



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 16 - Friday 20 February

Half Term

Dates for your diary

Monday 23 February

Tuesday 10 March

Friday 13 March

Saturday 14 March

Wednesday 18 March

Friday 27 March

Term Resumes

1.00 U9 Swimming Gala at Thorpe House Langley Prep (*Addition to Calendar*)

9.00 Year 2 Visits Roman Exhibition, Norwich Castle (*Addition to Calendar*)

Open Morning (Half Day School)

2.00 U11 Netball at The Abbey (*Addition to Calendar*)

The Big Day Out

Message from the Headmaster



Whatever did we do before digital means of communication? The pace of life was slower, perhaps - the demands of almost instant communication less acute? More time for reflection there may have been, yet the possibilities of the digital revolution are endless for our young learners. The world has indeed shrunk and our children are information rich - we must ensure that their use of learning opportunities are equally productive and that they are aware of the pitfalls, as well as the benefits of the World Wide Web. Fear not! There is still a place for the elegantly handwritten letter or piece of work and I am pleased to see both these and ICT generated pieces arrive on my desk.

Mr McKinney

Stay & Play_{Date}

We were delighted to welcome parents of Nursery and Reception children to an Early Years Stay and Play Date this morning (coinciding with Valentine's weekend of course). Starting with breakfast, parents were invited to join in with a range of fun-filled learning activities and to see more of what goes on in Early Years. It was also an opportunity for children to show their parents what they get up to and to introduce them to their friends. Thank you to everyone who attended. We think the photographs tell the story.



Knights at the Castle.



On a visit to Norwich Castle this week, Year One was invited to help prepare for a jousting competition which was taking place the following day.

amazing at identifying the objects and explaining their use.



We were greeted by Lady Catherine, who was the owner of the castle, and Maud, the put-upon castle servant. Finally we met George, Steward of the castle - in charge of looking after and mending everything!

Finally, Lady Catherine led us down a steep, spiral staircase that was over 1,000 years old. She helped us make pennants, used to cheer on the Knights during a jousting competition.



Our first task was to help Maud spot the rats all over the kitchen and garderobes. She explained all the different tasks that she had to do. This included preparing the food and cleaning out the garderobes. Year One now knows what 'The wrong end of the stick' means! Yuck!!!

After a scrummy lunch, in the most unusual of places (stuffed birds looking over our shoulder), we were able to explore the rest of the castle and museum as a group.

Next, George showed us lots of artefacts. We got to examine them and discuss what they would have been used for. Year One pupils were

The children had a great time and received many compliments about their super listening skills and very smart uniform! They didn't want to leave. We decided a whole day was not long enough!

Many thanks to Norwich Castle for organising such a good range of activities.

Ms Thomson





Factor Tree Forest.

Factor Trees have been popping up as part of Year Five mathematics lessons this week, as the children continue to explore calculations involving different types of numbers. Leaves showing ever decreasing factors have sprouted from each branch until they can be split no further; becoming prime factors. The children have been amazed by the way that no matter which way they split the initial number on their factor trees, the prime factorisation (the prime factors left over at the end of the branches) is the same. Not only that, but if you multiply the prime factors together you get the original number that you started with; meaning that each whole number has a single and unique set of prime factors.

The next step is to bring our Factor Forest to life with a sprinkling of cress seeds!

If you want to have a play with some factor trees yourself, why not try this interactive game at the Maths Playground website (click on link below):

<http://www.mathplayground.com/factortrees.html>

Mr. Tiley-Nunn



Let's create a better internet together.



The theme for Safer Internet Day 2015 was 'Let's Create a Better Internet Together'. This week children across the school have taken part in class quizzes to find out about their attitudes towards the internet and what they would do in certain situations; completed online surveys on computer use and e-safety that have been designed by Year 6 pupils; and enjoyed a superb assembly from our excellent Digital Leaders: Bethany, Jack, Clara, Theo and Isabelle.

Our pupils showed great knowledge and understanding of how to use technology safely and effectively. Our core message was

that of making sure that we are always thinking about acting online in the way that we would face-to-face - in a kind, friendly and responsible manner. The children have been tasked with thinking of how they can do a good digital deed to help someone else to enjoy technology. On that note I have a printer that needs fixing....

On another note, may I take this opportunity to extend my thanks to those who attended our e-safety parents' seminar at the close of school on Tuesday. Your support was most appreciated.

