



Henleaze Infant School

11th November 2022 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

In a week when we are finalising plans for our curriculum event next Thursday, I have received so many messages from staff with exciting news on curriculum activities to share with you that this week's bulletin will be jam packed with information. For this reason, I will keep my message brief.

I want to extend a huge thank you to FHIS for their work in the successful fireworks event last weekend. I know how much planning and preparation went into this event as well as the time taken to set up and clear up. The sum raised will go a long way to supporting the school in projects from playground development to curriculum enrichment.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our curriculum Showcase on Thursday after school.

Please take the time to read the information that follows and support your child to engage with the events this month.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

Chester was a great firework 'detonator' and enjoyed watching the fireworks as much as the rest of the spectators!

Coming up:

Monday 14th Odd Socks Day-school uniform with odd socks

Thursday 17th Curriculum Showcase open evening 4:00-5:15 parents and children welcome.

Friday 25th Children in Need-wear spots and bring a donation

[Click below for the school calendar](#)



Daffodil Class-Zoe
Buttercup Class-Ava
Daisy Class-Emily
Bluebell Class-Zohar
Cherry Class-Jasper
Maple Class-absent
Sycamore Class-Hattie



**Magnolia Class-
Audrey**

**Class of the Week:
Daffodil Class for
super listening in
and out of the
classroom.**



Another great week of
children 'reading for
the stars!'

**Congratulations
everyone!**



A massive
congratulations and
thank you to the
fantastic firework
team - Bobby,
Christian, Sam,
Shelley, Matt, John,



Martin and Ruslan who worked so hard over several months to organise such a successful event!

Many thanks to the sponsors CJ Hole & Wards and our local ticket vendors Beehive, Eastfield, Westbury Park Pub, Gloucester Old Spot, Chandos Deli.

Thank you for all of you who volunteered on the night making the event run so smoothly. A special shout out for our tidy up crew on Sunday morning!

The total profit is still being counted but will come in over £10500



[Click here for more news on the FHIS webpage:](#)





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: PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education)

As a school we review our Sex and Relationships Policy that underpins how we teach this aspect of PSHE on a regular basis. As an Infant School, the majority of the learning involves how to develop healthy (friend and family) relationships and who and how to talk to someone if

you have a worry. The sex education aspects are all part of the statutory science curriculum and go as far as naming external body parts.

As part of our review process, we welcome parent comment. Follow the link [here](#) to find the draft policy and email the school inbox (by the end of Friday 21st) with the subject RSE policy with any questions or comments you have.



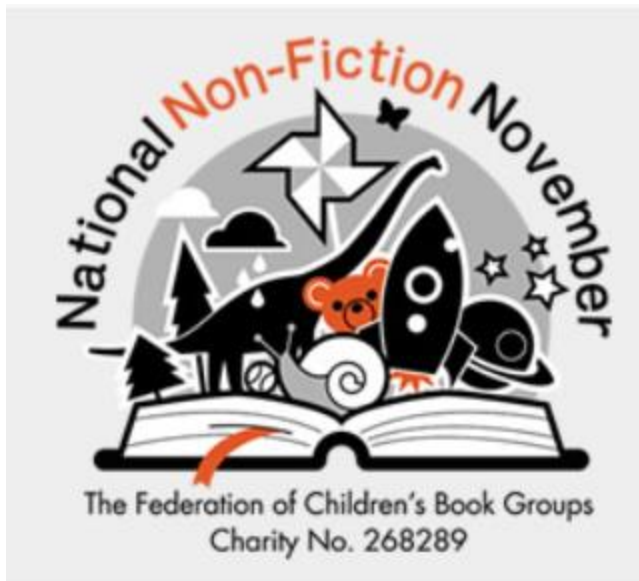
Next week in school we will be marking Friendship Week (during national anti-bullying week) as part of our PSHE curriculum. We will be kicking the week off, like lots of schools across the country, with 'Odd Socks Day' on. **Along with your school uniform, please wear your brightest, craziest socks in honour of this special day where we celebrate us all be different but all part of the same special thing.** The theme of the week this year is 'Reach Out'. Throughout the week, the children will be thinking about different ways that they can 'Reach Out' to those that need it and how they can 'Reach Out' to others when they need it. The children will also be delivered the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assembly in their classes. Please see the attached letter for more information on this.'

