



# Henleaze Infant School

*'Be kind, be curious, be you'*

## 13th October 2023 Bulletin

### **Headteacher update:**

There have been so many requests from teachers to share things with you in this week's bulletin that I am required to keep my input very short! Needless to say, it has been an exciting week filled with learning opportunities across the curriculum. Reception were delighted to go on their first 'Welly Walk', Year 1 have made us so proud with their continued enthusiasm and resilience in accessing their independent learning and representatives of Year 2 showed what great attitudes and skills the year group have in sport during the Shine inter-schools dodgeball tournament.

We're very proud of the whole school this week and looking forward to a great last week of term.

Enjoy the Halloween trail if you are joining it this weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Fricker

### **Curriculum Updates:**

#### **Religion and Worldviews:**

#### **Harvest at Henleaze Infant School - Monday 16th October**

Our Religion and Worldviews Curriculum goes far beyond only special festivals for different faiths, but we do teach children about some of the many different faith and culture celebrations. At this time of year, at around Harvest (the traditional Christian festival of thanksgiving for God's provision) we ask children to reflect on how we might help those in need, and invite families to make donations of dried or canned foods which are given to organisations in our city who support some of the most vulnerable people in Bristol. This year, we will be sharing donations between the Salvation Army, with whom the school has a long-standing connection, and B+A Church who regularly support Bristol families in need. Part of our Statutory Agreed Local Syllabus for RE is to teach children why Christians consider it important to care for those in need. We will have visitors from the Salvation Army in school on Monday 16th October to tell the children a little about their work. We will also discuss with children how people of other faiths, and other worldviews might also want to care for those in need.



If your family is celebrating a special festival, please do let your class teacher know, as we do encourage children to share their experiences and always to value and respect differences.

Please bring in donations of dried or canned foods to your class for Monday 16th October.

Many thanks.  
Mary Brand, RWV Leader

### Computing:

Website update - new online safety section!

We have just launched an area on our website aimed at supporting both parents and children with online safety. There are lots of useful links for parents with information about a variety of aspects of online safety, including: parental control settings, screen time recommendations, app and game reviews (that include age ratings) and advice on how to start up conversations with your child/ren about online safety. At the bottom of the page there is also a link to a 'kids area' which has links to various resources and websites which are great to use alongside your child to explore online safety together.

[Click here to explore](#)

### Parents Area

There are a lot of websites and resources out there aimed at parents and carers to help them keep their children safe online. These are some of the best sources.



The parents section has a large database with information and reviews for apps, games and films, including age ratings to help you judge suitability.



Has huge library of handy one page guides for a variety of apps and games including information about adjusting the parental control settings.



Has advice on starting conversations with your child about online safety and parental controls.

### Online Safety Mascot Competition

At Henleaze Infants we have our own set of online safety rules to aid the children when they are using technology. As online safety is an ever evolving area, we are going to be reviewing these rules to ensure they are up to date, as well as ensuring they are easy to understand for our age range of children. Next week classes will be discussing the wording of these rules and will have a chance to feedback about any improvements that they feel could be made to them.

Using this feedback we will then be updating them and relaunching with a new mascot! Our current mascot was designed by Kosei who won our previous mascot competition 2 years ago.

KS1 children are invited to enter this competition to design the mascot that will feature on our new rules.



To enter:

- Children can design a mascot using any medium they wish - ICT, drawing, sticking, painting... or any other way they choose. Be creative like the ELLI unicorn!
- The competition is open to KS1 only (with the idea that we will run the competition every 2 years, so current Reception will have a chance to enter when they are in Year 2)
- Entries should be emailed or handed to your child's teacher by the deadline of Monday 6th November.

We really hope you will show your support for this competition and can't wait to see all of the designs that the children come up with! Here are just a few examples of previous entries for inspiration!



Emma Ross  
Computing Lead

PE

A group of Year 2s had a wonderful afternoon representing Henleaze Infant School at the Shine dodgeball tournament on Thursday. They were all great sports who played fairly and honestly throughout. All of the children had big smiles on their faces all afternoon and were a great example of the amazing attitudes children here have. Well done, Year 2- super proud of you all!

Abbie Evans, PE Lead



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:**



Sadly we have been contacted by our road safety team and our neighbours, Claremont Special School to say that some parents/carers are still not parking safely. Claremont entrance **must not** be obstructed at any time as they frequently require ambulance access.

Inconsiderate parking is not only a nuisance to our neighbours, it puts our children and families at risk. please allow sufficient time to park safely.

Please see attached letter.

Community:

**We need more volunteers!**

**Can you, or someone you know, spare some time to help make this amazing event happen?**

The festival is a much-loved community event but needs more volunteers if it is to continue. It is a huge job for what is currently a small band of people. Without extra support the smooth running of the festival, perhaps even its future, is in jeopardy. So if you value what the festival can do for your business and the community, here are some ways you could help:

- Volunteer to help us on the day of the festival - we urgently need help with setting up at the start and clearing up at the finish
- Volunteer as a marshal during the day
- Delivering programmes
- Consider joining the organising group

We usually have just six one-hour meetings each year and we try to make the best use of everyone's time. Our festival co-ordinator, Jane Emery, is happy to be contacted to discuss any aspect of the festival and anyone is welcome to come along to our next meeting: **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 5.00 p.m. at The Eastfield Pub.**

Jane Emery:

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

**Coming up:**  
**Tuesday 17th KS1 learn-a-long**  
**Weds 18th Year 2 trip, Reception learn-a-long**  
**Friday 20th End of Term 1**



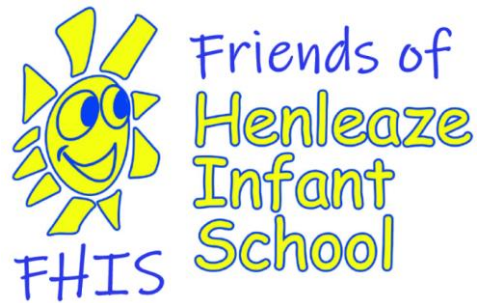
[Click below for the school calendar](#)

Stars of the  
Week

*Daffodil Class: Yoav*  
*Bluebell Class: Georgia*  
*Cherry Class: Alba*  
*Maple Class: Aayan*  
*Sycamore Class: Ofri*

*We're excited that reception will be joining our assemblies next term so can be celebrated as stars of the week!*

*Class of the Week: Bluebell Class for really showing their commitment to the 'do your best' rule.*



***Sunday 15th October - Halloween Trail***



***Saturday 4th November - Henleaze Community  
Fireworks at Henleaze Infant School***

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

