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Dear Parent/Carer,

During learning walks this week I have noticed some great problem solving with children planning and designing using 'Plan ahead Owl' skills and when needed, making changes and improvements like 'Adaptable Chameleon'.

Year 2 put huge effort into the well-being activity requiring team-work and ingenuity to create a pyramid of cups without touching them, as well as carrying out an investigation to find out whether there was a correlation between their height and the length of their feet. This was found to be true in most cases. Year 1 made predictions about the contents of a mysterious egg as well as imagining their own unique egg and contents. They also made characters for their animation project in Computing. Reception have continued to develop their engineering skills using a wide variety of construction materials and shown creativity in junk modelling.

Seeing these skills in action is evidence of the impact of the curriculum that staff planned to support children on return to school. Our aims to reignite their passion for learning with peers and support children in developing the confidence to challenge themselves will set them for strong progress through the summer terms.

The principles and vision behind our 'recovery curriculum' are captured in a document that can be found on the curriculum page of our school website. Click [here](#) to take a look.

As part of our end of term whole-school project we are encouraging children to take part in the home-learning project to create a piece of headwear for the Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday 30th. We will gather together as a school

outside to show off designs as well as a farewell gathering for staff who are leaving at the end of Term 4. We will upload video footage for parents to the blogs so that you can enjoy the celebration.

Please remember that school is closed to children on Thursday 1st April for our final INSET day. We hope that this extended bank holiday weekend enables you to have lots of family fun. For activity ideas I recommend you take a look at the Families in Focus bulletin.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Fricker

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Reuben**

Class 2: **Teddy**

Class 3: **Talia**

Class 4: **William**

Class 5: **Isabella**

Class 6: **Eli**

Class 7: **Adi**

Class 8: **Isabelle**

Class 9: **Spencer**

Well done all of you for your fantastic achievements this week!

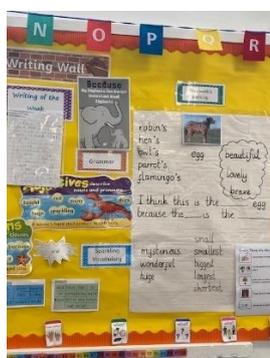
To watch the celebration messages from Mrs Fricker, follow this link

<https://youtu.be/P1sG9pYJFiQ>

Forest School Club were excited to find a newt of an unusual colour yesterday. Vicki Paton and Mrs Thoburn are investigating whether this is an albino newt (quite rare), but we are pleased it has chosen our pond, whatever its species.



Pictures from school:



Messages

The school blog contains answers to FAQs

Class blogs contain important messages from teachers as well as the learning for the week

Safeguarding

We have been made aware through parents of an incident that happened on the 5th March. A school child was approached by a man on Church Road, who held out his hand and asked the child to go with him. This happened in view of their parent who was able to respond quickly. This incident was reported to the police and the advice is that if anyone else finds themselves in this position to call 999 and treat it as an emergency so that the police can respond immediately. The man is described as wearing loose clothes with mousy brown hair and is a smoker.

Site safety

Thank you to parents and carers for making an additional effort to arrive and leave the site promptly. Please make sure you follow the one way system that is in place to ensure the safety of the school and our community.

In response to suggestions, Class 4 will now enter and exit their class via the patio door to reduce the build-up in the space between classes 6 and 4.

The government have made lateral flow test kits available to adults in the household of any school-aged children. These are used to detect asymptomatic Covid-19 cases and not to be used instead of a PCR (lab) test for anyone with suspected symptoms. They are not for use with Primary-age children. For more information follow this link:

[home test kits for adults](#)

Changes to the Test and Trace support payment for parents

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and trace support payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria. The extension of the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme, which is administered by district and unitary **local** authorities in England, ensures that parents receive the financial support they need if they are unable to attend work due to childcare responsibilities.

Breakfast Club bookings for Term 5:

Breakfast Club bookings for Term 5 are open. As an LA school we are unable to furlough staff, so to support us in maintaining this provision we are asking for a £2 per session retainer for sessions that are not currently required to enable us to hold those places for future terms.

Please email

breakfastclubhenleazei@bristol-schools.uk

School's Out Henleaze Easter Holiday – open for bookings:

Our Easter Holiday Club is open for bookings! Running weekdays from Tuesday 6th to Friday 16th April, we'll be based at Henleaze Infant School and are open to all children attending Henleaze Infant or Junior School only. We will be following the latest government guidelines and grouping children in year group pods, as well as making the most of our outside space with a great range of sports, crafts and games.

For more info and to book visit www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk or contact Jenny, Manager, on 07847 479 626. The club costs just £26 for a full day (8.15am – 5.30pm). You can sign up to just one day, multiple days or the full programme.

Shine Sports After School Clubs

Term 5 bookings are open on the Shine website. Term 5 changes include the introduction of a Reception multisports club on a Thursday and change from Year 2 multisports to cricket on a Friday.

Dates for the diary

Wed 31 st March	End of Term 4 (non-Uniform £1 donation)
Thu 1 st April	Inset Day
Mon 19 th April	Start of Term 5
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
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Tue 11 th May	Vision screening Reception and Yr 1
Tue 18 th May	Vision screening Reception and Yr 1
Fri 28 th May	End of Term 5
Mon 7 th June	Start of Term 6
Wed 21 st July	End of Term 6

News from FHIS

FHIS Community Easter Egg Trail - Thursday 1st - Sunday 18th April 2021. A big thank you to everyone who has signed up to take part in the trail. We have sold more than 200 treats & maps, so it's been a very popular event. For those participating, you will now have received an email with the map and details of where and when you can collect your sweet treat. If you have not received an email, please email fhiseaster@gmail.com

Although we are now closed for the order of Easter sweet treats, we can still provide the trail map, giving you the opportunity to win a prize by completing the trail and submitting your answer to fhiseaster@gmail.com by **Monday 19th April**. If you wish to take part, please pay £2 per child at <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8xK4pAQJeS> and confirm payment by email. The link will remain open for donations until 20th April 2021. All monies from this event will be split between FHIS and Feeding Bristol. Many thanks and good luck!

Uniform - with the Easter holidays just around the corner, if you're having a clear out of uniform or need a different size, please get in contact with Abi at fhisuniform@gmail.com

Clear out - if you're having a general clear-out, the clothes bank situated in the school car park remains open to deposit unwanted items. The school receive money, by weight, for all items deposited.

Dress-down - If your child is wearing home clothes on Wednesday, please kindly bring in a minimum donation of £1. Monies raised will be used for ongoing school projects.

Thank you.

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