



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... The Year 5 & 6 Class Concert scheduled for Tuesday 15 March has been postponed due to illness. A new date will be announced soon.

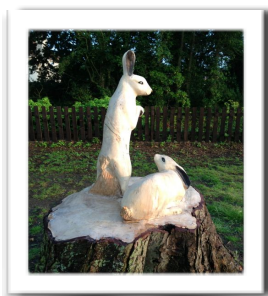
Calendar for next week

Monday 14 March	Science Week Begins
Tuesday 15 March	8.45 Science Assembly with guest speaker Mr McDonough
Wednesday 16 March	2.30 U11 Netball v The Abbey (A)
Thursday 17 March	9.00 Years 4-6 visit to Sizewell
	1.30 Year 3 visit a solar farm
Friday 18 March	9.00 Reception visits Thrigby Hall
	Senior Inter-House Netball & Football Competitions - <i>postponed</i>
	7.00 Charity Concert in aid of <i>East Anglian Air Ambulance</i> at United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold. Pupils should arrive by 6.30pm in full uniform, including blazers. Pupils attending as guests should also wear full uniform.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 24 March	8.45 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead
Tuesday 12-Thursday 14 April	Holiday Club (bookable via the office)

Message from the Headmaster



In our assemblies this week we have been thinking that being adventurous does not always turn out the way we expect! Indeed, some of the most exciting adventures are not always wanted by those involved. Year Five has been researching Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, a famous French aviator, who survived a plane crash in the Sahara. Resilient though this was, it also helped to inspire his writing of *le Petit Prince*, one of the most celebrated children's books of all time. We took to the air again in our assembly on Wednesday morning, welcoming Dr. Jackie Greenfield from *East Anglian Air Ambulance* - our fundraising adventures for this most worthwhile cause are well underway and we are looking forward to our concert next Friday and our sponsored walk in the term to come.

Mr McKinney

Celebrating Science Week.

Next week we will be celebrating Science Week, with a series of activities, excursions and special assemblies.

Our assembly themes will be: What is Energy?, Generating Power, Burning Calories, Human Circuits and a Mystery House Science Challenge.

During the week there will also be a series of science studies and experiments, including Clockmaking, Marble Runs, Electric Cars, Catapults, The Jelly Baby Challenge, Burning Peanuts and a Lower School Experiment Carousel led by Year 6 pupils. We look forward to an exciting week ahead.



The Romans in Britain.



Year Two pupils continued their Roman education this week with a trip to Norwich Castle. This term they are learning about the Romans in Britain and Tuesday was all about the interaction between the local Iceni tribe here in East Anglia and the Romans trying to impose their rules, customs, taxes and ways to create a more civilised society.

We were able to understand and enjoy the very peaceful Iceni way of life by looking at the Roundhouses in which they lived and the children acted out in different groups the four main ways of life within their society: farming, weaving, cooking and pottery making. We made a beautiful Iceni necklace called a Torc and learnt all about how the tribe had to bury their jewellery and precious things underground to stop the Romans from taking them in lieu of taxes. We saw the replicas of one such horde, famously known as the 'The Snettisham Treasure', most of which is on display in The British Museum. We heard all about the Iceni heroine Boudicca and learnt

why she led her people to revolt against the Romans.

We participated in a fabulous Roman artefacts session in which all the children got to handle some mosaics, roof tiles and pottery from over 2000 years ago! We also looked at many replica items - a Roman sandal, a child's wooden toy, a strigel used at the baths and a poo stick! - and learnt that because many of these things were made of wood and leather they would not survive over the years, so it was necessary to make replicas.

Our final session was with a Roman Soldier called Brutus who showed us his amazing uniform and clever weaponry and told us all about life in the army for him. He was obviously very pro Roman, and couldn't understand how the Iceni could be happy living their simplistic lives.

Yet another brilliant day of hands-on learning at Norwich Castle. Thank you to all the team there.

Miss Kay, Miss Syder & Mr Hunter



East Anglian Air Ambulance's new H145 helicopter, which is based in Cambridge. This is a picture of it after landing at the Royal London Hospital.



We were delighted to welcome Dr Jacqui Greenfield to our assembly on Wednesday morning - she thanked us warmly for the work we are doing in supporting the work of *East Anglian Air Ambulance* and how vital that support is, as all of the running costs of the service have to be met through fundraising. The helicopters, operating out of Norwich and Cambridge airports, are a wonderful resource and can reach any destination in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire in 25 minutes. They are fitted with sensory beepers to assist with night flying (as things like power lines are very difficult to see at night). The boys and girls asked some really good questions and are looking forward to our concert and sponsored walk in support of this wonderful emergency service.

East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) is a charity providing a helicopter emergency medical service for the people of East Anglia. Since their launch in 2000 they have attended over 17,000 life-saving missions.

They operate two high-tech helicopters from 0700 until 1900 from their Norwich base and from 0700 to 2359 from their Cambridge base, 365 days a year. They were the first air ambulance in the country to attend helicopter emergency incidents in the hours of darkness to unknown and unlit sites.

