



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN  
SCHOOL

*Achieving Excellence Together*



## Headteacher's Corner

Welcome to the new half term.

Although in many areas around the country we were unable to recognise our service personnel who had fought in the wars, Henley was able to celebrate with an open air Remembrance event in the Jubilee Gardens, at the back of the St Nicholas Church, last Sunday

It was a very humbling and unique experience, with Henley in Arden school students asked to lay a wreath and represent all of the students from all of the Henley schools.

Below is a photo of our Head Boy, Jack Rowley and Head Girl, Zoe Styler, with two of the flag bearers that were also present at the event.



Fittingly, it was very much a past and present occasion, with both of the two flag bearers being ex-students of Henley school, which they left in 1976.

On leaving, Alan Jackson, on the left, went to work with a local painter/decorator for a short time before joining the Royal Navy in 1977. Based at Chatham, Rosyth, Plymouth and Portsmouth, Alan spent 10 years in the Navy before leaving to pursue a career at Jaguar. He is now retired. Paul Merrell, on the right of the photo, grew up in Henley just a few doors away from Alan and they have remained lifelong friends. Paul left Henley School and joined the Army Cadets before becoming a Boy Soldier in the Army. During his three year sign up Paul became part of the spectacular White Helmet Motorbike Display Team, famous throughout the world for its daring, never-before-seen motorcycle acrobatics. Leaving the Army he became a HGV driver for Peugeot, before meeting up again, and working with Alan, at Jaguar. It was a pleasure to meet these two ex-students. Once again in developing our connections with the community, we as a school have been invited to participate in a sponsored "Lets Walk to Bethlehem", in conjunction with the Henley residents, including our Chair of Governors, Sue Westmacott. We have agreed to take part as it will support Henley in receiving funds for their switch on of the Christmas lights as well as supporting the national anti-bullying charity, in providing training of our students and others around the country. We are proposing

for our students in each form to walk 50 miles between them. Even in these challenging times, if you are in a position to do so, I hope you might be able to support this initiative.

I would also like to highlight our request for a parent to join our governing body. The Governing body representing Henley is fantastic and effective and they have a space in their group. The important post gives the opportunity for enthusiastic parents to offer their thoughts and support in our journey and our aspiration to becoming outstanding.

If you are interested, please reply to the notice in this newsletter.

Best wishes  
Mark Wilson

# Schoolgateway

## Wearing of Face Masks

It is mandatory that students wear their face masks whilst moving around the school between lessons and during social time. It is also mandatory to wear face masks whilst travelling to and from school on the buses, trains and taxis. Travel can be refused by the bus drivers if pupils refuse to wear a mask. Please ensure your child is provided with a reusable mask (navy, black, blue or white).

Thank you

# HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th November 2020

## Forthcoming Dates:

**Thursday 19th November**  
Year 11 Virtual Parent's Evening

**Friday 20th November**  
Shakespeare School's Festival Performance

**w/c 30th November**  
Year 11 Performing Arts practical week

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**Twitter:** @HenleySchool

## **Whole School Literacy Competitions**

### **Students were asked to write a creative piece based on the theme of Remembrance.**

On this day in November,  
All the troops we do remember,  
But let's not forget their honour,  
And the plans arranged by scholars,  
When at eleven o'clock we stand in silence,  
Even though following guidance,  
We remember those who died  
We remember the treaty of Versailles.

**Benjamin Cronin 7E**

Waking up in the warm comforting surroundings of my bed, I look at the clock on the bedside table to the right, it is time to get up. Next to the clock is the picture of my family, the frame is old, but the faces are bright. One last stretch, just to make sure that I remember this moment. I know for sure it will be a long time before I am back in this bed, if at all... as today I leave for war.

After a warm bath, I get dressed and finish packing my bag. The family photo is the last thing I pack. This will be the only personal possession that I can take with me. I need this photo! This is why I am going; I need to protect my precious loved ones.

I finish my cup of tea and toast whilst reading about the misery of war in the newspaper. I wonder if my name will ever appear in the paper, either as a war hero who saved thousands of lives or as one of the fallen? This will not happen to me, I am young, fit, and healthy. I will make a difference and end the terrible war. They will not hurt my country or family. I can stop them, and I will do my bit!

Kisses and hugs are exchanged, reassuring words fill my heart with love, as tears roll down my face. I step onto the train, I want to freeze time, so that the faces that I see will always remain. I put my bag under the seat and stand at the window. I see their faces disappear as the platform fades and the train smoke fills the air. I look around, I am not alone; we are brave but scared.

