

HENLEAZE INFANT SCHOOL BULLETIN 1ST APRIL 2022

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Headteacher update:



Today we talked about the origins of April Fool's Day in our assembly. One theory is that it stems from a roman tradition that occurred during the Renewal Festival when servants and masters or parents and children would swap roles for the day. The children at Henleaze Infant School were really excited about the prospect of a parent/child swap, so look out!!!

Reception have had a particularly exiting 7 days. At the end of last week these 8 children took part in a sports tournament organised by Shine. They had a great time competing and were pleased to be given Shine caps as a memento.



Coming up:

6th March-Reception visit to Cairns Rd church

7&8th March-Year 1 play 9:30

9th March-Y2 Easter Bonnet Parade & Y1 egg Rolling

2nd May Bank Holiday

3rd May INSET Day

[Click below for the school calendar](#)



[Click the image above to watch this week's](#)

[Celebration Assembly](#)

Class 1 Evie

Class 2 Jasper

Class 3 Cameron

Class 4 Absent

Class 5 Alexa



Yesterday, the whole of Reception spent a day or all possible weather conditions at Noah's Ark Zoo Farm. They spent much of their time spotting animals from hot and cold places making links in learning with their topic this term. Everyone had a great day and staff reported that children were beautifully behaved and learnt a lot. The children say that they particularly enjoyed touching a snake!

Year 1 were also linking their science learning in some writing this week as they wrote their own 'Egg Spotter's Guide' to prevent future egg mix ups like in their key text 'The Odd Egg'

Year 2 have been following up on learning from their museum visit which clearly had a huge impact. We have been blown away by the writing produced as a result!

I want to draw your attention to the great work our Eco Committee have been doing around school. You may have noticed a lot of tree planting this Spring. Alongside Mrs Grant and our Eco Reps, we need to say a big thank you to parent volunteers and The Hideaway Forest School for supporting this. Photos of planting and other activities from the Eco Committee can be seen in their blog [here](#).



Beyond school, yesterday the government updated schools on the latest Covid guidance that comes into effect from 1st April. Below is an extract from the update:

[On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.](#)

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

- Class 5 Alexa**
- Class 6 Theo W**
- Class 7 Ben**
- Class 8 All of Class 8!**
- Class 9 Gabi**

Class of the Week: Class 7 who have impressed adults with their learning and behaviour throughout the week, particularly sticking at it like the tortoise when things are tricky.



Congratulations everyone!

FHIS:

Sunday 3rd April 2022
 2-3:30 pm
 at Henleaze Infants School

kindly sponsored by
 SKYRAT CAFE

Easter Egg Hunt

- Raffle
- Lucky Dip
- Fun Games
- Craft Corner
- Refreshments
- Uniforms stall
- Temporary Tattoos
- 'Guess How Many' Competition

£2.50 per Child. Tasty treat with every entry!

FHIS SCAN ME
 Volunteers Needed: Book your slot here
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/fhis>

We hope to see many of you this Sunday at our Easter Egg hunt. Don't forget to bring with you on the day some

cakes/biscuits to be sold. Homemade or store bought are both great! And it's not too late if you can volunteer for 30min to help us out <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/fhis>

Save the date - May 13 at 7:30! FHIS Quiz and Curry Night. £15 a ticket includes a great night of entertainment, plus a Thali Café curry. Join as a team (max 8) or we can allocate

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- [adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days](#)

We will update our risk assessments and operating procedures accordingly, but know that in reality schools will still rely on parents and staff to make responsible decisions about staying away from school if they have Covid symptoms, otherwise this highly infectious virus will continue to disrupt learning through staff and pupil absence for the foreseeable future. Our expectations will be sent out separately and published in our FAQs on the whole school blog.

Have a good weekend.

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](#))



(max 5) or we can create you to one. Book now: fhisquiz.mystrikingly.com

Click below for more news on the FHIS webpage:



Curriculum Update: Science



The whole school has explored trajectories in a whole-school investigation. Rocket Mice were launched from plastic bottles with whoops and squeals of delight in classrooms and on patios. We have recorded children's conversations in order to look at the whole school progression in understanding and learning, ready to discuss during our staff meeting. Here are a few predictions and comments...

EYFS "I think the milk bottle will shoot it far because it's wide", "It was amazing 'cos when we had a milk bottle it went nearly to the sky".

In Year one children decided to record the height up the wall with post-it notes and made predictions. "I think the things I added will make it fly better. Its looks better and cuter!", "The squishier bottles worked best".

In Year 2 children decided to measure the distance travelled with metre rulers and noticed that this didn't always help because some Rocket Mice shot sideways instead of straight up. "I think that the largest will go the highest because it can get the most air from the bottle"

Becky Thoburn, Science Lead





Important Messages:

Covid Cases in school this week: 4

Thankfully a reduction in cases this week, so we are hoping for a settled final week of term and to be able to welcome parents in for the Year 1 play.

Croup (identified by a distinctive barking cough) is also doing the rounds in school. This is contagious and can be more harmful to those with asthma or other bronchial conditions, so please keep your child at home if unwell.

Your Holiday Hub returns to offer families free, fun activities over the Easter break

[The Your Holiday Hub \(YHH\) programme returns this spring to offer families another school holiday programme of fun activities.](#)

YHH is a free, school holiday programme for school-age children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM). Sessions include a variety of fun activities, including sports, music, arts and crafts, and other great opportunities to learn and develop skills like making friends and trying new activities.

In Bristol, 49 organisations and providers have received funding to host over 400 four-hour inclusive sessions across the city, from the 11–22 April. This is double the number of free school holiday clubs that were available to children and young people over the Christmas holiday. Every activity includes a healthy and nutritious meal. Encouraging children and young people to learn more about healthy eating is also part of the programme.

Eligible children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) or an education, health and care plan are welcome at YHH, please contact the

organisation or session you would like to attend to discuss your child's individual needs.

Children and young people who are observing Ramadan, which coincides with the Easter school holiday this year, can join in with less strenuous activities if desired, and can take home food to enjoy later.

We are going to be providing eligible families FSM vouchers for the Easter break and these will be distributed by education settings.

Families of children or young people who do not get benefits-related FSM can find holiday activities by area on our [Family Information Service website](#).

Find out more about the Your Holiday Programme, including the YHH nearest you at the Bristol City Council website here:

[Find a holiday activity in your area - bristol.gov.uk](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/your-holiday-programme)

Bristol City Council is working with local schools, voluntary and community organisations, including Feeding Bristol, Playful Bristol, the Children's Kitchen and Bristol's Association for Neighbourhood Daycare deliver the government's Holiday Activities and Food programme (Your Holiday Hub). The free places are funded by the Department for Education.

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

School's Out Henleaze