Their mission is to provide the best possible outcomes for people unfortunate enough to be involved in incidents or medical emergencies. The combination of a quick response time, advanced critical care on scene, and rapid

onward transfer can be vital in saving lives and improving patients' prospects of making a full recovery.

Although around 30% of incidents are serious road traffic collisions, they treat an increasing number of patients suffering cardiac arrest and many people injured in agricultural, industrial and sporting incidents.

In April 2015 EAAA received the UK's first H145. Its improved performance and two-pilot operation has allowed the clinical team to focus solely on the patient, particularly with the increase in cabin space.

The cost to keep the helicopters flying is approximately £10.2 million pounds this year (2015-16). The average cost of each mission is £3,500.

You can find out more about EAAA and the doctors and pilots who work for it in the following short film on *YouTube* (click on the following link): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2cLve6uXAg0> You can also see Prince William preparing one of the helicopters on his first day at work for EAAA on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRyuCucijl0>

We hope the school community will support next Friday's concert in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance*, to help us raise lots for this very worthwhile charity. Be sure to invite friends and family.

Nursery News.

Africa Alive!

On Thursday *Africa Alive* gained some new zoo animals in the form of the Old School Henstead Nursery children!

The day dawned sunny and warm for our trip and we first headed to our educational discovery session - a minibeast themed lesson from Ruth. We met a variety of minibeasts and insects, from Sylvester the snake to an African land snail! We were all brave children and gently touched or held the creatures one at a time. We then headed to see the otters and meerkats being fed before we boarded the zebra train. We had a tour of the zoo by train and enjoyed identifying many animals from our seats. All this exploring made us hungry, so we headed to the cafe to pick up our packed lunches and fill up our tummies! After lunch we let off some steam in the soft play area before another walk around the zoo. We made sure to revisit the giraffes, rhinos and lions! We wondered what the lions were thinking, as they were watching us carefully and licking their lips....uh oh! Thankfully we didn't become lion dinner as we escaped back to the minibus to return to school.

We had a fantastic day at *Africa Alive* and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to see a whole range of animals, especially the minibeasts! Thank you to Ruth and the *Africa Alive* team for an amazing day.

Miss O'Mara, Miss Butcher, Mrs Holcombe & Mrs Dakin





Pedagogical Ponderings.

Last week I discussed the House of Commons' survey on the Purpose of Education. I opened the question to you, asking what you thought the Purpose of Education is. In the process of writing last week's article, I was researching a bit of background information about what other educationalists consider the purpose of education to be. Many saw education as an important step to preparing our young for the real world, while other educationalists had the opinion that education was, as it stands itself, a part of real life, rather than a preparation.

I was interested to hear that there were many differing opinions from our school community too – most of which were of the same thinking (preparation or real-life). Thank you to all of those who responded.

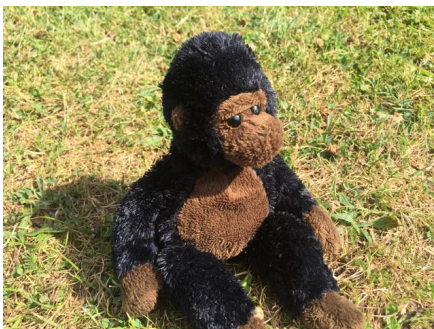
Personally, I am a bit of a traditionalist (as you've probably gathered). I see the Purpose of Education as an important step in preparing young people for the

challenges and demands of life in society. In many ways, schools are very much microcosms of their own localities. The purpose of what we do should be to prepare pupils to enter life in the big wide world – both here in Suffolk, and around the globe - and set them up for success. Success won't come without hard work, but our school's statement 'give your child a confident start' highlights that we initiate what the challenges of life complete.

And how do we do that? Our school values are reflectors of the environment we have at The Old School Henstead. Having confidence, resilience, empathy, a sense of adventure, the ability to work as a team, and striving for excellence are all things that we want and expect out of people in society. What, and the way that we teach, along with the behaviours that we demonstrate, perhaps answer the question: the purpose, I believe, is to prepare.

Mr Jensen

Mascot Awards



This half term we are focussing on the school's value Adventure. This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating Adventure, are:

Reception Jack W

Year 1 Caleb

Year 2 Isabelle

Year 3 Tom

Year 4 Olivia

Year 5 Lucas

Year 6 Amber

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Nursery Star



The Nursery Star of the Week Award goes to Robin, who has settled in really well to his new Nursery and comes in with a smile every day. Well done Robin. Have a fantastic weekend with Dotty!

Colour Wheel Art



Year Two gets stuck into colour wheel art during an art lesson this week. The children learnt about primary and secondary, warm and cool colours.



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News Extra

Easter Family Bingo Tonight
Friday 11 March at 6.30pm in the Hall.

Watch this space for details of more upcoming events...



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