



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for this week

Tuesday 31 March

10.00 Librarians' Bookshop Visit (Southwold)

Wednesday 1 April

2.30 Spring Concert (Reception & Year One)

9.15 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead

11.00 Poetry & Inter-House Choral Speaking Competition

Thursday 2 April

3.30/4.10 Term Ends

Friday 3 April

Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

Holiday Club Tuesday 24 March

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22 April

Summer Term Begins

Friday 24 April

School Council Elections

Monday 4 May

Bank Holiday (School Closed)

### Message from the Headmaster



We could not have had a more adventurous end to the term! I hope that this edition of the newsletter gives a flavour of a wonderful programme of activities during our Big Day Out. The boys and girls were a credit to the school and it is always heartening to hear comments reinforcing this, be they passed on by members of the general public, or the staff at the venues we visit. The weather was kind, if a touch on the chilly side, but spirits remained as buoyant as the punts. There were learning opportunities aplenty and a great day was had by all. Cara joins me in wishing every member of The Old School Henstead community a peaceful and blessed Easter.

*Mr McKinney*



Scenes from the Spring Concert



# Big Day Out

Reception



## Reception Class' Big Day Out

A trip to the beautiful grounds of Thrigby Hall Wildlife Park was the perfect way to finish our zoo topic this half term.

We were blessed with glorious weather and all of the animals were keen to come out and greet us. We started with the parrots and the porcupines, but the children were eager to see the crocodiles, so we soon headed to the swamp house. The children were amazed by how still the crocs were and said they looked like plastic ones! Sharpy was keen to get in on the action too, so had several photos taken with him posing next to his fellow crocs.

We went on to visit the noisy monkeys and gibbons, who seemed to be constantly in competition with each other to see who could be the loudest and the biggest show off!

The children enjoyed the high bridges, play park and the rest of the animals, especially the beautiful tigers.

We ended our day out with a quick visit to the gift shop and the decision was made to adopt one of the crocodiles for a year. A plaque will be arriving in the post for us to look at before it is then sent back to Thrigby to be displayed near the crocodiles. If you get a chance to visit the wildlife park, be sure to look out for The Old School Henstead plaque situated in the swamp house.

Miss Coxon



# Big Day Out

## Years One & Two

### Hair Raising Day Out

Years One and Two combined Big Day Out forces again this year for a superb day of education and adventure in Cambridge. It all started with fun and games in the Cambridge Science Centre with Mandy and her team of volunteers.

The children were allowed to explore all the science investigations on offer, ranging from the theory of gravity and building earthquake proof buildings to measuring the sounds of their own voices and experimenting with light.

On top of all that, there were two interactive workshops: Static Electricity saw Isabelle and Charlie's hair standing on end as well as moving tiny particles of materials and a Coke can as if by magic!

The Materials session saw the children discovering bullet-proof and fireproof materials and saving the Three Little Pigs lives!

A picnic in the sunshine and a short (!) yomp through the beautiful streets of Cambridge took us to the meeting point with Years Four and Six for an afternoon's adventure of Punting on the Cam. The children loved our informative and very fun guides, and some even enjoyed a snuggle under the blankets and a short nap!

A fabulous day out for all!

*Miss Kay, Ms Thomson, Mr Butcher, and Miss Newnham.*





# Big Day Out

## Years Three & Five

### Secret Mission

In the morning Years Three and Five headed to the outskirts of Cambridge to visit SI5. Their mission was this:

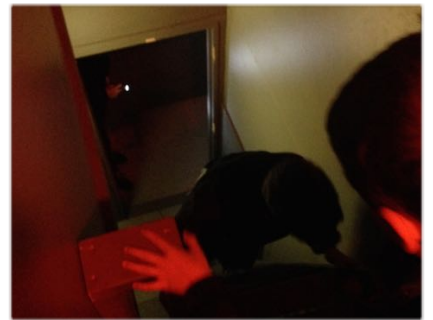
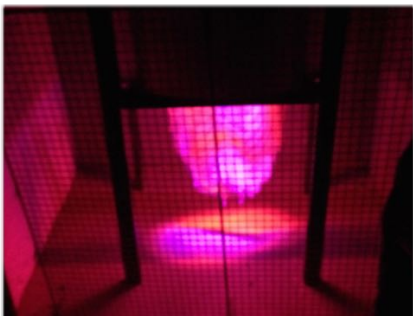
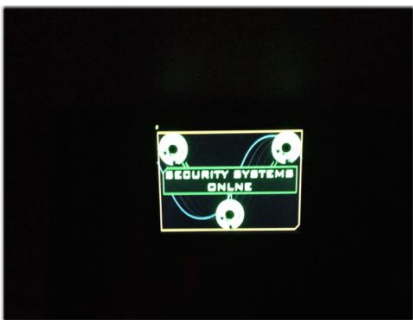
*'UNS Steadfast has been seized by the enemy. They intend to sail the ship to a specific target and launch a nuclear missile.*

