

HENLEAZE INFANT SCHOOL BULLETIN 4TH FEBRUARY 2022

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4th February Bulletin

Headteacher update:

Sadly, I have been out of school most of this week, only returning today. I have been in remote contact with staff and have picked up a common message about children being particularly tired at the moment and that some children are showing increased anxiety towards a variety of stimuli. The immediate reasons for this are likely to be that we are a long way through a winter term that follows a busy Christmas break and to add to this, many children and their family members or friends have been unwell with Covid recently. Children are showing an increased awareness and concern for friends and key adults being out of school and couple with tiredness, this is making it harder for them to be as resilient as they would ordinarily be. In school we have responded to this by making the decision to amend the timetable and plans for the next two weeks to allow more time for talk and well-being activities and to enable (and support) more social interactions. We are also continuing with our explicit work around feeling and emotions as well as supporting groups and individuals with a variety of personalised strategies.

School is only a relatively small part of a child's day, and there is a lot that children are taking in from what is happening in the wider world. You can support your child at home by ensuring routines and structures are as calm and familiar as possible and by making sure they are getting as much rest as they need. The start of the school day is a really important time as it sets the scene for the whole day. Do whatever you can to have a calm transition to school, ready to come into class. Many children find a busy playground with adults and children quite overwhelming, so please support others, by keeping things calm as you wait for teachers to welcome children. If you need to pass on anything more than a brief message, make an appointment to speak after school, or send an email as teachers' priority in the morning must be welcoming and settling children.

If you have noticed your child has shown signs of increased anxiety there are a range of resources you can access through the school nurse team. A link to some helpful webinars and highly rated group-based parent sessions can be found on the Community and Parents section of our website under '[Learning at Home](#)'

Coming up:

[Click below for the school calendar](#)

Stars of the Week



Click the image above to watch this week's celebration assembly

- Class 1 Josh**
- Class 2 William**
- Class 3 Sienna**
- Class 4 Hattie**
- Class 5 Juliette**
- Class 6 Leo**
- Class 7 Grayson**
- Class 8 Tom**
- Class 9 Scarlet**

Class of the week: Class 6 for their fabulous efforts in creative writing this week.

Read for the Stars

Another bumper week of reading to celebrate this week with 20 children

I have also added a link to a summary document that we use in school that outlines signs of anxiety with some simple strategies for how to respond. You can access it [here](#).



My message to children, staff and all of our school community, is to be kind to your self and take a moment to pause, take time to do something to improve your well-being.

I hope you all have a restful weekend

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](#))

Important Messages:

School Parking

A polite reminder to all parents to park sensibly when dropping off and picking up their children. Some parents are parking on double yellow lines, outside our gates, or blocking driveways in and are then causing a safety risk to other children, parents and members of the public. Please note that parents should also not be parking in the school car park unless they have been given permission to do so, this is a staff only car park. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Vacancies

We have a few vacancies in our school. We are currently looking for full and part time SMSA's to join our lunchtime team. Please follow this link to read more and apply

<https://www.eteach.com/job/smsa-1210174>

We are also recruiting for a Learning Support Assistant to join out support staff team. Please follow the link to find out more :

<https://www.eteach.com/job/learning-support-assistant-1210446>

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

across the school achieving their bronze certificate.

FHIS:



Thank you so much to those who got involved in organising the May fair. How exciting to know we will be having a May fair again! The May fair team is looking for people to lead sub-groups and for specific stalls. Examples are collecting items to sell at the fair or anyone with green fingers to lead a plant stall. Tonight, the team is having another zoom meeting. Please contact us on fhisinfo@gmail.com or Kerry on 07805740997 if you want to join the team or the meeting. By attending you're not yet committing to doing anything, you can just check things out first.

