



Henleaze Infant School

'Be kind, be curious, be you'

19th April 2024 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

It has been lovely to welcome you all back to the first of our two summer terms. The summer has so many additional enrichment events and diary dates to look forward to, it is always my favourite (and busy) time of year. On Tuesday, we received the names of the children who will be joining us in Reception. This is one of the highlights of the summer for me as we get to welcome new children and families to our community. If you have a child joining us and haven't already, please let the LA know you want to accept the space as this allows us to move forward with our induction programme.

The children currently in school have been introduced to new topics and texts that they will be using to 'hook' into their new learning over the coming terms. There will be a lot of work around the science topics of plants and animals; learning about growth and change (including their own bodies) as well as habitats, survival and understanding how to care for animals and their habitats. These units link nicely to the learning that takes place later in the summer, where we focus on the upcoming changes in year group (or school) and how to manage feelings around this. We know that for some children, this causes a bit of anxiety, so suggest parents keep this very low key for the next couple of months and then dove-tail timings with school after the half term break to focus on the positives of change, as well as how to manage worries. Knowing that as parents you may also be starting to think about next year in school, we want to reassure you that there are no major changes planned and that transition will be carefully planned and implemented as usual.

Thank you to parents for completing the short questionnaire regarding the additional INSET day on the 22nd and 23rd July. We can confirm these days are in addition to the INSET days already planned for this year and won't replace those planned at the start of September 2024. Schools Out Henleaze (SoH) will have capacity for the children who need to be cared for on the July INSET days. School (and SoH) will send out notification when they open for bookings for these days. Please note: the Google form was to gauge numbers rather than book a place, so you will need to book through SoH in order for your child to attend holiday club on the INSET days. The survey showed a very small minority (<10%) of families would want home learning to access, therefore we will not be planning activities for those 2 days. Instead, we will be signposting resources and activities that can be accessed throughout the holidays as we would ordinarily.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

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 - Animation



Year 1 have been making animations this week using the Stop Motion app. They have been teamwork bees; working together to create their story boards, backgrounds and finally their animations!

Visit our Facebook or Instagram page for some more Year 1 examples, or the Year 1 blog to see some of Cherry Class's completed videos.

Emma Ross, Computing Lead

Important Messages:

Job opportunity: Breakfast Club Playworker (please share)

Our well-established team of breakfast club leaders play a key role in ensuring that our children have happy, safe wrap around care.

We need someone to join us in supporting the children to have fun whilst also promoting good behaviour. The role involves some light physical duties such as setting up tables and tidying up after the breakfast service which are organised on a rota basis, helping children with their eating and encouraging good manners.

The rest of the time is spent in the school halls, or outside in the playground, engaging children in safe play which could involve someone to one support. We are looking for someone who can demonstrate a calm, caring approach and an interest in working with children. Good time keeping and the energy needed to work well as part of a team are vital.

In return, you will join a welcoming, supportive team in a school where the vision 'Be kind, be curious, be you' is woven through all we do.

Click [here](#) to view the job description.

Working Hours- Mon-Fr 07:30-09:00

To apply, please contact the school office on henleaze.i@bristol-schools.uk

Breakfast Club currently has **spaces for children on a Monday and Friday morning.**

email breakfastclubhenleazei@bristol-schools.uk to book or call the school office with enquiries

Free, no waiting list parenting support sessions!

We are really excited to be able to launch our new [Family Hubs virtual offer](#), including a new package of online learning for every parent and carer in Bristol for free! The courses have been developed by the Solihull Approach, alongside the NHS, health experts and parents too! Our mission in Bristol is for every parent in Bristol to complete the Solihull Approach – the learning is for everyone, not only for when you are struggling!



The courses cover a whole range of topics to support parents and carers through all stages of a child's development including:

- Pregnancy and post-pregnancy support
- How to understand your child or teenager's mental health
- Help for understanding relationships
- Support for children with additional needs

There are also courses for teenagers to help them understand their mental health and feelings.

Parents and carers can access the courses through this link [Family Hubs virtual offer](#) or by taking these 5 simple steps:

- Step one:** Go to [the Solihull Approach](#)
- Step two:** Go to inourplace **tab on front page**
- Step three:** Click on "Apply Access Code" **tab**
- Step four:** Enter code : **GROWING**
- Step five:** Answer the monitoring questions and add your Bristol post code and you are good to go!!

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