As I sit down on the train, feeling like my heart is about to burst, I hear a voice. A young man, about my age, takes the seat next to me and says hello, he has a friendly face and a cheery voice. We chatted for a couple of hours and I soon establish that we are both going to the same place.

I've never seen that friendly face again, along with so many others that came into, and out of my life during that time. I don't want to talk about what happened during my time away. The memories remain, even if the scars have faded. I will never forget the time that I left my home as a boy and returned as a man. Unlike many, I was lucky, I got to stretch back out in my bed and see my family photo on the bedside table once more.

**Daisy Bradley 7T3**

## **Diary Entries of WW1:**

*18th October*

Dear Diary,  
How long will this war last? This is the question we are all asking. The conditions we live in get worse every day. The mud gets deeper, the ground wetter with rain, the wind colder. We don't even have any shelter for sleeping. It's either live in these conditions or die. I'd rather die.

"Officers, up, up, UP!" The Sergeant Major yells.  
"Yes sir!" I say along with my fellow soldiers. We line up in our places in the trenches. Got to go, write later.

*22nd October*

Dear diary,  
The days are getting longer and harder. I'm hardly getting any sleep, and the little sleep I get is filled with nightmares of the guns and shells. When will the war stop?

All of us are being worked harder and harder. Every time I shoot and kill, I feel guilty and ashamed of myself. He tries to hide it, but I can see our Sergeant Major has had enough too. But we all know we have to persevere. What would happen if we didn't fight? We'd all be dead. So, we work our hardest all the time. But it's difficult.

Bang. Bang. Bang. Rifle fire after rifle fire. It just is far too much to handle.

**Rhyanna Richards 9O  
Mrs Jones**

### **Year 11 Parents' Evening Thursday 19th November 4pm-7pm**

Please can we remind Year 11 parents to make your parents' evening appointments using the link previously sent via Schoolcomms.

### **Front of School Pick-Up**

Please may we remind all parents that if your child is staying for homework club, to please collect them from the front of school and not the coach park.

Please note that, due to COVID lockdown restrictions, we are operating an amended timetable with Years 7 and 8 on Monday and Wednesday and Years 9 and 10 on Tuesday and Thursday.



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## A Gateway of Opportunity

In Year 9, students are studying a range of fiction texts that deal with injustice and equality. In lesson we discussed who 'holds the door open' for you to succeed and Scarlett wrote a poem encompassing this idea and sharing her views on how we achieve true equality- together. Well done, Scarlett!  
From Ms Moon.

*'A Gateway of Opportunity' by Scarlett Comer.*

The doorway of opportunity.  
Some get opportunities that others do not see.  
This is great, but better, it could be.  
To make sure that everyone gets to the door  
Hold it open, so enter can more.  
Guide the way like bright fireflies.  
We will not be each other's demise.  
So, together we will succeed.  
So, together we will be freed.  
Equality is what we want.  
The doorway of opportunity holds equality, dreams  
and more...  
So together, we will reach this door.

## We are recruiting a new Parent Governor

### Can you help?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our team.

We are looking for a committed parent governor who can bring energy, new ideas and enthusiasm to help drive our school forward.

We would especially welcome applications from parents with a background/interest in the Performing Arts. No prior knowledge of the education system is needed.

- Do you have an open and enquiring mind?
- Are you able to challenge and hold the school to account as a critical friend?
- Would you like the opportunity to support our school and community and improve the educational outcomes for all our pupils?
- Can you commit to attending meetings and visiting the school?

If so, please contact our Clerk of Governors to find out more about the role.

Mr Ian Paterson, [ipaterson@henleyschool.com](mailto:ipaterson@henleyschool.com)

## Festive Forestry

Luxury home-grown Christmas trees will be on sale in the coach park 5th/6th, 12th/13th, 19th/20th December. Please see flyer attached for details.  
[info@festive-forestry.co.uk](mailto:info@festive-forestry.co.uk)



Thank you for all foodbank donations. Please see below list which we have been advised are currently the most needed items:

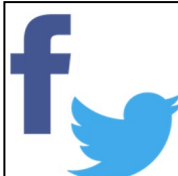
Tinned fish:-Tuna - Sardines - Mackerel - Salmon-  
Tinned meat:- Ham, Spam, Corn beef  
Tinned fruit , Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard,  
Angel Delight  
Small jars of coffee  
UHT juice  
Dried milk  
Spreads: Jam -Marmalade - Marmite - Peanut Butter  
Small packets biscuits  
Savoury snacks :- Crackers, Rice Cakes, Breadsticks  
Instant mash  
Washing powder/Liquid  
Washing up liquid  
Shaving foam, Razors  
Toiletries: Shampoo, Conditioner, Shower gel,  
Handsoap, Deodorant  
Toothpaste and toothbrushes  
Tinned veg: Peas, Carrots, Sweetcorn  
Tinned Potatoes  
Tinned Vegetarian Meals: Cheese Ravioli, Veg  
Chilli, Mac Cheese  
Tinned Pies  
Tinned Meat Meals:- Ravioli, Chilli, Curry, Meat balls, Irish Stew, Chicken in sauce, Mince beef, Stewed steak

## School Photos

School photos have arrived in school and have been distributed to pupils. If you have any queries please contact [ssmith@henleyschool.com](mailto:ssmith@henleyschool.com)

## Waterproof jackets

The delivery of waterproof jackets should be completed today. Jackets will be distributed next week during form time.



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## **Mindfulness and Anti-bullying Week w/c Monday 16th November**

Our Anti-bullying and mental health focussed week will see a number of events daily.

Teaching staff are going to use starters that get students thinking in every lesson.

Students will be practicing mindfulness by taking part in the pom pom garland competition as well as watching various videos from staff and students to consider Anti-bullying in form time. There is a form pizza afternoon prize at stake here !!

On Friday, we will Walk to Bethlehem as form teams, to cover a 50 mile distance. Students will consider what affirmations they want to make during their walk and then these are going to be written and placed on the Anti-bullying tree in the main dining annex.


Please can we remind you that pupils are to wear suitable footwear and coats as it will be muddy and possibly wet.

On Friday to celebrate differences, students are also encouraged to wear bright clothes on the non uniform day and families are asked to donate £2. Please can we request that this is brought to school in cash which will be collected in form time. This will ensure that every penny will go to the communities Christmas lights fund and NHS charities.

We hope that such a focus on these important topics will remind all of us in our community, that empathy and kindness are vital particularly at this time.

Thank you.

## **WALK TO BETHLEHEM**



As the  
Christmas Lights' Committee have  
been unable to hold any fund raising  
functions this year, we have decided to seek your  
help by holding a virtual sponsored walk.

**"LET'S WALK TO BETHLEHEM"**  
(3,414 miles)

We need 67\* people to walk 50 miles, or  
groups/families as a joint venture to walk the same.  
That's only 105,600 steps. Think how fit you will become whilst supporting a good cause. We  
propose to begin on 1st November and finish on  
1st December.

For further details contact Chairman:  
Brian Westmacott at Westmacott's shop or  
email [sue@westmacotts.co.uk](mailto:sue@westmacotts.co.uk)

**\*Our Rev John Ganjavi has kindly offered to walk  
over the English Channel!! ☐**





## COVID will not take away your *Christmas Sparkle....*

- 4ft to 10ft trees with prices starting from £15 (Nordmann non drop, Fraser and pot grown)
- Trees wrapped in netting for easy transportation
- Stands and wreaths available
- Delivery available
- Require a tree before 5th December or have a special request?  
Please let us know and we will gladly cut and deliver one to you:  
[info@festive-forestry.co.uk](mailto:info@festive-forestry.co.uk)
- Supporting our local school donating £1.50 for every tree sold



Callum Tonks  
former Henley in Arden pupil

ON SALE IN THE CAR PARK  
OF HENLEY-IN-ARDEN SCHOOL

5th/6th, 12th/13th, 19th/20th December  
10am until 3pm



WE WILL BE  
SELLING OUR  
LUXURY  
HOME GROWN  
TREES  
THIS YEAR!



DIRECT FROM FAMILY OWNED FARM,  
CUT THE DAY BEFORE YOU COLLECT

GET  
INTO  
TEACHING

with  
Arden  
Teaching  
School  
Alliance...

Teaching   
Every Lesson Shapes a Life



Based in Knowle, Arden Academy is the **Lead School** in an Alliance of Solihull-based primary and secondary schools all offering teacher training.

Together with The University of Warwick, an 'Outstanding' ITT training provider, we offer PGCE/QTS courses to both graduates and career-changers via the **School Direct** route.

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