*Your mission is to covertly board the ship, get to the missile and disarm it before it launches. Steadfast will reach the launch site in 80 minutes.'*

Starting the missions on a DAHV simulator, the children had to solve a series of problems, find their way through a laser maze, climb ropes and ladders, as well as completing a computer-based game. It really was a most fantastic morning, with the children getting lots of opportunity for teamwork as well as individual ingenuity.

The pace was of a far more gentle nature in the afternoon, as we set upon solving a murder mystery on the streets of Cambridge. Faced with a possible 15 suspects and 6 murder weapons, the children had to follow a series of clues to eliminate the innocent. An hour and half later, and having had the opportunity to see the world famous colleges and beautiful architecture, our earnest detectives charged Amanda Brown with the heinous deed. I am quite sure that is not what a cricket bat should be used for!

*Miss Clifton, Miss Goddard and Mr Hunter*



# Big Day Out

## Years Four & Six

### Pac Man goes Punting

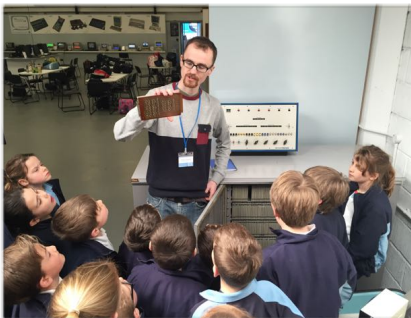
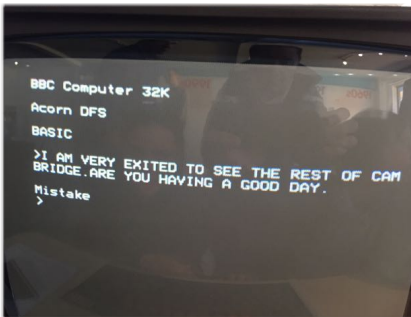
After a straightforward journey to Cambridge, (with only one “are we there yet?”) the digital natives of Years Four and Six arrived at their destination - the Centre for Computing History. There was something for everyone - from ZX Spectrum to modern-day consoles. First up was a programming workshop using the language of BBC basic in a BBC Micro suite decked out as a vintage 1980s technology suite - the children were amazed by the complexity and length of commands required for the simplest of programmes.

Next was a most enjoyable hands-on tour of computers through the ages, the behemoths of the 1950s were a sight to behold, wielding just a fraction of the processing power enjoyed by a modern mobile ‘phone.

The morning was completed by interviews conducted by Rory Cellan-Jones, the BBC technology correspondent no less, with a podcast available on BBC World Service. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/podcasts/series/tech> (Tech Tent 63: Retro Computers)

Post lunch we were off to the town centre and embarked on our punts for a tour of the colleges. Wonderful weather, knowledgeable and skillful guides and the hope that our future scholars will be inspired to return to Cambridge as prospective undergraduates. That will do nicely!

*Mr McKinney, Mr Tiley-Nunn, Mrs Scoggins and Mrs Hall*





# Nursery News.



## Big Day Out!

Nursery embarked on their Big Day Out to the Sea Life Centre in Great Yarmouth. The rainy weather didn't dampen our high spirits and we sang a chorus of *Wheels on the Bus* and *Wind the Bobbin Up* on the minibus. We met Spencer and Lucas at the Sea Life centre and we were eager to begin our tour! We were first greeted by some friendly sting rays and then went to see the penguins. The children searched high and low for them and found them huddling on a rock together. We were very gentle at the touch pool where we dipped our fingers in to touch a starfish and some cleaning shrimp.

