



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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**STOP PRESS...** Trinity College Music Examinations have been postponed until 23 September.

### Calendar for next week

Tuesday 17 June

Wednesday 18 June

Friday 20 June

Langley School new pupils' day

Year Two visits *Africa Alive*

Henstead Hike (to Southwold) in aid of *Walking with the Wounded*

### Dates for your diary

Friday 4 July

Wednesday 9–Thursday 10 July

Friday 11 July

Saturday 12 July

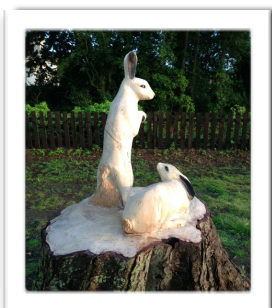
Henstead Hundred fundraising cycle event

Summer Shows

Speech Day

Summer Ball

### Message from the Headmaster



As we think about excellence in this half of term, it was entirely appropriate that we celebrated the remarkable fortitude and skill that contributed to the successful conclusion of the Normandy landings. We remembered not only the courage of soldiers, sailors and airmen, but also the ingenuity of those who developed computer technology to break codes, engineers who enabled floating tanks and clever strategists who constructed decoy armies out of rubber! There was excellence too, from our cricketers who won well in a tough away fixture and from Year Four, who rose to the challenge of orienteering, planning and organising a night under canvas on the coast, from our musicians too, who performed so creditably in the instrumental concert. We are much looking forward to our sponsored walk next week. *Mr McKinney*

## Henstead Hike *Let's get fundraising!*

Only one week to go until our 10-mile Henstead Hike to Southwold on Friday 20 June - in aid of *Walking with the Wounded*. Details of arrangements for the day will be sent out to parents during the course of next week. Parents are welcome to join us on this all school event. Younger pupils (including Nursery) will start at age-appropriate points on the route. Please encourage your sponsors to visit our page, as it will enable them to post a message and the money will go directly to *Walking with the Wounded*, with a Gift Aid option to allow the charity to increase the value of every donation by 20%. Click on the link below, or copy and paste it into an email to your family and friends:

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike)

Only 7 days to go, so let's get fundraising and beat last year's total!



*Picture: Eastern Daily Press / Nick Butcher*



# Crash, Bang, Wallop!



Our senior girls enjoyed a super science day hosted by Norwich High Girls School. Demonstrations both excited and inspired, combined with practical chemistry workshops and dynamic lectures. Activities included solving crimes, writing secret messages, building volcanoes and a leisurely walk through the periodic table.

Perfume making proved to be very popular and lucky parents were able to share the experience, as all our girls returned home with their own special mix of fragrance and moisturising cream!

*Miss Clifton*



## Mud, mud, glorious mud!



This week the children in nursery have been exploring and experimenting with a new and exciting texture - MUD! So, as you can probably guess, there has been no shortage of mud pies and chocolate mud cakes.

The children added a range of natural resources to the mud kitchen, ranging from sand, grass and stones to the occasional bug!

*Mrs Rawlings & Miss Butcher*

# Muy Bien Amigos!



Thanks to Sophia, Alex and Nathan for their wonderful Spanish speaking Assembly on Wednesday. We enjoyed hearing about why you are proud of your Spanish heritage and especially enjoyed your sharing of the amazing Human Towers - Castells - which do indeed incorporate many of our school values, most notably teamwork.

The knowledge needed to raise Castells is traditionally passed on from generation to generation.

If you would like to see the video of people making Castells (shown in Assembly), or show your parents, simply click on the link below:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-iSHfrmGdyo>

Miss Kay

# Independence Day!



Year Six was clear about the task to be achieved:-

1. Navigate from the outskirts of Norwich to the town centre
2. Buy lunch at a pre-arranged destination
3. Travel back to Beccles by public transport
4. Keep within the arranged individual budget using the funds supplied.

Mr McKinney and Miss Clifton were there to shadow the group from a distance, but would not give advice, except in an emergency.

Glorious weather and off we went, dropped off on the southern ring road. Any nerves were soon replaced by a lively discussion as to the best route to the city centre and, sticking to known landmarks, the intrepid band retraced the journey to County Hall. Thence a somewhat circuitous route brought us to the offices of the Eastern Daily press, turning left to good old John Lewis (heritage brands always do well in these circumstances) outside of which the troops unexpectedly paused for a snack. Somewhere in the background was lurking an unknown cyclist...

The lure of the Golden Arches was irresistible, but on the way the unknown cyclist became something of a nuisance. Year Six dealt with this stranger superbly and politely, clearly replying that they did know where they were going and that their teachers were nearby. They were then introduced to our mysterious stranger, Mr Loughlin (actually Mr Tiley-Nunn's father-in-law) - to whom many thanks for playing his role so convincingly.

Post lunch the team decided that the bus was the best (and most cost-effective) way home, as Toby reminded us that the train was not a direct route to Beccles. Finding the bus station was not proving to be straightforward - a bus stop was found, followed by a circular tour of the Chapelfield frontage. Fortunately, there were a couple of policemen who dutifully provided directions and by almost remembering these (and following buses!) the team arrived at Norwich bus station, asked at the desk and boarded the correct bus. A well-deserved ice cream was enjoyed by all. It was a successful outing and one that we hope will build the confidence of our Year Six boys and girls as they leave The Old School for pastures new in September.

