



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Wednesday 8 October

Friday 17 October

Saturday 18 October

2.30 U11 Hockey v The Abbey (A)

Bags2School Collection

Open Morning with special timetable of lessons and activities

Inter-House Art Competition Exhibition

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23 October

Friday 24 October

Monday 17 November

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Holiday Club (bookable through the office)

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Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

8.45 Year 3 depart for Sutton Hoo (Addition to Calendar)

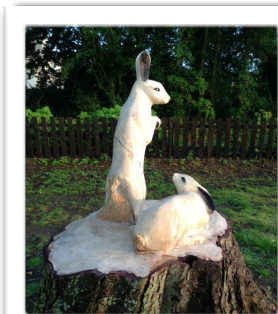
Message from the Headmaster

I was most pleased to receive a letter this week from Valerie, the House Manager of the Adam Outreach Project in Lowestoft. It read...

"All of us at Hope House wish to give a very big thank you to all the children and staff for all the lovely food of all kinds that was kindly donated from the Harvest Festival. We are glad of it for our communal meals and it is fun trying out new recipes. We also get people come to our door who are homeless, hungry and in difficult circumstances. We like to provide them with food, a few provisions and a warm cuppa... Your generosity is most helpful and we thank God for you."

The response from the children to the Harvest appeal exceeded expectations. We have every reason to be proud of them.

Mr McKinney



Don't judge a book by its cover.

Year Five delivered an important message during their Assembly today.

George skipped breakfast and satisfied his hunger with a tin of Pedigree dog food –YUMMY. Judgement was made based on the label and not on the contents. In reality it wasn't dog food - it was Golden Syrup with a cleverly replaced label.

Our Oscar winning Year Five team then told the story of lepers cast out of Samaria and left to starve simply because of the way they looked.

A reminder to us all that before we judge we need to know about the person inside.

Miss Clifton





Early Years Apparatus Adventure.



Nursery and Reception children have been putting their climbing skills to the test over the last couple of weeks during their PE lessons.

Up until now, we have enjoyed the glorious weather and have been fortunate enough to use the climbing equipment outside in the sunshine.

Children are encouraged to use their arms to help them balance as they travel along the benches and beams. They steady themselves as they go up and over the frames and are taught to land safely on the crash mats.

The children work in groups, taking turns to experiment with different ways of moving.

A splendid effort from all the children.

Miss Coxon and Miss O'Mara





Kandinsky Art Study.



This week Reception children studied the work of Wassily Kandinsky, the famous Russian painter and art theorist, renowned for his abstract work.

They looked at his 'Squares and Concentric Circles' work and discussed where we see concentric circles in the natural world around us, such as tree rings, pond ripples and the eye of a peacock feather.

They researched where in Russia Mr Kandinsky lived and found it on the globe.

They discovered that he wanted people to look at his paintings and have the same feeling as if they were listening to a beautiful piece of music. Kandinsky got his inspiration by listening to music whilst painting, and this is what the children did outside during our Outdoor Mathematics Morning.

Miss Coxon & Mrs Scoggins



SPORTS ROUND UP

Cross Country



CROSS COUNTRY

With the sun high in the sky and hope springing as ever eternal, 27 highly trained and disciplined athletes headed to North Norfolk to compete in the Gresham's Cross Country Competition.

The competition has grown in popularity year on year, with the total runners being close to the eight hundred mark. That is nearly 200 runners per race! Were our children fazed? Of course not, they are Henstead children - nothing scares them!

The U9 boys took to the course first, with Finney storming home in 22nd position. The U9 girls were on next, and what a performance they gave. Natalie led the way, finishing in a very impressive 18th place. She was followed closely by Clara, Ruby and Daisy. (Daisy improved a whopping 60 places on last year's race, proving, children, that those laps before games really do pay off.)

Not wanting to be outshone by his sister, Nick ran the race of his life in the U11 event, crossing the line in an amazing 8th place.

So, to the final event. As a small school, it is rare for us to go into any competition as the bookie's favourite. In this instance though, with last year's winner Grace on the team, there was an air of quiet confidence.

