



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 16 March

British Science Week Begins

Wednesday 18 March

2.00 Nursery Visit to Beccles Library (*Addition to Calendar*)

Friday 20 March

2.00 U11 Netball v The Abbey (A) (*Addition to Calendar*)

Reception Assembly

2.00 Inter-House Cross Country

Dates for your diary

Friday 27 March

The Big Day Out

Wednesday 1 April

9.15 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead

Thursday 2 April

Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

Friday 3 April

Holiday Club



Message from the Headmaster

I am delighted to welcome members of the Henstead family, children, parents, grandparents and families to our Open Morning. A special welcome also to our friends and guests who are joining us. We hope that this will give you a flavour of the sort of teaching and learning that goes on at this wonderful school every day, not just on a Saturday morning! There is something for all - test your STEM skills, check out your creative expression, make the most of *MyMaths*.

Mr McKinney



Senior School Success.

The transition to senior school for Year Seven is one of the rites of passage that all young learners must face and we are most pleased that again, our Year Six pupils have risen to this challenge. Every member of Year Six has been successful in securing a place at their school of first choice and all those who tackled demanding entrance examinations or applied for awards have been successful. Well done to them all and thanks also to their teachers who have put so much effort into helping them prepare.

Next term we will hold our annual Leavers' Conference and Leavers' Adventure Trip, both to prepare our Year Six pupils for senior school and life beyond.

News from the Henstead Zoo.



The Reception zoo keepers have had a busy week welcoming new arrivals to the Henstead Zoo. You will be pleased to hear that they are all settling in well and adjusting to their new homes.

Spike the Gibbon is going to be looked after by Marli, who says the hardest job in the zoo is weighing out all the food. However... "My favourite job is watching the crocodiles swim".

Franke and Bennie the tiger and white tiger are currently being looked after by expert James H. He says "The tigers are our most dangerous animals because they pounce on you!" He also enjoys giving the snakes new branches to climb on and a new leafy wet bed.

Marky the Whale Shark is being looked after by Bertie. His favourite job, however, is looking after the snakes. "The hardest job at the zoo is cleaning up the whoopsie doos!"

Cyril the giraffe is being cared for by Phillip. He thinks the hardest job is definitely looking after the dangerous animals. "People are scared of the snakes", he said. "My favourite job is washing the giraffe's feet!"

Jimbo the African Elephant is being carefully watched by George. He says the hardest job is feeding the tigers because you have to throw the food in. "My favourite job is tickling the monkeys."

Nicole is in charge of Brumas the Polar Bear. She says the hardest job is cleaning up the animal poo! "My favourite job is writing to the animal doctors."

Charlotte has the important job of looking after 3-week old Humbug the Giant Panda. She must be fed every two hours. "My favourite job though is tickling the monkeys under the armpit!"

The zoo keepers all continue to feed, weigh, measure and ensure that all the animals are healthy and happy. If you get a chance, please come and visit our zoo.

Miss Coxon



Hold on to your bunsen burners!

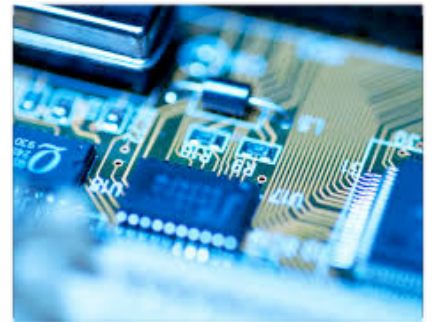
Next week sees us celebrate all things scientific.

The Henstead Science week will have something for everyone:

- workshops on marine ecosystems from CEFAS
 - visiting creatures from Africa Alive
 - 'Whizz Bang!' hands-on activities for our junior pupils delivered by Year 6
 - STEM investigations during our mathematics lessons
 - Show and Tell Science activities from the STEM Club in assembly
 - Computing activities from one of our technologically advanced governors
 - a trip to a top secret Lego Mindstorms installation
- and
- a healthy living carousel.