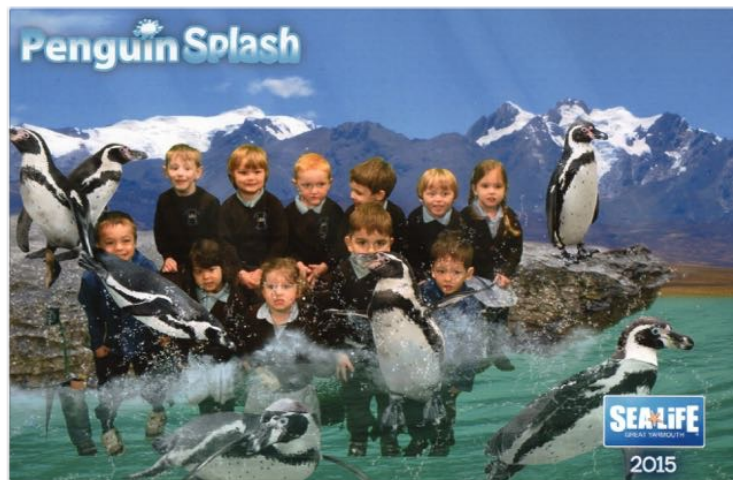


We then searched for the shark tank and came across a crocodile on the way. We got to the shark tank just in time to meet Daz the daring diver who was gearing up to feed the sharks! The children were very inquisitive and asked him some interesting questions. As the sharks were munching away we made our way to the education room where we had a lovely lunch. We soon finished with still more energy! The teachers let us have a play in the soft play area to burn some of it off. It must have worked because all but three of us fell asleep on the way home!



We had a amazing trip and would like to thank Ruth Wallis (Ethan's Mummy) for coming along to help. We enjoyed playing with our new shark and turtle toys that we bought from the gift shop back at Nursery. Fantastic behaviour Nursery children, well done. We had a whale of a time.

*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*



# We are healthy eaters!



Local dietician (and Year Two mum!) Mrs Jarmey came in this week to conclude our Science topic 'Our Bodies/Health and Growth' with some hands on action!

The children created a giant healthy plate of food with all kinds of (plastic) food, putting them into the correct food group and learning about the ideal portions of 'fruit and veg', 'bread, rice, pasta and potatoes', 'meat, fish, eggs and beans' and 'milk and dairy' they should be aiming to eat every day. All the children were very surprised at how little of the high fat and sugar 'treat' pile they should actually be eating!

They learnt about the benefits to their health of each of the food groups, and were getting to grips with nutritional terms such as Protein, Carbohydrates, Calcium and Vitamins - all the things we need in abundance to help us grow and keep us healthy.

The children were also given a range of empty packets of their favourite treats (Doritos, chocolate digestives, Dairy Milk, Haribo and Coke) and a number of jars containing volumes of sugar and fat. They had to match the amount of sugar and fat to each empty packet...the real shockers were Coke and chocolate!

Mrs Jarmey measured everyone for their height and weight with her hospital equipment, and told us about a BMI (Body Mass Index) App for children, which we are going to look at next term, and will link it into our maths work on charts and understanding data.

A very informative, but very fun and interactive afternoon - thank you Mrs Jarmey!

Miss Kay





# What a performance!



Children from Years Two, Three and Four gave us an entertaining session on Tuesday in the first of this term's informal instrumental concerts. Many of these children are working towards their next grade examination and the concert provides a most useful opportunity for public performance as well as building confidence.

The brass group, consisting of Matthew, Finney and Ewan made their debut, demonstrating their developing skills with strong performances of *Elegy* and then a very lively *Acapulco Bay*. Our flautist Olivia, gave an assured first performance with her tuneful rendition of *Strange Horizon*. Polly gave a very confident performance of *Castle on a Cloud* from memory, as did Tabatha with her Italian song *Avezzo a Vivere* and Sophia's delightful *Oh, Wouldn't it be Lovely* showed just how much more self-assured she is becoming. All three singers must be congratulated on the assuredness of their intonation. Nathan gave us *Annie's Song*, on the piano and is achieving an excellent hand position, whilst Thomas, our youngest pianist, maintained very good concentration in his rhythmic performance of *Stroke of Midnight*. Natalie rounded off our concert with a most entertaining Latin riff on the drums, co-ordinating hands and feet with considerable aplomb.



On Wednesday it was the turn of the older children. We had two pianists, Nick and Isabelle who both played with energy, good rhythm and understanding. The singers were Isabelle, singing a confident and tuneful *Oh Wouldn't it be Lovely*, Ella, who gave us a sustained, legato line and very clear diction in *Amazing*

*Grace*, Sonny, with a very well learned account of *Somewhere Only we Know* and Tilly, who gave us a charming rendition of *Maybe* from *Annie*. Ruby and May sang *Close Every Door to Me* very tunefully with great sense of ensemble whilst Sarah entertained us with a gentle and thoughtful interpretation of *Star*. Sonny's assured and rhythmic drum solo brought the concert to a close.

