



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Dates for your diary

Monday 8 September

Autumn Term Begins



### Message from the Headmaster

It is always good to celebrate the achievements of our children at The Old School and Speech Day was very much an opportunity to do just that. I am most grateful to our Guest of Honour Paul Jones and to all members of the school family who worked so hard to make the day a success - it was a fitting end to a most successful year. May I wish everyone an enjoyable, peaceful and purposeful holiday.  
*Mr McKinney*

## Speech Day Gallery



# End of Year Showstoppers



Perhaps it is fitting that the school year has ended with two school productions that so amply demonstrate all our core values. Resilience and a sense of adventure are always important during rehearsal, when it is hard to visualise the end product. The children must persevere in learning their parts, trusting that all the various props, supporting musicians, audience and so on will fall into place as promised.

Whilst Daniel Jones was outstanding as the overbearing and selfish Squire Wrekin, delivering his lines with clarity and character, and Toby Hillier managed to be suitably obnoxious as Billy Swaggart, while still expressing the humour in the role, each and every child grew in confidence throughout rehearsals and performances.

Teamwork and empathy were displayed in abundance by our children, as they became totally involved in ensuring the success of their respective shows. The children have been so eager to support each other's learning, find appropriate props, make suggestions for improving the stage management, unselfishly lend each other costumes and offer assistance to the staff team who were building the set, putting up lights and organising the sound system. Special thanks here to Mr Baxter, Jack Baxter, Mr Hunter, and Miss Goddard, to our wonderful band led by Mrs Clayton, to Miss Coxon who trained our cheer leaders and to Mr Butcher who spent many hours painting and constructing the various scene changes and props. And where would we be without a play....Mrs Suffolk has that enviable knack of being able to write stories and songs that appeal to both children and adults and are a joy to produce. In ***The Undoing of Squire Wrekin*** and ***'59 Caddy*** we had two of her best.

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Let us not forget the audience, an important part of the team. Thank you for supporting us and making this such a valuable learning experience for your children. Through performance and drama young people are developing spontaneity and creativity, some of the keys to success in a fast-changing world.

And finally - excellence. A visitor from America who watched the Senior Show ('59 Caddy) could not believe that the performers were aged between 8 and 11 years - she loved it and was truly entertained. Many an adult performer would struggle to act, sing and dance all at the same time, yet the children made it seem easy and must all be congratulated on a wonderful production, full of youthful energy and fun.

**The Undoing of Squire Wrekin** was another colourful show with a host of entertaining characters and much Irish charm. Supporting roles of genies and village people were played by the children from Reception to Year Two, whilst Year Three took on the main roles. Fantastic work - you were all tremendous in your roles!

Miss Sindall





# Henstead Hundred.



Friday 4th July had arrived - a date with destiny for a mixture of parents, teachers and friends of the school - a 100 mile cycle ride for which most had trained for the past four months.

An early start of 6:30am in beautiful weather conditions greeted all 19 of the cyclists. An eventful first 10 miles saw three punctures and a certain member change bikes three times. First stop was Aldeburgh where all made it safely - just. A quick pit stop and regroup saw us head off towards Woodbridge, via Snape, and the infamous pothole that claimed Mr Baxter's ankle the previous day. With the group well spread out, Darren was kept on his toes in the minibus trying to keep tabs on everybody.



Having all made it half way safely, the real hard work began, with each person going through their own ups and downs (quite literally for 30 miles). However all made it through this section, leaving 20 miles to go on flat roads back to school. Another regroup three miles from the finish line allowed everyone to arrive together at the school, where the children had formed a guard of honour - a perfect end to the day.

A tremendous effort by everyone involved to complete such a challenging event and one which showed great teamwork from everyone. With money still coming in it looks like the grand total raised will be £5,000. Well done to everyone on a fantastic achievement.

*Mr Hunter*



# Brayden Day



On Brayden Day the sun shone on us and the colourful array of non-uniformed children. Donations we collected for the privilege amounted to £245.30 (including the collection from the last church service).

"We were in isolation due to the influenza virus and there was a TV and DVD player in the room which was donated by fundraisers. I did not see the significance of this until they began to lighten Brayden's sedation and although still intubated he was able to nod to tell us he could hear his most favourite film **Mary Poppins**. This was the first response we had had from him for two weeks and it is a moment we will always remember."

Brayden will be delivering our donation in person to the PICU during the summer holidays. We look forward to seeing a photo of the occasion in a newsletter next term.

Many many thanks to everybody for your kind donations. Mrs Read

Earlier this year Brayden was treated at Addenbrooke's Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) for two and a half weeks, where he received excellent life-saving treatment and care. The money we raised will be donated to the Unit via Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust. Donations to the unit are used to buy new equipment and extras as Brayden's Mum told me ...

## Big race to the award finish line!



Congratulations to Daisy McDowell, Tilly Dodds, Clara Watson-Flowers, Theo Bird Finney Harrod, Matthew Pelham and Natalie Saunders on the award of



Platinum Certificates for 25 AI's and to the following pupils for achieving Gold Certificates for 15 AI's: Tom Routledge, Charlie Sonn, Rebecca Warnes, Kate Barrett,



Floriana Harrod, Charlotte Warnes, Matthew Harrison, Honey Lamdin and Ewan Lennard. A great end to the academic year.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times (Term Time)  
Mondays 0830-0930



## PTFA

News Extra

**Henstead Family Summer Party** A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in the organisation of last week's Summer Party, and to those who purchased tickets. The weather was perfect and a great time was had by all.

## Nursery Performs Summer Holiday and Gangnam Style!



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