It will certainly be a bright week - except on Friday morning due to the solar eclipse!

Mr Tiley-Nunn



Nursery News.



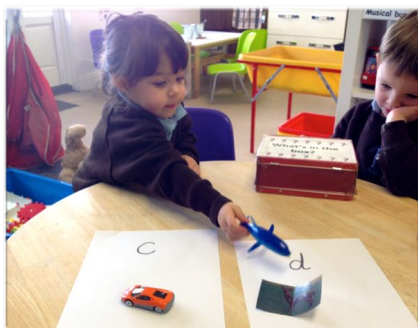
Sounds good.

Nursery children have started learning letter sounds. Each week we learn two new sounds.

We have been practising writing the letters on the whiteboard and learning the brilliant Jolly Phonics songs as well!

Around the garden we have been busy with fun sound activities such as 'what's in the box?'

Get ready for more new sounds next week.



Nursery Star of the Week★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Spencer, who has made fantastic progress at Nursery. Have a super weekend with Harry Henstead and don't forget to feed him his bananas Spencer!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming & Cross Country



SWIMMING GALA

On Tuesday afternoon eight keen swimmers headed over to Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School for an Under 9 Swimming Gala. We turned up optimistic, knowing we had some fine swimmers in our ranks.

Up first were Clara and Louis swimming the Individual Special Medley. Clara claimed 1st place, which set the bar for the girls team, who went on to win every race they entered - both individually and the multiple relays as a team. Clara won her Medley, Backstroke and Butterfly; Ruby won her Breaststroke race and Tilly won Freestyle. In the relays the girls were well supported by Lily, who helped the girls cruise to 7 wins in 7 races!

The boys gave their all and also finished with multiple podium places. Louis claimed 3rd place in his Medley and Butterfly, followed up by a 2nd in his Freestyle. Matthew took a fantastic 2nd place in his Breaststroke and Alex claiming 4th in his Backstroke - along with a bump to the head! The boys finished 3rd in each of their team relays.

So it was down to the results - and an announcement that will live long in the memory of all. Henstead was crowned champions by two points. However after the team celebrations and medal ceremony, it was brought to the organiser's attention that he had read out the

wrong team accidentally, meaning our medals and trophy had to be returned!

Despite this, it proved to be a great afternoon of many wins for the Henstead team - individually and collectively.

Mr Hunter

CROSS COUNTRY

ISA National Cross Country Competition

On Saturday 28th February, Grace travelled to Rugby as a member of the ISA (Independent Schools Association) Eastern Region team. With a field of very experienced runners, it was always going to be a greater challenge than usual. Each area fielded 10 runners, so Grace's finish in 15th place was a good achievement.

The East Anglian team won their group event with Grace being their fourth girl home.

This is the first time we have had a runner from the school make the national competition and we are extremely proud of her achievement.

Miss Goddard

Comic Relief Capers.



Red Nose Day and Henstead turned red for the day. Uniforms remained neatly folded at home where their young wearers left them (wishful thinking methinks!). Red costumes, noses and balloons adorned the children as they ambled through the gates and proceed to pick up pace as the traditional Henstead skip to class began.

By close of play dishevelled children left in the knowledge that their fabulous red nose day will benefit others that they will never meet. Well done boys and girls – you looked fantastic for a great cause.

Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot Winners, for best demonstrating the school value **Adventure**, will be announced during the short Assembly at the Open Morning on Saturday.

Learning Tail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of Disney Pixar Female Heroines (coinciding with International Women's Day on 8 March) - are Charlotte, May and Amber.

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Daisy on her award of a Gold Certificate for achieving 15 A1's. Well done!

Gig in a Barn

Thank you to everyone who helped organise or bought tickets for last Saturday's PTFA Gig in a Barn. We do appreciate your support.



The Wapscallions

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting 16 March 4.10pm

Family Fun Bingo Friday 20 March 6.30pm Tickets £5 adult / £3 child

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

Gig in a Barn Thank you to everyone who helped make last Saturday's event a great success.



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