All the performers must be commended for their confidence and poise in front of an audience and for sharing their enthusiasm. Well done everyone. Thank you also to all their teachers, in particular Mrs Clayton for finding time to rehearse and accompany all the singers.

Miss Sindall





# Spring Term House Round-up.

## Waveney

Waveney enjoyed learning *The Billy Goats Not So Gruff*, making the props and acting out all of the characters: We were joint winners with Orwell and we hope you enjoyed watching it.

In the Cross Country everyone ran their heart out for the House. The Juniors had an amazing time in the Inter-House Benchball - it was a breathtaking match.

The Senior boys put in a determined performance in the football, which they much enjoyed.

The whole House is looking forward to the poetry competition!

## Yare

In the inter-house drama, we performed the *Three Little Pigs* and the *Big Bad Wolf*. We came third, but we did really well and we performed our best in the show. I think that we all enjoyed it a lot and it was great fun. We didn't forget a line, which was amazing.

The next event was the inter-house cross-country. We came fourth, but we ran really well and even though it was not easy we ran our hardest ever.

Inter-house football/netball we won overall and we had a total of 175 points added to our golds score. We came second in the inter-house benchball which was absolutely amazing. Our juniors tried really hard and they were quite tired at the end of it.

## Deben

For inter-house drama we did *Chicken Licken* - we really enjoyed ourselves. Everybody was involved. We had a family of geese, turkeys, ducks and chickens. We even made the props ourselves. We came joint first with Waveney winning a total of 200 house points.

In the Inter-House cross country we came second. There was real excitement for the Inter-House Football and Netball. We definitely enjoyed it and would like to say thank you to Miss Goddard and Mr Hunter.

## Orwell

This term it has been a very busy, but successful term for the Orwellians. The inter-house drama was packed with excitement, with the four gingerbread men and women on the run from the animals, the old grandparents, and Harvey in a starring role.

It has been a successful term on the sporting front, winning the Inter-house Cross-Country, the beachball, coming joint second in the netball and third in the football.

At the moment Orwell are practising for the poetry competition, as we will be performing *Cindy Reller* by Clare Bevan!

What a great term for the Orwell Ducks! Congratulations!

## HOUSE POINTS TABLE

Position	Points	Points
1st	Deben	2,271
2nd	Waveney	2,265
3rd	Orwell	2,200
4th	Yare	2,172

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Inter House Competitions



### INTER HOUSE RESULTS

Last week's inter house sports fixtures were hotly contested by the four houses at each event. We are pleased to announce the results by event.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Individual Winners

Reception & Year 1 - Boys - Francis

Years 2 & 3 - Girls - Darcey  
- Boys - Freddy

- Girls - Natalie

Years 4-5-6 - Boys - Nick  
- Girls - Grace

House winners: Orwell

### JUNIOR BENCH BALL

1st Orwell

2nd Deben & Yare

3rd Waveney

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

1st Yare

2nd Deben

3rd Orwell

4th Waveney

### SENIOR NETBALL

1st Orwell

2nd Yare, Deben & Waveney

*Mr Hunter & Miss Goddard*





# School Council Elections.



Polling day for the next School Council Elections will be **Friday 24 April**.

Candidates must declare their intention to stand for election on the first day of the Summer Term - Wednesday 22 April - and should prepare their campaign material and manifesto over the Easter Holidays.

Get planning. Get writing. Get ready for campaigning to represent your year on the School Council.

## A Pie for $\pi$



Sarah Hubbard won the prize of a pie from (and baked by) Mr Tiley-Nunn for learning  $\pi$  to the largest number of decimal places!

## PTFA

### News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting Tuesday 28 April 7.30pm

Henstock Saturday 11 July  
Save the date!

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Mondays 0830-0930  
(during term time)

## Easter Bonnet Competition



This week's Easter Bonnet Competition received a large number of entries, demonstrating some tremendous creativity - as the photographs show!

After parading their designs on stage, the judge - Chair of the PTFA Mrs Haddingham - announced the results.



The winners were:

Juniors: Tom & Charlotte

Seniors: Matthew & May

Well done to all the entrants for their embracing the project with such creative flair and enthusiasm.



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