



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 15 June
Tuesday 16 June
Wednesday 17 June

1.45 Year 2 Girls' Rounders v Thorpe House Langley Prep (H)
1.45 New Parents' and Pupils Afternoon
9.00 Year 6 Transition Day
Nursery Magician's Morning
2pm Northants Cricket Trip Departure

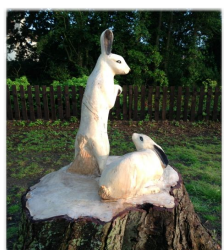
Friday 19 June

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 30 June
Wednesday 1 July

2.00 Nursery Sports Day
2.00 Sports Day followed by PTFA Summer Fayre

Message from the Headmaster



This is a time of year when excitement really begins to build. As I write I am able to hear the strains of increasingly confident and tuneful renditions of show tunes being performed by both Junior and Senior children. There have been glimpses of some very fetching costumes also and not always being worn by the recipient one might expect. Watch this space! We were pleased to welcome Widford Lodge Preparatory School to Henstead this week as part of their annual cricket tour and the weather was just perfect for their visit. Our Senior girls round off their competitive season with an away fixture at The Abbey this afternoon to close the week.

Mr McKinney

On your marks, get set....



With less than three weeks to our Sports Days - the Nursery event on Tuesday 30 June and the main school Sports Day on Wednesday 1 July - pupils have been practising on the athletics field, aiming for medals on the day!



We do hope you will join us to cheer on the competitors and enjoy the Summer Fayre that follows on Wednesday 1 July.



Pond Critters & Varmits.

Year Four



Year Four takes the plunge!

As part of the Habitats and Eco-Systems science unit, Year Four has been making full use of the learning opportunities right on our doorstep.

After a safety briefing on the tips for safe, happy dipping in ponds and streams, it was on with the wellies and off to the pond armed with nets, a collection of jam jars and water trays in search of unsuspecting critters.

It was decided to divide into groups and so have only four dippers in the pond at any one time, that a figure of eight motion provided best results (and less weed clogging) and that different parts of the



pond might produce different results - gooey mud compared to surface water, for example.

Some of the creatures may have taken evasive action as a result of the Year Four invasion of their habitat, others may still be in Jasper's boot. We think we have identified some pond skaters, pond snails and fly larvae, together with a whirligig beetle and a cyclops. Now for the invertebrate investigation...

Mr McKinney



Horticultural Field Trip.

Reception



Visit to Alder Carr Farm.

We were treated this week to a hands-on farming experience at Alder Carr's traditional family run farm in Needham Market. The owner, Joan Hardingham, greeted us and started our tour of the working farm. First she explained the history of the farms unique name. The children observed the Alder Tree and discovered it was used to provide charcoal, which was then transported via longboat to the local gunpowder factory. These trees are always found near water and are the only broad leaf tree with cones.



We then went on a bumpy tractor and trailer ride around the 50-acre farm, stopping on several occasions to look and learn about the variety of crops they grow. We also learned the importance of protecting the wildlife and their habitats.

In the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to pick their own rhubarb, ready to make crumble back at school the following day. On our way out we visited the farm shop to purchase some fruit and vegetables of our choice.



Miss Coxon and Mrs Scoggins





Nursery News.

Stay and Play Morning.

On Tuesday morning Nursery opened the doors to the parents for a *Nursery Stay and Play* session.

The children self-registered with their name card and asked their Mummies to sign in too! The children and parents were then free to enjoy all the activities together. There were lots of things to choose from - making musical instruments, constructing boats to float, bug hunts, bracelet making, biscuit decorating, making fruit kebabs, story telling and more.

We saw lots of hard work going on during the session. Mummies were hard at work on bug hunts and making beautiful bracelets with their children.

To end the session we all sat outside on the picnic benches to eat the yummy snacks we had prepared. The children said lovely goodbyes to their Mummies when it was time for them to go.

Thank you very much to all the parents who came to our *Stay and Play* session. The wind didn't put us off and we all enjoyed a lovely morning together.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Elliot, who has made fantastic overall progress at Nursery with his confidence and speaking. Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher are so happy at how well he is doing. Well done Elliot!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cricket



MATCH v THE ABBEY

Last week saw the Under 11 team back in action against The Abbey, with 6 of the 11 players in the team being selected from Year Four it was a great opportunity for the 5 senior players to take the lead and show what they are capable of.

