



Henleaze Infant School

'Be kind, be curious, be you'

Date 15th September 2023

Headteacher update:

Our school has continued to build on the fantastic start made last week with all classes rising to the challenge of new year group expectations. Reception classes have been AMAZING, learning our rules and routines, developing independence in self-selecting activities and resources and making new friends (as well as carrying lunch trays-quite a tricky skill!). Year 1 are showing their new maturity in completing Rainbow Challenges; balancing their own individual choices alongside adult-directed activities and have been great in looking after new friends to the school. Year 2 had a wonderful 'Wow day' this week working hard on the planning so that the banquet, medieval dancing and shield making was a success.

Thank you to all parents/carers who came to the KS1 'back to school' meetings on Tuesday. We hope you found them informative. Notes can be found on this week's class blogs and more information about the curriculum can be found in our [curriculum pages](#) under the 'School Life' tab on our website. If you are new to our school you may want to look at the video of our '[Curriculum Showcase](#)' last year.

We had feedback from some parents that they are keen to find out more about how to support reading at home. We have taken this on board and are considering the best way to reach as many of you as possible with practical tips. In the meantime you can visit the [Reading and Phonics](#) section of our curriculum pages (scroll down to videos). We are hosting phonics learn-a-longs later this term (17/18th Oct) where you can join the class phonics session to see how this aspect of reading is taught in school and get a sneak peak at what your child's experience in this area of learning is like. Your role in prioritising reading practise at home (aiming for at least 5 short sessions per week) is vital to your child's success. Teachers, and our Reading lead, Mrs Hibbard are always happy to answer questions you may have.

Reception children will each be working with an adult to complete the statutory Reception Baseline over the next week. Neither school or parents get any information from this at this stage (the data will be used to measure progress at the end of Year 6) but we also use our own observations to get to know what your child's individual strengths and next steps are. If you would like to find out more about the Reception baseline [here](#) is a link to the government information for parents.

To communicate with all parents/carers on how their child is getting on across the curriculum, planned parents evenings will be taking place at the beginning of Term 2 (dates are on the school calendar). Please note we do not have an open morning at this early stage of the year, but have set dates for February and July.

Please take time to check your child's class blog for important information and celebrations from your child's class this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

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: Computing

Computing is a 'spotlight' subject on our school development plan this year. Miss Ross, our Computing Lead has developed an updated online safety curriculum for teachers to deliver and is working with staff and children to ensure all aspects of computing are expertly taught across our school. We have purchased a new class set of 30 ipads to make sure we have the hardware to deliver this successfully and are looking forward to sharing the outcomes of this you.

Important Messages:

Parking

Sadly, we are already hearing that some parents/carers are not parking responsibly outside of our school. Please consider the impact on the children's safety and park safely.

Bristol's Brilliant Archaeology is back and bigger than ever.

16 September 11am to 4pm at Blaise Museum.

Throughout the day, there'll be tours, demonstrations, displays and stalls from a whole host of local societies, re-enactors, field archaeologists and heritage organisations.

There'll be plenty for mini archaeologists to do too with mini excavations, Iron Age coin hammering, pot-making, face painting and more. Our fantastic storyteller Michael Loader will also be retelling Roman and Greek myths at 11.30 am, 12.30 pm, 2.00 pm and 3.00 pm.

Blaise Castle, Blaise Community Gardens and St Mary's Church in the parish of Henbury will also be open for the occasion.

This event is part of the is part of the national Heritage Open Days.

You can access more information here: [Bristol's Brilliant Archaeology | Bristol Museums](#)

Coming up:

18th Sept Year 1 Wow Day

27th Sept 2:50 Reception Reading Meeting (school Hall)



Click below for the school calendar



Daffodil Class: Phoebe

Bluebell Class: Poyraz

Cherry Class: Alex

Maple Class: Albie

Sycamore Class: Alfie



We will have our first FHIS meeting on Monday 25th September at 7.30pm in the Sunflower Room at school. Join us for a drink and to find out what's going on this year!??



Our first exciting event will be the Halloween Trail on Sunday 15th October 2-4pm at school. Save the date!

FHIS Committee



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