From the starting whistle until she crossed the line, there was no doubt about whose neck the gold medal would be hung round. A phenomenal performance by Grace ensured she won the race with her nearest competitor over 20 metres behind her.

It really was a fantastic day. Thank you to all the many parents and grand parents who assisted with transport and offered vocal encouragement. We really could not have done it without you.

The biggest thank you goes to the children, each of whom ran to the absolute best of their ability and behaved perfectly throughout the day. You were all a credit to your school and families.

Mr Hunter

SPORTS ROUND UP

Football



FOOTBALL

Football is a cruel game!

A soggy wet Wednesday saw a youthful under 11 football team head to Thorpe House Langley Prep for the annual football tournament.

Having found ourselves in the 'group of death', playing football in the correct way was our goal for the competition.

A fantastic opening match against Saint Felix saw some superb diving saves from Sonny, matched by some solid defending from Oscar and George, and tireless forward play from Nick, Louis and Finney. However Saint Felix's constant pressure was too much to hold back - they eventually won 2-0.

Next up for Henstead were Glebe House. A dominant display saw Nick score our winning goal and we took a comfortable 1-0 victory. The final group game against Blofield Primary had it all - the winners would go into the main cup final with the other side heading into the Plate finals. Louis scored possibly the goal of the tournament with a wonder strike from almost the half way line which sailed over the goalkeeper's head (he later admitted he hadn't meant it). However conceding a goal from a corner left the game 1-1, which meant Henstead had made the Plate competition on goal difference.

The semi-final against St Nicks saw the Henstead boys make hard work of the match, winning by only a single goal, courtesy of some hard work from Nick.

So to the final, against Glebe House whom we had already beaten in our group game. Never had a cup final left such a bitter taste in Henstead mouths. The woodwork was struck twice by George, Louis and Nick, the ball had seemed to cross the line, but wasn't given as a goal, constant goal mouth scrambles, some classy play and some excellent goalkeeping saw Glebe somehow still in the game. A break away shot from their powerful forward saw it sail into the Henstead net, leaving all deflated and in shock as to how we had lost the game.

A huge well done has to go to the players, some playing one or two years above their station, but all put in an excellent effort for the team and all tried to play football in the correct fashion. It was a pleasure to watch all afternoon.

Mr Hunter

Bonfire & Fireworks Party!

The school PTFA will host its annual Bonfire and Fireworks Party on Friday 7th November from 6.30pm.

Tickets (available soon) are priced at £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children and include entrance and a hotdog.

The evening will include PTFA-run stalls selling hot and cold drinks, sweets and snacks and all important glow sticks!

The event is one of the best nights of the year and so we do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us and share the fun.

Anyone interested in helping with the event planning, or on the night with car park allocation, please speak to Jenny Hadingham or a member of the PTFA.

Mascot Winners



Oats

This week's mascot awards for the boy or girl in each year most demonstrating the school value of Confidence go to:

- R - Sharpy Crocodile - Nicole
- Y1 - Pete Penguin - Matthew
- Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Rebecca
- Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Freddy
- Y4 - Oats Horse - Bethany
- Y5 - Terry Turtle - Oscar
- Y6 - Hector Hare - Ruby

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Nursery Star of the Week



The Nursery Star of the Week Award goes to Edward for being happy at Nursery. Edward has come into Nursery with a smile all week. Keep it up Edward!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

Scarecrow Competition



The name of our new scarecrow is Percy! Our competition winner is Polly. Thank you to everyone who made a suggestion.

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail on Birds was won by Joe and Tom R.

PTFA

News Extra

Please contact the new Chair Jenny Hadingham about any PTFA matter.

Open Morning Saturday 18 October. We welcome donations of cakes & biscuits.

Next Meeting (note change of time) Monday 20 October at 7.00pm in the Hall. We look forward to welcoming new and current members to discuss upcoming events.

Bonfire Night & Fireworks Friday 7 November at 6.30pm. Anyone happy to take on the role of car park attendant?

Christmas Fayre Saturday 29 November 12.30

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