

'Be kind, be curious, be you'

23rd February 2024 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

We are grateful to our parent/carer community for their particularly high engagement this week. Not only did you show your 'Creative Unicorn' skills in the 100 Day contributions (my favourites were Kofi's card combining the age of himself with his grandpa and 2 sisters to make up 100 years and Chester's 100 miles from Bristol to Wembley Stadium poster), there was an overwhelming show of support for our learning shares this morning. This meant staff could be with those children whose parents were unable to make it, so all children got to celebrate the progress they had made with an adult. We look forward to speaking more about progress with you in parent meetings next week.

We've made the most of this first week back (despite the weather) and have seen some great poetry, geometry and geography work going on across the school. Please take a look at the class blogs to find out about the learning happening now and what is coming up soon, so that you can engage with your child at home to support them further.

Have a good 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: Maths

Yesterday, we hosted a themed Maths day to enrich our curriculum and promote the enjoyment of mathematics. We chose this day as it marked the 100th day of school this academic year. Each class has been keeping count of the days of school using the 'Henleaze Daily Count' in their classroom and have added one straw for each day. The adults at school were impressed with the selection of items that the children brought in from home to represent 100. You can look at the '100 Day' blog post to see some examples but some of our favourites included 100 biscuits, Lego models using 100 pieces and pictures made from 100 items. Each year group took part in a whole school investigation; 'How can 100 be grouped?'. Every class was given 100 lolly sticks to use to help them find all of the possibilities. Each year group recorded this in a different way. Reception used the lolly sticks as concrete resources and sorted them into equal groups. Year 1 grouped the lolly sticks and then wrote repeated addition number sentences, while Year 2 wrote multiplication number sentences. Thank you for your support in preparing the children for this day and engaging with our Maths curriculum at home.

Becci Simmons, EYFS and Maths Lead

Important Messages: FREE Together for SEND parent conference at BAWA 23/3/24



This conference will provide a wide range of information and resources e.g. how to apply for DLA, how to access speech/occupational therapy plus loads of groups Link to information video <u>here</u> Link to book www.bit.ly/march20bpc



Message from the Local Authority: Message re older children and online activity Sadly we find ourselves once again mourning the loss of a young life, following the tragic events of Wednesday 14th February and our thoughts and sympathies are with Darrian Williams' bereaved family and friends. Our city community is also now processing the loss of life of three young children in the west of the city.

This is an incredibly challenging time for our city and we know that you will have concerns, especially with it coming so soon after the terrible events in Knowle West. Now, more than ever, is the time for us to come together to support each other and our children and to do so from a place of respect, positivity and hope.

As part of this effort, please continue to check on your child's social media activity. There are unhelpful social media posts going round, which are sharing misinformation or rumours. Our children are not the cause of this but it is really important that they do not share, like or comment on such posts. We also strongly recommend that they leave any groups where such posts are being shared.

Local agencies continue to work closely with all educational settings to ensure young people remain safe across our city and we will continue to pass on any relevant advice and information for parents/carers as and when it is made available to us.

To book breakfast club, after school club or sports enrichment click <u>here</u>. To see more enrichment opportunities visit our <u>extra-curricular clubs page</u>.