



Henleaze Infant School

14th January 2022 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

This has been a good week with a distinct geography-based theme to it. Reception have been developing a wider sense of their community-starting to think about what is outside of school, Year 1 have been learning more about the UK, and Year 2 have been learning about life much further away in studying the history of space travel.

With the Year 2 teaching team back to full capacity, we were able to go ahead with the Year 2 Wow Day today. Children (and parents) were very creative in their efforts to depict all things space-themed. We appreciate the efforts everyone went to. Wow days are about more than just having fun (although that is a big part), but are a day for immersion in a subject area and help make learning memorable.

Class 7-looking out of this world!



Coming up:

20.1.22 Change to school lunch menu-Fishfinger Thursday!

21.1.21 INSET Day-School

Closed

[Click below for the school calendar](#)



[To watch a recording of our Celebration Assembly click the image above.](#)

Class 1 Francois

Class 2 Amber

Class 3 Abigail

Class 4 Olivia

Class 5 Eve

Class 6 Teddy

Class 7 Sophie H

Class 8 Miles

Class 9 Abi



There has been a flurry of children reaching the first milestone of our Read for the Stars initiative (see celebrations). We are really proud of them and excited that this has motivated children to read at home. Reading at home at least 5 times a week is needed to ensure children reach fluency, practising the skills and knowledge taught at school.

Children who develop reading fluency are not only able to better access the whole curriculum, but also find reading a joy. Reading for pleasure has been proven by many studies to impact much more widely than academic success, including positively impacting on social relationships and life-chances in general. A report [here](#) summarises the most cited OECD study and findings from other reading studies that

Sadly, we are still finding that many children are not bringing their reading folders to school each day. This is an expectation in *every* class, regardless of whether it is a book changing day or not. Teachers monitor who is reading at home and in some weeks may adjust plans to change books for groups. **Please ensure your children brings their reading folder with current book and reading record in every day to enable us to support their progress.**

Parental engagement and both the school and your commitment to achieving the best outcomes is what makes Henleaze Infant School such a great place for children to learn. Please continue to keep up to date with the class blogs and expectations for supporting us to do the best for your children.

Best Wishes

Gemma Fricker

Photos and information about what has been happening in classes, the learning plans as well as important messages from teachers are all found in the class blogs ([click below](#))



Curriculum Update: EYFS Understanding the World

The Reception Team would like to thank parents for the wonderful observations of their children learning at

Read for the Starts Bronze award:

Reception:

Year 1: Autumn, Leo, Luke,
Ola, Talia, Kohsei, Eliza,
Adinika, Rupert

Year 2: Tristan, Thomas W, Leo
Ariana, Martha, Emmy, Mille,
Will, Thomas S

Congratulations everyone!

FHIS:

Thank you to those who attended our meeting on Tuesday, it was great to move forward with our plans. Due to covid, we have postponed some of our events with the hope of having in person activities later in the year. Winter disco will be in March instead of 4 Feb, date TBC. Quiz night has changed to Friday 13 May. Details on all events will be sent out closer to the time.

Click below for more news on the FHIS webpage:



home. This week, the Reception teachers, our Geography Lead (Mrs Grant) and Mrs Fricker have been blown away by the amazing maps that the children have drawn at home to show a familiar route. You can see some brilliant examples of these below. We know that working in partnership with parents is essential to ensure the best outcomes for our children and when learning about the topic 'Where I Live', parents play an important part in supporting their child to learn about special places within their community and recognising people who help us. We are looking forward to seeing more observations in the near future and sharing them with the class.



Important Messages:

School Lunches:

Change to menu on 20th January. Fishfingers and chips will be offered on this day instead of the planned menu. Alternatives will be offered.

We sent a message to let families know that there is an issue with supply of wraps at the moment. The only available option is corn tortillas which some children are finding hard to adjust to. Please help your child to make an alternative choice if you feel this would be better.

VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY VACANCY

Henleaze Infant and Henleaze Junior Schools have a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol. Would you be interested in getting involved and taking on this role.

This is a term time only role that helps your school community. It is a paid position and you are paid for ten hours per week term time. The hourly rate is £9.30 and the hours are annualised as they are for other school roles. Full training and uniform will be provided.

You will need to be a good communicator with an ability and understanding of working with the general public.

Perhaps you could share the job, maybe a friend could cover the morning shifts and you the afternoons, or perhaps you could do Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and then a friend take over on Thursday and Friday. We are open to discuss with you how the vacancy might be managed.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact us by email road.safety@bristol.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Spaces at Breakfast Club:

We are full from Tuesday-Thursday, but have spaces on both Monday and Friday for those who want to join.

To book breakfast club, after school club or sports enrichment click below. To see more enrichment opportunities visit our [extra-curricular clubs page](#).



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