Losing the toss we were put into bat first. Jack and George, our opening partnership, sadly only lasted a couple of overs, however there was nothing to worry about as Jack and Sonny found their striking range, spraying their shots all around the field. Quick scoring and pleasing on the eye batting led to a great partnership making over 80 runs, Sonny making 57 not out and Jack 21 not out before both were retired to allow James and May the last 5 overs. They managed to keep the score ticking over, allowing The Old School to set the testing target of 134-1.

Everyone in the team got the opportunity to bowl two overs and there were some impressive deliveries. George and Jack claimed two wickets, apiece, Sonny took two catches and there were run outs and some brave fielding. All this combined to keep Henstead in full control of the match and restrict The Abbey to 72-7. A great win for the Henstead team.

Mr Hunter

MATCH v WIDFORD LODGE

On Thursday it could not have been a better afternoon to welcome our touring guests from Widford Lodge.

Mr Hunter had the wicket looking superb and playing nicely. A stiff cross wind was likely to prove troublesome for our bowlers however. The first success of the day went to The Old School Henstead - we won the toss and elected to bowl. George was handed the ball at the White House Farm end and tried to settle into a rhythm against two able and technically assured openers, whilst Jack pitched the ball up nicely from the Toad Row end. As these two settled in, Henstead kept the score under control with some splendid fielding and backing up. All of our bowlers, even the most experienced, found the going tough, but Nick finally made the breakthrough, pitching it up and straight. We were good enough in the field to claim two sharp run-outs, but our guests finished their 20 overs with 153 on the board.

Widford also had a number of bowlers who had both pace and accuracy and it is a real credit to the Henstead top order that we were well in the hunt at 72 after 12 overs, with Sonny riding his luck at times to score a very plucky 39, supported by Nick 'the Colonel' Saunders with his secret recipe taking him to 30. May was unlucky to receive a delivery that did not bounce. Special mention must be made of Lucas and his trainers and Archie, who stepped in at short notice to bat number eleven.

99 all out was no disgrace against opposition of this quality. Of even higher quality was the tea provided by our superb parents, to whom much thanks.

Mr McKinney

Summer Fayre Produce Show.

As part of our Summer Fayre, following Sports Day on Wednesday 1st July, there will be a mini produce show, giving pupils, parents and grandparents a chance to show off their culinary, gardening or creative skills!

All entries should be home made or grown, and be the work of the entrants themselves.

All entries should be delivered to the School Hall by 1.45pm on Wednesday July 1st. The classes will be judged by Mrs McKinney, and the winners announced at the end of the Summer Fayre.

Unless otherwise requested by entrants, all entries will be sold or auctioned off at the end of the Summer Fayre, and any monies added into Summer Fayre funds.

Class 1 - Children's Baking

6 Cupcakes - home baked and decorated by the entrant.

Class 2 - Adults' Baking

Plain Shortbread

Class 3 - Children's Crafts

A 'Garden Buddy', made from recycling materials, suitable for either a garden ornament or a bird scarer.

Class 4 - Flower Arranging - Any Age Entrant

"Summer Posy"

Class 5 - Home Grown Fruit or Vegetable - Any Age Entrant

Best looking fruit or vegetable(s).

In the Press



For those of you who missed last Friday's edition of the *Beccles and Bungay Journal*, here is the link to the page featuring our fundraising for CLIC Sargent:

http://www.becclesandbungayjournal.co.uk/news/school_fundraises_for_young_cancer_patient_s_i_4100278.

Our total has now gone over £2,500!

Gold Certificate



Congratulations to Ruby on her award of a Gold Certificate for achieving 15 A1's.

Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of *Excellent British People* - are:
Isabelle N, Lucas and Darcey.

Mascot Awards



This week's Mascot Awards - for best demonstrating our school value Excellence - go to:

Reception - James

Year 1 - Isabelle

Year 2 - Skye

Year 3 - Archie

Year 4 - Ruby

Year 5 - Isabelle

Year 6 - Grace.

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting Friday 19 June coffee @ The Shed post drop-off (9am)

Summer Fayre Wednesday 1 July, following Sports Day.

Henstock Festival Saturday 11 July 2pm. Save the date!

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