



HENLEY-IN-ARDEN
SCHOOL

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Headteacher's Corner: Henley Green Fund

You won't have missed the publicity surrounding the report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Its message was pretty stark: change, or risk permanent damage to the Earth. At Henley, we've made a number of changes over the last few years: we've fitted double glazing and improved the insulation of our roofs; we've installed low energy lighting throughout the school; we use recyclable and biodegradable packaging as much as we can in the canteen.

However, there's one problem that is proving very difficult to fix: plastic bottles. Last year, as a school we got through 50,000. You read that correctly: fifty thousand. I imagine that as you read that you're thinking: "Stop selling so many! Haven't you seen Blue Planet 2?" The truth is that we want to reduce the number we sell but it will create a problem. I wrote a fortnight ago about the financial crisis hitting the nation's schools. Those 50,000 bottles increased the school's revenue by £21,000. I hate to say it, but in this economic climate we can't afford to do the right thing by the environment. The long term benefit to the environment has to be sacrificed for the short term need to balance the budget. That's a painful statement to have to write in a school newsletter.

But there's hope. It will involve us all lending a hand. In total, parents paid £31,000 for bottled water last year. In other words, pupils spent £54 each on something that that they could just as easily get, chilled, filtered and free of charge by going to one of the water coolers dotted around the school site. We can reduce the number of plastic bottles going into the environment by 50,000 a year. We don't need to raise

£31,000; we just need to raise the amount we'll lose if we stop selling bottles of water. If each pupil contributed £40 a year (that's not much more than a pound per school week) we'd not only cover the loss but also have a little left over for more water coolers around the school, more plastic recycling bins and greater use of recycled paper.

Will you help? Can you contribute to Henley in Arden's Green Fund? Click [here](#) to go to the school's payment portal. You can donate £40 straightaway, spread the cost over year, or make a larger donation. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's report made it clear that everyone needs to make a change in order to save the Earth. £40 a year doesn't feel like too big a cost when our whole planet is at risk.

A reminder

Please do not drop off or pick up your children from the front of school without prior permission from a member of the Senior Leadership Team

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NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th October 2018

Forthcoming Dates:

Half Term Holiday

Mon 29 Oct - Fri 2 Nov 2018

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Tuesday 13 November 2018

www.henleyschool.com

Twitter: @HenleySchool

Dance News:

Well done to Emma Frost, Year 7, who achieved a merit in her recent grade 3 ballet exam!

Please let Mrs Monk know of any outside school achievements; it's always lovely to hear this news.

Mrs L Monk

Uniform Reminder

Thanks to all parents for the smart appearance of students on return to school. With the bad weather coming could we please ensure students' winter coats are adhering to the school uniform policy. Brightly coloured coats are not permitted. Skirt, hair and make up rules are largely being adhered to, but please encourage your children to wear uniform appropriately outside of school as well as within the school grounds.

Mrs N Thompson

Duke of Edinburgh

The school's new D of E Manager is Miss Helen Smail. Miss Smail is going to run Bronze this year with Year 9 and Year 10 as well as Silver mainly with Year 11 students. She will be going into assemblies to present the structure to students in the coming weeks. The D of E allows students to become more independent by asking them to volunteer, work on a skill, work on a physical activity; it culminates with a supervised independent walking expedition.

If any parent would like to get involved in any aspect of supporting students to complete their award, please contact Miss Smail via hsmail@henleyschool.com.

Miss H Smail

Much Ado about Shakespeare!

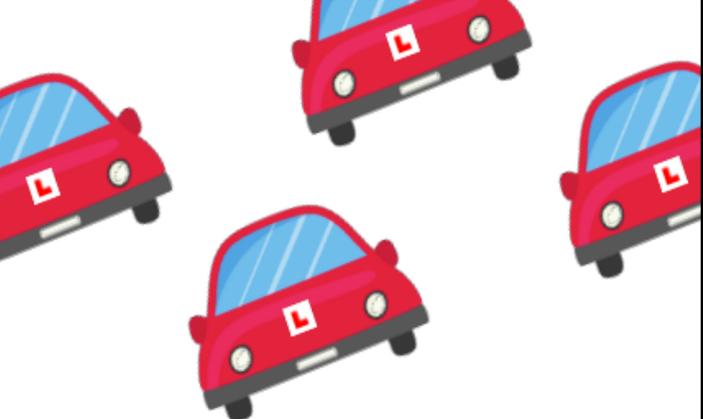
Pupils became actors at the recent Shakespeare Schools Festival workshop at the MAC on Monday 1st October. Sharing the opening of our staging meeting of the bards battle of the genders proved how talented Henley pupils are and clearly impressed the



professional actors that were running the workshop.

We are really looking forward to the show 6th November at the Midland Arts Centre.

Miss Moon, Mrs Wright & Mr Eagles



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