



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thanks to the organisation and enthusiasm of teachers led by Mrs Gibson, our Lost Words Week has been a huge success. Children have been inspired to create beautiful art work, dance and writing along with enjoying nature walks and other sensory experiences, linked to sharing of this beautiful text. The quality of language and increased use of new vocabulary has really impressed us.



On vocabulary-the leaves have sprouted on our vocabulary tree. There are some ambitious choices along with definitions as well as family favourites and even words that relate to favourites of other kinds...*egg* being one of them! Please encourage your children to share any new words they encounter with their class or to create a leaf to display as we are keen for our tree to keep growing. A great resource found by Mrs Gibson is a children's dictionary that gives relatable definitions-Collins Co-Build Primary Learners Dictionary.

Paddle Boat Theatre's production of Hansel and Gretel was a treat for all yesterday. It was a quality performance that captivated children and adults alike and fitted nicely with our

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nature theme this week. The simple, natural set enabled the use of language to shine out.

The children talked to me about the different parts of the story they liked:

"When Hansel and Gretel gave the statue they made of their dad to their dad"

"When they spread all the leaves out...I liked all the colours."

"When they got trapped...and when there was an escape plan!"

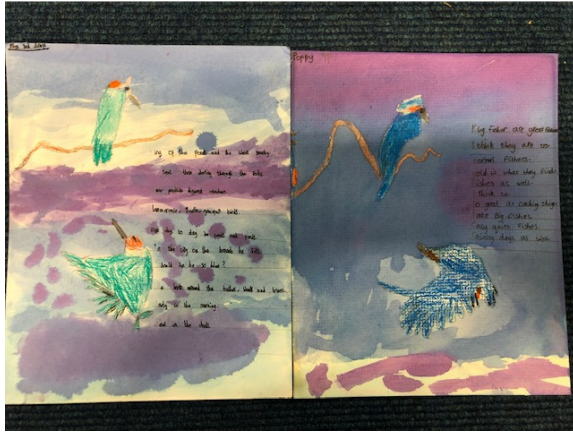
The maths visitor I mentioned last week was impressed by our children's maths talk and reasoning and the visitor from the English Hub noted the children's good progress in early reading. Essential to the teaching of reading for your children, is your support in practising the skills we are working hard to teach in school. Your efforts will enable your child to become proficient readers. With this I share my favourite analogy that one music lesson alone will not be enough to enable someone to play a piece of music to performance standard; it is the daily practise that brings the notes together....

I have attached a separate, longer message to this newsletter about use of social media in connection with school. I would really appreciate it if you could take the time to read the important messages it shares. We will be focusing on e-safety with the children at the beginning of next term as part of safer Internet Day in March and are planning a joint information evening for families along with the junior school.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker, Headteacher



YEAR GROUP NEWS

Reception: have been fascinated by birds having spotted magpies, seagulls and lots of garden birds whilst outside this week. They were surprised that they could hear many more than they could see.



Year 1: chose animals from the text to describe in an acrostic poem. They also developed their art skills, using pastels to draw animals

Year 2: created group dance and music compositions in response to The Lost Words text. They also used Austin's Butterfly as a stimulus for drawing 'like a scientist' and created stunning representations of animals.

NOTICES

Parent Survey

The Parent Survey is now available for you to complete. The survey has been compiled by the governors and is entirely confidential. The answers will be used to inform the governing board of the parents' viewpoints and will be considered when planning future school development priorities, therefore your opinions are greatly appreciated.

Please follow the link below to open the survey:

<https://forms.gle/DxtyfS6T6K9rA1Vd8>

The results from the surveys will be analysed week commencing Monday 10th February 2020 and parents will be informed of the findings in Term 4.

Year 2 - Admission to HJS in September 2020

Thank you to those Year 2 parents that have returned the letter regarding admission to Henleaze Junior School for Year 3. If you have not yet done so, please return your reply to the office or give it to the class teacher next week. **Don't forget** to sign the reply slip **and** complete the section regarding whether you are accepting or declining the place for your child. Thank you.

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

February 1/2 Term Tennis Holiday Camps @ Kings Lawn Tennis Club - Elly Shearman Tennis Coaching

February 1/2 Term Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

9AM - 1PM £15 per morning with 10% sibling discount! For ALL abilities, ages 4 - 15

It's a fun environment to learn tennis and for those that play already to develop technique and match play in a social and relaxed atmosphere! Please take a look online here - <https://ellyshearmantennis.co.uk/>. To book please click here - <https://bit.ly/2Ogl5VH>

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

The FHIS Winter Disco takes place next Friday, February 7th 7th. Please join us from 18.15 at the Infant School Hall. £2.50 for school children, £1.50 for preschoolers, tuck shop, adult bar, glow face painting and a lucky dip.

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/60b0449aea82eaaf85-winter1>

More than 20 volunteers are still needed to make this event truly fabulous so please click on the link above to fill a slot, thank you.

FHIS are still collecting Christmas clothing and fancy dress items. Please put any donations into the box near the rear of the school office. Many thanks.

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

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