Mr Tiley-Nunn



SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball & Rugby



NETBALL

Last Friday the Under 9 team travelled to Norwich for their first match of the season, playing against Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School. With very little match experience on either side, the aim was to give the girls plenty of opportunity to try different positions around the court, ensuring they got a good idea of how the different roles contributed to the team's overall performance.

Lily made a sterling start in her role as goal shooter, so good in fact I had to move her before the match became too one-sided. The fast and furious passing of Clara, Ruby, Tilly and Natalie meant that the ball whizzed around the court with our opposition initially finding it hard to keep up. Bethany and Daisy both gave solid performances out on the wing, whilst Jessica showed that shooting is the role for her.

It was a very enjoyable afternoon, made even more so by the win and the cheers of our ever enthusiastic supporters.

Thorpe House Langley Prep 1: Henstead 4

Miss Goddard

U9 TAG RUGBY

On Friday afternoon we played host to Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School, with all boys from Years Three and Four playing. The event was a triangular fixture, where each team played the others three times, giving plenty of rugby play for everyone.

It was a Henstead v Henstead game first up, with our younger and more inexperienced side causing lots of problems for our other Henstead side. Tries were scored by Jack, Daniel and Alex, with some great tagging from Nathan, Matthew and Freddy. It made a cracking game to watch, with some great flowing passing moves from Innis, Bird and Davey and some weaving runs from Harrod and Wiles. It was an end-to-end game.

Other games followed suit, with Thorpe House playing some good attacking rugby, only to be stopped by some superb Henstead defence. When Henstead were on the attack, some great flowing moves and accurate passing resulted in multiple tries being scored.

A great afternoon of Rugby, with no players on the bench and therefore plenty of Tag Rugby match experience, with lots of tries scored. The large Henstead support had lots to cheer about.

Mr Hunter

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cross Country



CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday afternoon 22 children took part in the Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School annual cross country competition. The first race of the afternoon was the Under 7 Girls. Miss Boo Harrod was the first of ours to pass the finishing post, just missing out on a medal in 4th place. Next up were the Year Two boys. Joey, running a fantastic race, came home in 8th position.

The Under 9 Girls were strong contenders for the team prize and all four ran superb races. Clara was first back in 4th, narrowly beating Natalie and Ruby, who came 6th and 8th respectively. Daisy made up the quartet, grabbing 15th place with an excellent sprint finish. The Under 9 Boys' race was very quick and Finney did exceptionally well to come in 14th place, particularly as he had a fall. In typical Henstead spirit, he just picked himself up and completed the race.

Illness had taken its toll on the Under 11 Girls' team, with us only able to field two runners. An incident early in the race caused Grace to lose position, but she kept going and crept back up to 4th place. The last race of the afternoon was the Boys' Under 11 event. Nick finished a

very respectable 9th, in what was an extremely strong field. Just for a change George and Oscar battled it out for the Taylor Supremacy Award, with George just pinching it this time.

I would like to thank the many parents and grandparents who assisted with transport, and came to support. I am sure they would agree that it was an excellent afternoon. Your shouts of encouragement ensured that we remain the school with the loudest and most supportive families.

Mr Hunter

Panto Success.



Daisy would like to thank all her Henstead friends who came and supported her in her recent stint in panto - *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the Marina Theatre. It has finished now after three months of rehearsals and hard work. Well done Daisy.

We look forward to revealing details of our own school summer productions shortly.



Mascot Winners



Polo Bear - Year Two's Mascot

This week's Mascot Winners, for best demonstrating the school value *Empathy*, are:

Reception - Bertie
Year One - Harry D
Year Two - Matilda
Year Three - Olivia
Year Four - Bethany
Year Five - Amber
Year Six - Ella

What a performance!

This afternoon's Inter-House Drama Competition will be reported in the next Newsletter.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of Birds - are Ebony, Natalie and Addison. Clever twitchers!

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Lucas, Isobel and Harry D on their award of Gold Certificates for 15 outstanding achievements. Well done!

Thank you



We would like to thank the Tennens family for their generous gift of new paper towel and soap dispensers for the school - lots of lovely clean hands!

PTFA
News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting
Monday 23 February at 7.30pm

Gig in a Barn 7 March
£10 per head

Family Fun Bingo Friday
Evening 20 March

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Competition & Cream Teas Monday 30 March at 2.30pm

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