



Issue 3

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Henleaze News



Happy Easter

Happy Easter everyone. The sun is shining as I write this and I know I am lucky enough to have a garden to enjoy some of the sun safely. The teachers are working hard to get some fun activities ready for next term. Thank you to all the parents who replied to the questionnaire. We have been looking at how we move forward next term with our plans. Your comments have been really helpful with this process. Don't forget that we have attached to the blog a few things that you might want to look at over the holidays. One is about an Art competition run between local schools that you might want to take part in, a 'Where's Wally' Picture to spot the teachers and the other is a list of ideas of fun Spring and Easter based activities. All are on the blog. You can send any photos of the fun you have to:

photos.henleazei@bristol-schools.uk

This will be checked again at the end of the holidays and posted in Issue 4. We'll try hard to publish as many as we can, but we may not be able to fit everything in. Remember that any messages for school should continue to be sent to the main school email addresses on the school website.

Spot 10 Differences



Weekly Challenge



Play some board games with your family. Can you be as good a loser as a winner?

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Fascinating Facts

There are 31,556,926 seconds in a year.
You can cut a pie into 8 pieces with only 3 cuts! (Have a go!)

Remember if you find out some fascinating facts about our topics or just general email them into...

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Topics for Term 5:

Reception - In the Garden

Year 1 - Beautiful Bristol

Year 2 - Into the Wild



Brothers from class 2 and 9 working hard together.



Sisters working hard together and still smiling!!



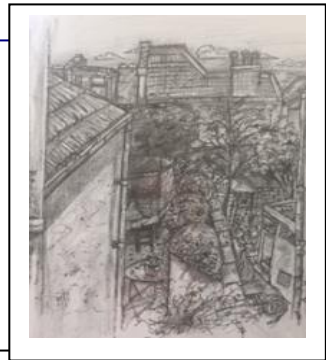
Talah's beautiful picture, Class 4

Teacher Feature

This Easter will be very different for us. We would normally go up to Worcester to my parents' home to celebrate Easter with a service at the Cathedral, an Easter egg hunt in the garden and then a big feast of roast lamb. We will still celebrate Easter this year and have an egg hunt and a super meal together but we will have to zoom the rest of our family. It will be very different as I know it will be for you too but we will still have lots of fun. I had my birthday last Tuesday, one I will always remember. My family made it really special. My daughter made a cake and my son did an amazing sketch (below) of what he sees out of his bedroom window during lockdown! I felt really lucky. I know lots of you will have and have had birthdays during this time and I know you will have been made to feel really special, just like Dexter from Class 7 who cooked his own tea and decorated his own cake for his 7th birthday! (Photos were in the gallery last week!) I know what you are all thinking...How old was Mrs Gibson? Well all I will say is that the 2 digits of my age add up to 9. See if you can work it out (clue: I am not 63!) Hope you all have a great weekend and that everyone (grown ups too) take some time to enjoy each other and to have some fun. Miss you all and see you soon...Mrs Gibson



Annabelle, Class9. Beautiful Easter decorations. Something I'm sure will brighten up everyone's daily walks.



Letter from Mrs Fricker

Dear Children, I have had some days at home with my family, spending time in the garden and getting it ready for summer. There were lots of weeds to dig up. We all had to work together like the family in The Enormous Turnip to pull up a bush we needed to move...we pulled and pulled and all fell over! Orla the dog has not been very helpful as she is digging holes where she shouldn't. I have also been into school this week. Holiday club have been making fantastic models. Have a look at the photos to see what they have made. I hope that you are all getting to enjoy some fresh air and fun. Love from Mrs Fricker

Pictures from School



Advanced Warning

Week 1 of Term 5, Year 1 will be making bridges! You may want to think about putting some recycling aside with this in mind!

Keeping Our Brains and Minds Healthy

Use trips outside to help your minds to relax. If you don't have a garden, you can do these activities inside. Try to take at least five minutes a day to do something calm, peaceful and fun.

Mindful activity: Mindful Senses Safari

Walk silently around your garden and use all of your senses to notice things. How many different sounds can you hear? What is making each sound? Touch different things including soil, stones and leaves and think about how each one feels. How does it feel to walk on different surfaces (grass, paving stones, decking). Look around, how many different colours can you see? Use your sense of smell too. Hopefully you will smell lovely aromas coming from flowers or cut grass but you might also be able to identify other smells such as rotting leaves or even some cooking from a neighbour's house! Be safe and so don't use your sense of taste for this one, wash your hands when you have finished!

Play activity: Natural collages

Find some materials in your garden to make some creative art. Check with a grown up first about what is OK and safe to use. It is a good idea to use what is already on the ground. Leaves and sticks will make wonderful collages or 3D creatures. You do not have to make anything in particular, you can just make a great pattern by the way you place different objects next to each other. This art is temporary and will go back to nature when you're done. You can always take a photo and send it to:

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The History of Easter Eggs

The custom of giving eggs at Easter celebrates new life. Christians remember that Jesus, after dying on the cross, rose from the dead. This miracle showed that life could win over death.

For Christians the egg is a symbol of Jesus' resurrection, as when they are cracked open they stand for the empty tomb. No-one actually knows when eggs were first used as symbols at festival times but it was long before Jesus' time. Eggs were always thought to be special because although they do not seem alive, they have life within them especially at springtime when chicks hatch out.

Long ago people gave gifts of eggs carved from wood or precious stones. The first sweet eggs that were eaten were made in the last 100 years from sugar or marzipan. Since then chocolate eggs have become popular and these are given on Easter Sunday.

In some countries the Easter Bunny hides chocolate eggs and they race to find them round the house or garden. Children in other countries decorate hard-boiled eggs at Easter time by painting or dyeing them.

In some countries such as the United States egg rolling is a popular Easter game. This is usually done with coloured eggs. One of the most well known events is held in America on the White House lawn.



Children and parents push the eggs along through the grass with wooden spoons.