On Friday it is **Children in Need** day where we invite children to wear spots and donate £1 or more to this important cause. To link to our Friendship Week learning, on Friday in school children will add their own spot on which they celebrate what makes them special to be added to some giant odd socks.

Click [here](#) to visit the PSHE curriculum page

Abbie Evans PSHE Lead

Curriculum Update: Reading



At Henleaze Infant School we are thinking about **Non-Fiction November**. In our classroom book corners and well-equipped library we have many appealing non-fiction books that cover many topics.

According to The National Literacy Trust:

We found that children and young people who read non-fiction are more engaged with environmental issues. For example, those who read non-fiction are more likely to want to take care of the environment compared with those who don't read non-fiction (68% vs 49%).

There are many books available to children and to help foster your child's interest in Non-Fiction, here are some useful resources:

Max Minerva's Book shop on Henleaze Rd are extremely helpful and can suggest and order books in for you.

Love Reading for Kids is a great website that is easy to navigate by topic and age range

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/genre/nat/the-natural-world>

I look forward to hearing some of the interesting facts you have retrieved about the world around you. Happy reading.

Mrs Hibbard (Phonics and Reading Lead)

Curriculum Update: Computing

Festive Card Competition Over

Purple Mash are holding a Festive Christmas Card Competition and it would be great if pupils from Henleaze Infant School could take part in this at home; we look forward to seeing your entries! Full details are attached in a separate letter.

Deadline for entries is 23rd November.

As well as entering your design to Purple Mash we would love it if you could send a copy to your child's class email so that we can award all of those that take part with a certificate! Here are some of the entries from our school in 2020 for inspiration!.



Important Messages:

Unsafe parking

A parent has reported that this week there has been an incident of dangerous parking on Henleaze Park that resulted in a car being damaged. This is not acceptable in a place where many children need safe places to cross. Please make a considerate choice and leave more time to park further away.

Accessing food during the cost of living crisis

If you're struggling to afford food at the moment, there are organisations and schemes across the city which can help you. There are a number of foodbanks across Bristol for those who are eligible, with friendly volunteers available to talk about your needs and how they might be able to help:

- North Bristol and South Gloucestershire Foodbank <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/>
- Bristol North West Foodbank and Homebank www.bristolnorthwestfoodbank.org.uk
- South and East Bristol Foodbank <https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk>

Visit the Too Good to Go website to find out how you can buy food from cafes, restaurants and shops at a reduced price, when it hasn't sold in time. <https://toogoodtogo.org/en>

On the Olio website you can find people giving away free food to their community. <https://olioex.com/>

After some top tips to help you save money on food?

- Plan your meals – buying food for the week helps to cut down on impulse buys
- If you can, buy food like rice and pasta in bulk – it is often much cheaper per 100g than smaller bags
- 'Reduced to clear' foods can help save money – but think about when/how you'll eat them before you buy
- Buy what you need - buying loose fruit & veg can help you save money by buying only what you are going to eat

How to get cost of living support

The rising cost of living is impacting people across Bristol in different ways. To help support people most impacted, including those who have not faced financial challenge before, the council has a cost of living support webpage: www.bristol.gov.uk/costofliving

It provides advice and guidance on topics including housing, benefits and financial help, employment and skills, mental health and wellbeing, and provides links to useful websites and community organisations. It also includes information on the city's network of Welcoming Spaces where people can meet up, socialise, keep warm and access support relating to the cost of living crisis. There are now 37 spaces open in the city.

Our Citizen Service Point, located at 100 Temple Street, BS1 6AG, is also on hand if you need help using the council's services or need access to a computer. The opening hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 5pm. The service is closed on bank holidays.

You can also call the We Are Bristol phone line on 0800 694 0184, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm

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

