quickly check verified reviews for movies, apps, websites, games etc and a way to help us keep all children safe online. **We hope that you will find them useful!**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>



After School Clubs

Monday

Commercial Dance - Reception - Year 6
Basketball Club - Reception - Year 6

Tuesday

Dodgeball Club - Reception - Year 6

Wednesday

Gymnastics - Reception - Year 6

Thursday

Football Club - Reception - Year 6

Friday

Climb + Jump - Reception - Year 6

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bookings@sportitude.org.uk
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BOOK
NOW!

BRAND NEW FOR 2023!

Introduction To Cricket
Tuesday 3:30pm-5pm
17th, 24th & 31st January
Ages 4-11



Eastbourne Sports Park Indoor Hall
Cross Levels way
BN21 2UF

Limited Spaces

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THURSDAY 19TH JANUARY

JACK FROSTS FISH FINGERS OR
POLAR GOLDEN QUORN NUGGETS

SERVED WITH
SKINNY SKI FRIES
SHIVERING SWEETCORN
CHILLY COLESLAW

FOR DESSERT
AVALANCHE ICE CREAM ROLL
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT

Another
chance to win
Harrison
Bear!

Celebrate Chinese New Year

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MONDAY 23rd JANUARY

Sweet 'N' Sour Chicken With Egg Fried
Rice Or

Chinese 5 Spice Vegetable Chow Mein

Vegetable Spring Roll & Prawn Crackers

Steamed Fresh Vegetables

Jacket Potato With A Choice Of Fillings Or

Tomato Basil Pasta

Mandarin Jelly

Fruit Or Yoghurt

PE DAYS TERM 3

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Year 1 Ladybirds & Bumblebees	Year 3 Hedgehogs	Year 6 Oak & Willow	Year 4 Badgers & Foxes	Year 2 Ducks & Swans
Year 3 Rabbits	Year 5 Sycamore			Reception

Swimming:
Year 5
Horse Chestnut

For term 3, children will have 1 PE slot

Children should come dressed in their PE kits on their allocated PE day.

Diary Dates:

Term 3

Tuesday 31st Jan - Parent Consultations

Thursday 2nd Feb - Parent Consultations

Friday 3rd February - NSPCC Number Day. Dress up as your favourite number.

Monday 3rd March - INSET DAY

Monday 6th March- INSET DAY

Friday 10th February - Last Day of Term

Monday 13th -17th February - FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Term 4

Monday 20th February - First Day of Term

Friday 31st March - Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April - EASTER HOLIDAY

Term 5

Monday 5th June - First Day of Term

Wednesday 14th - 16th June - Year 5 Residential trip.

Thursday 25th May - Last Day of Term

Friday 26th May - INSET DAY

Term 6

Monday 5th June - First Day of Term

Friday 30th June - INSET DAY

Monday 3rd July - INSET DAY

Friday 21st July - Last Day of Term

Calendar dates are subject to change, we will endeavour to give parents/carers as much notice as possible. Please note that where we have added INSET DAYS, we have given parents long weekends, to allow you to have a break away without taking time off during term time