Mr McKinney & Miss Clifton



# Garden Project Update.



We have been very busy in the new school garden this week. It took many barrow loads of soil to fill the raised beds, so generously donated by Harrod Horticultural, but, once that was done, the exciting work of planting and sowing began.

Runner beans and tomato plants were in first and then, after much debate as to what to choose, seeds of carrots, radishes, beetroot and spring onions were sown. Mrs Hartley's husband, a keen gardener himself, sent along some courgette and herb plants.

One of the many pleasures of a garden is that everyone can be involved and children from all year groups have come up and asked what they can do. Pupils take advantage of playtimes and lunch breaks to get involved and there is great curiosity and excitement around the plot, with lots of learning taking place.

The new hotbin is already working hard composting all our food waste and much of the paper as well, and the resulting compost will be used in the garden. Our GREEN credentials are growing - along with the garden!

*Miss Sindall*



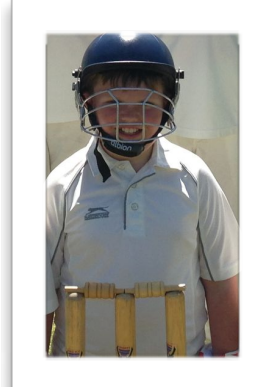
A huge thank you to



for their tremendous generosity & advice.

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cricket



### CRICKET

Last Friday saw the under 11 Cricket team head down to The Abbey for their second match of the campaign.

Having played well and come away from their first fixture having lost, they were determined to change the outcome of this game, and oh how they did this in style.

Henstead won the toss and we chose to bowl. A very quick outfield meant sharp, clever fielding was needed. Everyone in the team was switched on, with some excellent fielding from Nick and Michael, stopping boundaries being made and some brave wicket keeping from James, keeping the batsmen thinking. This created catching opportunities which were taken by Tom, Toby and Sonny.

Wickets fell in due course, as everyone bowled fantastically. After the 20 overs The Abbey were 101-6.

During the turn around it was said that with some sensible batting it could all be over in 10 overs. The batsmen took this as a challenge as Sonny made an impressive 30 and Tom W making 29, before being retired. It was left to the birthday boy Mr Shorrocks and Joe to take us over the finishing line with 8 overs to spare.

A superb all round performance by everyone in the team led to an impressive victory. Let's hope for more of the same in their final game. *Mr Hunter*

**Note:** Yesterday's cricket match and today's rounders match will be reported in next week's newsletter.

## Music to our ears.



After Assembly on Wednesday morning we were treated to a concert by some of the pupils of Mrs Clayton and Miss Wingham, as they prepare for their examinations in grades ranging from Initial to Grade 4.

Children from Years Two to Six performed a wide variety of music, including jazz, classical, and songs from the shows, all delivered with

great confidence, charm and musicality. As one of the parents remarked on leaving, "You have a lot of talented children in this school". We certainly do, but they also all work hard to achieve the best they can.

Thank you also to Mrs Clayton and Miss Wingham for their continued dedication to all their pupils.

*Miss Sindall*



## Henstead Hundred Bike Banter

Another fantastic training session on Sunday, with the sunshine contributing to an excellent turn out. It was pleasing to see some new faces and the mood was a most positive one. Mr Butcher astonished all by finishing the 45 mile ride with ease, clad in chinos and brogues, with only one serviceable gear on his bike! After the ride on July 4 there will be a BBQ at school to celebrate. (No charge but donations most welcome.) Come and cheer us home!

There have been some excellent entries for the design a logo competition for the ride and the results will be announced shortly.

If you have not yet sponsored a rider to support the building fund, please do so, especially as **Barclays has agreed to match the first thousand pounds we raise!**

Sabrina Staniforth

To sponsor the event simply click on the link below or speak to any of the cyclists taking part. All contributions to the school's building fund are appreciated.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayEventDetails.action?eventId=18524&charityId=1006950&invocation=evt0050>



## Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail, on the theme of, you've guessed it, the World Cup, are: Finney Harrod and Louis Davey.

## Awards



Congratulations to Sonny Dakin-Butler for achieving a Platinum Certificate for 25 AI's and to Skye Staniforth, Alex Lincoln and Sophia Garnacho-Kenny for their award of Gold Certificates for 15 AI's. Well done!

## Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot winners - best demonstrating the school's value of Excellence - are:

Reception - Isobel Raven  
Y1 - Charlie Sonn  
Y2 - Tabatha Hill  
Y3 - Jack McTavish  
Y4 - Oscar Taylor  
Y5 - Lily Theobald  
Y6 - Lily Goodenough

## PTFA

### News Extra

**Tuesday 1 July 7pm PTFA Meeting**

**Tuesday 17 June Pampered chef event.** Tickets from Mrs Davey.

**Wednesday 2 July Summer Fayre** (after Sports Day). Can you help with a stall? Please sign up on the list at the Office.

**Saturday 12 July Summer Ball** tickets (£45/head) on sale now. Invite your friends to a great



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Mondays 0830-0930

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