



Henleaze Infant School

'Be kind, be curious, be you'

29th September Bulletin

This week's bulleting is dedicated to FABULOUS FHIS. I spent Monday evening at school amongst 13 parents who are either members of the FHIS committee or have found capacity to help support our school this year. Knowing that we all lead busy lives; their enthusiasm and dedication never fails to impress me. One comment from a new member struck a chord...they had not realised quite how fundamental the support of FHIS was to ensuring we can deliver the educational experience that we strive for to our children. All of you will have heard in the press over the past year how tight school budgets are and we are all aware that Covid has had a long-lasting impact on children, meaning that schools are required to provide more than ever before, so FHIS fundraising is enabling us to deliver what the children need without having to compromise. The FHIS newsletter showed some of the 'big ticket' items that were funded in recent months, but last year with a record-breaking £39, 000 of funding donated, FHIS funded some less obvious things that directly impacted children.:

- £1700 to contribute to the cost of Forest School provision for Reception children so that the cost to parents remained manageable
- £4000 for 'nuts and bolts' class resources eg. glue sticks and white board pens to use in lessons
- £1850 for classroom furniture
- £1340 for resources requested by subject leaders to enhance the curriculum e.g. live caterpillars, art resources or counting apparatus
- £1650 towards the fees for a Shine Coach to lead a PE session for each class once a week so that teachers can work with individuals or groups to support gaps in learning.

This funding has enabled us to channel our budget towards ensuring the children have the level and experience of staff needed and that the staff receive regular training opportunities so that our curriculum remains high quality.

See photos below for more....

The events organised by FHIS are not only important money-raising opportunities, they bring our community together and provide opportunities to enjoy the great space our school offers.

Whilst the 13 people who attended the meeting are amazing, they can't do it alone and some will be moving at the end of the year as their children leave Year 2. Now would be a great time to get in contact with the committee to either help out in one of the events teams or shadow someone to see if you could continue the great work FHIS do in future. They are a great bunch, they follow a well planned format that means events teams focus on one thing at one point in the year, meaning the work is manageable. They are always open to new ideas and enthusiasm.

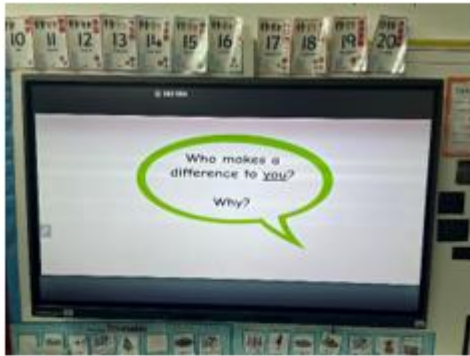
Email fhisinfo@gmail.com or speak to a committee member if you think you could offer some support.

This year FHIS are particularly in need of some volunteers to join the Junior School PTA in organising the May Fair.



Covid has impacted our youngest children, so the curriculum in Year 1 needed a different approach and resources to support this.





FHIS funded £10,000 towards new whiteboards in classrooms enabling us to use our Capital budget to buy 30 new iPads and a charging trolley to improve the children's access to the computing curriculum.



Shine Coaches not only have expertise to deliver PE, teachers can work for short periods with individuals and groups during this time to address 'quick fixes' so they can move on in their learning.

As a school, we couldn't offer what we do without FHIS and your support of the events they run, so from all of the school team a HUGE thank you to FHIS.

In news from school, you may have heard about the excitement in Year 2 related to a (friendly) dragon on the loose. Look out for sightings and look forward to seeing the fabulous writing and art work inspired by this experience. Year 1 continue to be motivated by their 'Rainbow Challenges' and have been thinking about what the planet 'Beegu' originated from would be like. All of KS1 are busy preparing for School Council and Eco Council elections next week.

I had a lovely lunch with Reception children today who were amazed to discover that i don't sleep at school! And thank you to the Reception parents who came to the Reading and Phonics meeting on Wednesday. Over 50% of families were represented, which is a great turnout.

Have a great 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](#))



Important Messages:

FACEBOOK

We have an enthusiastic school leader (Thanks Miss Simmons!) taking the lead on creating content for our school Facebook page. This is a great way for prospective new families to find out about our great school as well as existing families to be reminded of some of the activities happening at our school. Please like and share!

Interest has been growing since it's re-launch.....

Date	Beginning 22.9.23	After 6 days 28.9.23
Post reached	8	137
Post engagement	5	134
Followers	89	91
Likes	54	62

Coming up:

Thurs 5th Oct Year 1 trip to Westonbirt Arboretum

Monday 9th Oct INSET (school closed)

Weds 11th Oct Individual school photos

Oct 17th (KS1) 18th (Reception)

Phonics learn along 9:00-9:30

Weds 18th Oct Year 2 trip to Caldicot Castle



Click below for the school calendar



Daffodil Class: Mindy

Bluebell Class: William

Cherry Class: Megan

Maple Class: Amelia

Sycamore Class: George

Class of the Week: Sycamore Class for role-modle beaviour in and put of the classroom this week.

Congratulations everyone!



Thank you to the Reading Rangers who have started this week and to Sarah who has agreed to help look after our library to help keep us reading.



Fancy dress donations please!!

The Halloween Team would gladly welcome fancy dress outfits and small-sized toy donations for the (eco) lucky dip on two upcoming dates: Thu 5th & Fri 6th October at school pick up 3:15-3:30pm in the playground. Thank you!

We had a FHIS meeting on Monday and welcomed some new parents. Here are the committee members from your classes in case you want to have a chat about FHIS.

Chair- Katie (Cherry Class)

Co-Treasurers- Alice (Sycamore) & Sally (Daffodil)

Secretary- Lou (Daffodil)

Communication- Maddie (Cherry)

Sponsorship- Matt (Cherry)

Second hand uniform (Abby)

Easy fundraising- Allannah (Cherry)

Party Party box hire lead- Anna (Sycamore)

Julie & Jon (Buttercup)

Josie (Daisy & Sycamore)

Joy (Daisy & Maple)

David (Daffodil)

Anna (Sycamore)

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