



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 17 March
Tuesday 18 March
Thursday 20 March

RAF Veteran Duncan Slater Assembly Visit
Year Six Recorder Ensemble, Gorleston St Andrew
The Old School Henstead Big Day Out in London (Years 1-6)
Nursery & Reception trip to Africa Alive
2.00pm U11 Football v Saint Felix (H)
2.00pm U11 Netball v Saint Felix (A)

Friday 21 March

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 25 March
Friday 28 March
Monday 31 March
Wednesday 2 April

Gorleston St Andrew Choral Competition*
Gorleston St Andrew Verse Speaking Competition*
2pm The Old School Henstead Spring Concert
9.15am Easter Service* at St Mary's Church Henstead

**note change of dates to published calendar*

Message from the Headmaster



Our thoughts have very much been focused on health and healing this week in school and we send all our thoughts and prayers to our brave soldier in Reception and look forward to welcoming him back to school very soon. There will be much for him to hear about! Anticipation of The Big Day Out is building, the recce patrol has returned from the capital - I very much doubt that anyone except Mr Tiley-Nunn could cover every venue, tube stop, boat trip and picnic spot in a single day. But manage it he did, returning full of everything from timings to maps and our ripening plans are now finalised. There will be tales from Africa Alive, the Science Museum, Old Father Thames and the London Zoological Gardens. I was very pleased to be present at the Big Swim this week also - it was a fantastic effort from our boys and girls, whose badges will be well-deserved.

Mr McKinney

Harry's South Pole Heroes

Parents may be interested to watch a new two-part documentary this Sunday 16 and Sunday 23 March on ITV at 8pm, following the Walking with the Wounded South Pole Challenge 2013. Led by Prince Harry, the British team taking part included double leg amputee Duncan Slater, who joined our Henstead Hike last year, and will be visiting the school again on Monday!



Geometry Day.

“When are they ever gonna use this anyway?”

The reason we study geometry is to empower the children to understand the space around them. Geometry Day allowed the whole school to explore questions of shape, relative position of figures and properties of space.

Today's studies and challenges included:

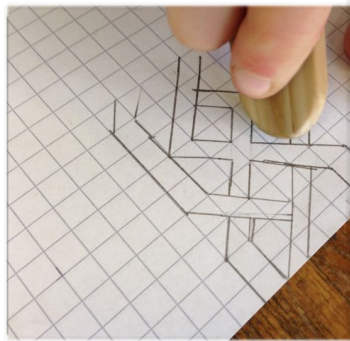
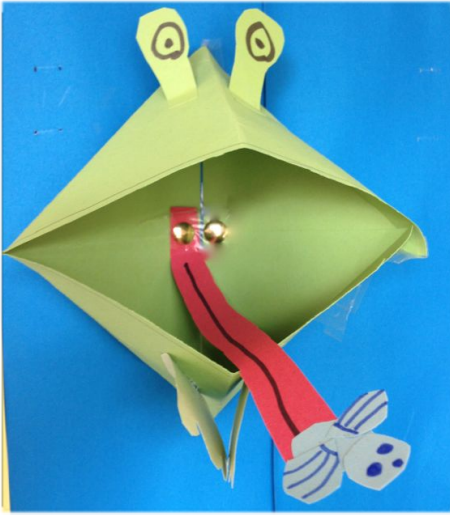
- Islamic Geometric Patterns
- Gigantic Shape Transformations
- Tetraheads.

In future years our children will be experiencing the joys of setting up their own home and they will need to buy carpets, paint rooms and fence gardens. As successful Henstead Geometry Graduates, they will have and hopefully apply their geometry skills and thus avoid buying enough paint to cover every room in every house in the street and enough fencing to enclose the entire county!

Remember:

The only angle from which to approach a problem is the TRI-angle!

Miss Clifton



Year Three Brings the History of London to Life.



