Henleaze Infant and Junior School Bulletin

23rd October 2026

Headteacher update:

Visits to classes with prospective parents were a complete pleasure this week. As well as being impressed with learning taking place, the comments from children when they were asked to talk about our school were a really positive reflection of all that teachers and leaders aim to achieve. Children said (without prompting! What they love best about our school is that: "*everyone is kind", "everyone is welcome", "learning is exciting", "teachers help you if you are stuck until you get it", "the playground is big", "people look after you", "camp is brilliant".*

What a great end of term pick-me-up!

I was also incredibly proud of the way Year 5 conducted themselves whilst away on their first overnight residential. Despite some nerves (and a lot of rain) they all fully participated, taking on new challenges, working with different peers and even making and stripping their own beds and clearing tables after meals! It was a pleasure to see them reveling in their independence and the sense of pride in each achievement.

Year 2 got to the end of a complex DT challenge leaning different joining methods to make a stable structure and understanding how a wheel, axle, and axle holder combine as a mechanism to create controlled rotary movement. They should each feel pride in their finished Ferris Wheel model.

Also in school this week, Rock Steady launched at HJS. The engagement and excitement were clear to see (so much 'rocking out'!) and we hope the children enjoy either the sessions or the future performances of future bands as much as the infants have.

Whether you are planning a quiet week next week, or adventure bound, I hope that you have a restful week. We will be back on Monday 2nd November.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker

Half-Term Sports for Champions Charity Challenge

On 25/11 Sports for Champions are coming to HJS to lead an assembly and fitness challenge with all HJS pupils.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9pNUjLpWT5M

The assembly focuses on the importance of an active life-style as well as the commitment and ambition needed to become a professional athlete. Linked to the assembly, children can choose to take up the challenge of engaging in a sponsored activity.
The video lined below explains what the children have to do regarding sponsorship, and how their fundraising will support athletes in training and their school.

There is also a crowdfunder link for donations
https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/henleaze-junior-schoolfundraiser

Attendance Matters: Celebration and plea for support

Our schools have made great progress in the past year in pupils being in school on time to have a settled start to the day. We really appreciate you supporting us in keeping this morning routine, getting key learning started from the off.

Where we have room to improve on is the number of term-time holiday requests received. These will very rarely be authorised and do count towards the cumulative 5 school days unauthorised absences that will trigger a fine. Please recognise the disruption to your child's learning in school that this causes by booking holidays out of term time.







Classes of the week:
Maple Class for working hard on maintaining routines so that learning and play are good for everyone

Class 6S for demonstrating a positive attitude for learning-teaching me facts about tectonic plates and speaking confidently to visitors.

Coming up:

Both Schools:

Tues 10th & Thurs 12th Nov Parent Consultation evenings

16th-20th Nov Anti-bullying Week/Friendship week

See our website calendar and key dates section for more events this term.

Online planned absence request form

Henleaze Schools www.henleazeschools.org

Contact us at office@henleazejuniorschool.org or office@henleazeinfantschool.org Phone: 01173772442

Community spotlights

Joint PTA Update



Fireworks night Saturday 7 November

It's just over 2 weeks until our annual Henleaze Community Fireworks on Saturday 7th November. We raised an incredible £12k last year for both of our schools.

To make this year's event another resounding success, we need your support. We would be incredibly grateful if you could sign up for a volunteering slot. The sign-up genius link has been sent out across the class WhatsApp groups.

You can still get tickets for our brilliant fireworks night - available in the playground and at local venues (see posters around school for details).

Advance tickets: Adults £10, Children £5, preschoolers go free.

Gates open at 5 pm. Last entry at 6:50 pm. Fireworks at 7:15 pm

Thanks to our sponsors CJ Hole and Wards Solicitors.

Junior's Halloween Disco success 👻🎃

It looked like the kids had a 'fang'tastic time at the disco last week - their costumes were amazing!

Thank you to the volunteer team who planned and ran it - and all the volunteers on the night...without you, these events wouldn't happen!

We'll announce the fundraising total next week.

Mayfair

Could you lead a team to plan and run the 2027 Mayfair?

It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. You can contact us through your class rep or email us directly at: hensa@henleazejuniorschool.org