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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 1 Wow day and the arrival of the Explorer Dome has been an exciting end to the week.



The children were treated to a really inspiring session all about the different environments on Earth and how we can protect them. I particularly enjoyed being transported to a warm rainforest with the cacophony of sounds and sights... although the rain itself was less welcome!



This memorable presentation will enable them to expand on what they already know and help to fire their imaginations ready to continue with their Our World topic. As the new topics are developing, children's learning is being displayed around the school. We really encourage you to make time to pop in to have a look over the coming weeks.



Around the school this week there has also been some sports enrichment with Shine teaching the children and adults how to play Futsal and Reception starting up their Monday Mile. It was also good to hear feedback from Shine about the high numbers of children involved in after school clubs, exploring the range of sports on offer.

Next week is a busy week in school for teachers with visits from colleagues from both the English and Maths Hubs who we are working with us we develop our curriculum. We're excited to show some of the developments that have taken place, as well as think about how things can be further improved.

I am keen to talk more about these and other whole-school school matters in the next Head's tea planned for Tuesday 11th February at 2:45-3:25pm. For those of you that have attended before, it is an informal opportunity to catch up with myself and other parents. I have chosen a Tuesday on this occasion to enable me to introduce you to our new SENCO Clare Adams.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker, Headteacher

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Reception: have continued to develop the sensory activities linked to the bear hunt. They have been expanding their language and communication skills through exploring properties of materials; including water and gloop. They also made models using 3d shapes which they will proudly display in an exhibition for each other this afternoon.

Year 1: As well as an exciting Wow day Year 1 have been on a materials hunt, focusing on distinguishing between properties of materials and the object for which they are used. In maths they have been learning like the ELLI spider, making links between number bonds to 10, learning related facts to 20 and using known facts to speed up calculation.

Our Wow day star - Mrs Gibson



Year 2: have been really focused in their research for their space fact files. They have used non-fiction texts to follow their own

interests and have begun to publish a double-page spread to display their knowledge. Their learning about islands in geography has moved on to finding out about the contrasting environment of St Lucia and the tourism this generates.

The Pupil Premium - If you are on a low income or entitled to benefits the school may be able to access funding called Pupil Premium. This fund enables us to provide opportunities for children to enhance their learning. It is also important that we are aware if your child is adopted or comes from a forces family as this also enables access to the fund. Any enquiries are treated in confidence, so please come to the office to collect a permission form enabling the school to ascertain if you are eligible.

Safeguarding declarations for parent volunteers/Reading Rangers

If you are a regular volunteer in school you will be asked to sign a safeguarding declaration when you are next in school. In order to do so, you are required to have read and understood the following documents:

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2019)**
- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (October 2019)**
- **Staff Code of Conduct**
- **Acceptable Use of IT agreement**

These are at the bottom of the Policies page of the school website. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Amazon Wish list

Many thanks for your continued generosity with our Amazon Wish List. We are really grateful for your donations and the children love using them. Here are the current items requested by teachers in the 2019-20 folder:-

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JK1X4IKEMU9B/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

Please bring any items you order to the office and we will distribute them to the classes. Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Fri 7th Feb	FHIS Winter Disco
Tue 11th Feb	Head's tea 2.45pm in hall
3rd & 5th Mar	Parents' Evening
Fri 6th Mar	FHIS Quiz and Curry night
Sat 28th Mar	FHIS Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 1st Apr	Year 1 Play 9.15am
Fri 3rd Apr	Henleaze Junior Inset Day
Fri 24th Apr	Class photos
Fri 8th May	Bank Holiday 75th anniversary of VE Day
Sat 16th May	May Fair
Mon 22nd Jun	Yr 2 Shuffle Up Day to HJS
Wed 24th Jun	Sports Day
Tue 30th Jun	Open Evening
Thu 16th Jul	Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

Please see the online calendar here:
http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=55

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMPS

Ultimate Activity Camps provide outstanding day camps for 4-14 year olds during the Easter and Summer holidays at Badminton School, Westbury-On-Trym, where the children's welfare and having fun are our primary concern! Every day, children will enjoy a brilliant mix of over 40 sports, games and

creative activities led by inspiring staff at amazing locations! With great savings if you book early, we offer great value for money. Book by the day or week and you can use childcare vouchers to pay too, and change dates for free up to 14 days in advance! For peace of mind, Ultimate Activity Camps are Ofsted registered and all our staff are DBS cleared and qualified teachers or instructors.

www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/bristol

FHIS Winter Disco event Friday 7th February 6.15pm – 7:45pm

As you are aware, the FHIS Winter Glow Disco will take place on Friday 7th February, between 18.15 -19.45. It's set to be an entertaining evening with drinks, snacks and our brilliant glow t-shirts (and much more) available to purchase.

We currently have a number of exciting volunteer slots to fill including the bar and face painting. Please do sign up and join in the fun <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0449aea82eaf85-winter1/69367329>

Also, we know some of you are now getting round to a New Year clear out! If you have any outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumper/tops/accessories or general dressing up items, the box is still beside the reception office (playground side). FHIS would be happy to receive these items to re-sell at future events. Thank you.

Ali's Get Dancing After School Dance Club. Ali's Get Dancing Club is looking for children of all primary ages to join this term! Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Working towards the annual 'Stages' show held in March. No experience in dance necessary only enthusiasm. All ranges of music and dance styles explored. For further info contact Ali on

aligetdancing@gmail.com or phone 07795215319 to book your child a place.

French Club - If your child would like to try French Club this term, please contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com or 07375306881. A bientôt x

The Hideaway Forest School Club

Did you know that The Hideaway forest school club deliver forest school to each child in their reception year at school and we also have two childcare offerings for you.

Option 1 is Forest school Club held on HIS school grounds every Thursday 3.30 - 5pm. Bookings for each session can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/henleaze-after-school-forest-club>

Option 2 is Forest school club held at our own site off Eastfield terrace. We collect your child from school at 3.30pm and walk them to our site where you can collect at 5.45pm.

Our sessions involve a circle time, a healthy snack often cooked on the fire and free exploration of natural activities including mud painting, digging, music making, role play in leaf kitchen, den building, pond dipping, climbing, swinging, bug hunting and much much more..... We are fortunate to spend most of each session outdoors in the fresh air but have the luxury of onsite toilet facilities, kitchen, shelter and lights. We have access to inside space to enjoy games, sports, craft and cold day activities. Bookings can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/hideawayafterschoolclub>

At present we are able to offer adhoc childcare days if you are in need of occasional childcare.

Pilates at Golden Hill Sports Pavilion

Tuesdays 9.30am and 10.30am (term time)

Group classes for all abilities

Develop core strength - Increase flexibility - Improve posture - Rehab from injury

A mindful movement system that supports your overall wellbeing

Contact Nicola on T: 07500 962 821

E: truebalancepilatesbristol@gmail.com

W: www.truebalancepilates.co.uk

Also can you add a link and message about the publication of the Bristol Send Local Area ofsted report

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/ofsted-and-cqc-inspection-send-report>

Remember – please park considerately if you are driving to school. Do not use the staff car park.