As our trip to the capital approaches apace, Year Three entertained and enlightened us in Assembly today with a look at the history of London. Narrators Clara and Lucas (the latter with minimal rehearsal time) were a mine of information, whilst Roman Optio Alex, assisted by his trusty Centurion Daniel, helped us to understand how the name Londinium was chosen. The Celts (typically), Anglo Saxons and Vikings fought a great deal for control of the city - from whence we get the song 'London bridge is falling down'.

By the seventeenth century it was the greatest trading city in the world, although its governance was not to the liking of all - not least Gunpowder plotters Guy Finney Fawkes and Robert Matthew Catesby. We did indeed remember the fifth of November!

The Plague of 1665 resulted in the death of 80,000 Londoners - some twenty percent of the population - and it was over to Ruby, Matthew, Jess and Alex for a rendition of 'Ring a Ring of Roses', the children's song which recalls the gruesome event. The cure was to be found in Pudding Lane, where The Great Fire began,

with Jasper and Tilly taking the role of the baker and his spouse.

The population had grown again to nearly seven million by the time Queen Victoria was on the throne - I doubt that the Empress of India herself could have ruled over the greatest empire the world has ever seen with the regal poise of Daisy. Londoners survived the hard days of the Blitz and Ruby represented the many children who were evacuated at that time. London has been an Olympic City on three occasions, as Louis the boxer, Jessica the equestrian, Thomas the weightlifter and Lily the swimmer reminded us.

Will The Old School invasion next Thursday be one to go down in London's rich history? We shall see. Thanks to Year Three and Miss Goddard for a most enjoyable and informative assembly.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming



SWIMMING

A huge well done to all the swimmers at the Big Swim on Thursday. There were some very impressive distances achieved, which demonstrated the children's amazing perseverance.

The children successfully completed distance badges, ranging from 25 to 2,000 metres - special congratulations to Toby Hillier, Ruby McDowell, Joe

Wicks, George Taylor and Clara Watson-Flowers, who all completed the 2,000 metre distance.

An outstanding effort all round. Thank you to all the staff who helped to tally lengths and to the parents for their continued support.

Mrs Dakin



Henstead Artists Display Work at Young Art East Anglia Exhibition.



Don't forget that you can view the exhibition of Young Art East Anglia 2014 this weekend - on the theme of 'Myths, legends & fairytales' - at Peter Pears Gallery Aldeburgh (check gallery for opening times). All the pictures on display will be for sale, as well as postcards of the paintings, with funds raised in aid of Cancer Research UK. Works by Henstead pupils Oscar Taylor, Daniel Jones and Isabelle Routledge will be on display.

Mascot Awards

This week's winners - for best demonstrating Adventure during the week - are:

Y6	Percy Platypus	Lily Goodenough
Y5	Jake the Dog	Sarah Hubbard
Y4	Mango the Monkey	Isabelle Routledge
Y3	Rex the Lion	Daisy McDowell
Y2	Dart the Dolphin	Polly Scoggins
Y1	Topper the Giraffe	Rebecca Warnes
R	Rosie the Rabbit	Harry Lennard
N	Dino the Dinosaur	Jack Davey



Annie Musical



Congratulations to Daisy McDowell, Lily Goodenough and Polly Scoggins, who have won parts in the musical *Annie* which will be performed at the Marina Theatre Lowestoft, 20-24 May. Congratulations also to former Henstead pupil Kitty Taylor, who will play the leading role. (Each child will perform in specific performances - contact Mrs G for details).
Mr McKinney

Gold Certificate



Congratulations to Jasper Bird on the award of a Gold Certificate for 15 AIs.

Learning Trail Winners



The winners of this week's Famous Women Learning Trail are:

Jasper Bird & Matthew Pelham.

Road Safety



May I respectfully remind all parents to take the greatest care when arriving, parking and leaving the school. When dropping off, please do not park in the staff car park, which is to the rear of the Art Room. Many thanks.
Mr McKinney

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Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

PTFA

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Friday 25 April Family Bingo Night (children welcome)

Tuesday 6 May 7pm PTFA Meeting

Saturday 12 July Summer Ball

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