



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 17 November

Tuesday 18 November

Wednesday 19 November

Thursday 20 November

Friday 21 November

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Year 2 visits Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse (*Addition to calendar*)

3.40 Years 2 & 3 Class Concert

Book Fair Begins

Independent Schools Association Swimming Gala Ipswich

1.00 U9 Mixed Hockey at Sir John Leman High School (*Change of time*)

8.30 Year 5 Tudor Day at Time and Tide Museum, Lowestoft

Year 4 Assembly

Non-uniform Day in aid of *Children in Need* (£1 contribution)



Dates for your diary

Monday 24 November

Saturday 29 November

8.45 Year 3 departs for Sutton Hoo (*Addition to calendar*)

PTFA Christmas Fayre



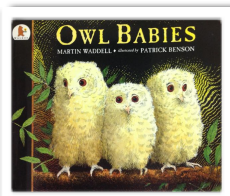
Message from the Headmaster

The memory of a wonderful bonfire party, held on a perfect evening for fireworks was still very much in mind at the beginning of this week. The PTFA put on a first class entertainment and I am most grateful to the many members of the school community who worked so hard to make the occasion a success.

The resilience and courage of those who made the supreme sacrifice were remembered in a simple ceremony at school on Tuesday, made the more poignant by the display of poppies the children had made. Miss Sindall rehearsed our choristers in a varied programme in Beccles and we hope that many of you will be able to support their efforts in aid of *Children in Need* - and buy a cake from our Pudsey bakers while you listen!

Mr McKinney





Reception has a hoot!



The children have enjoyed learning about the nocturnal owl. They now know that there are 200 species of owls, a group of owls is called a parliament, and an owl can turn its head all the way round!

The children enjoyed hearing the story of Owl Babies and wrote some super sentences about the story. They painted pictures of owl babies using gentle strokes to produce a soft feathery effect.

Continuing the owl theme, they carefully followed instructions and made 3D textile owls, using a patterned sock and other materials. We finished off looking closely at owls' eyes and used pastels to make a striking picture. We discovered that although owls have large eyes, they can only see well in the distance, rather than up close. It's been wonderful to see all the Reception children having a hoot!

Miss Coxon and Mrs Scoggins





Nursery News



Bookworms!

Nursery had a visit from Sarah from Beccles Library this week.

Sarah brought a big bag of books and we loved listening to all the new tales. We particularly enjoyed the story about all the different sea creatures! Sarah passed around her song bag and we took it in turns to pick a toy from it and choose a song to go with it.

To end we made our teddies "jump" on their trampoline - that was lots of fun!



Star of the Week Award★

This week's Nursery Star of the Week Award goes to Lucas for good listening at Nursery. Keep it up Lucas!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



Singing in the rain *for*



Thank you to everyone who supported the Choir and Pudsey Bear Cake Stall this morning in Beccles, in aid of Children in Need.

Even when rain build-up suddenly poured over from the roof of the gazebo on to Jack's head, he smiled valiantly and carried on!

I think our school value of Resilience was demonstrated quite well by all today! Total funds raised so far - before next Friday's non-uniform day - £344!
Mr McKinney



Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will be supporting *Operation Christmas Child* - the world's largest children's Christmas project - by filling shoe boxes full of gifts for those children not as fortunate as ours. A short 3-minute film showing children receiving their shoeboxes in Ukraine and Liberia may be watched by clicking on the following link:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIC_sHK4mjs

Leaflets were sent out before half term, but in summary...

- Please wrap an empty medium-sized shoe box and lid separately.
- Fill it with new gifts* (see ideas on leaflet)
- You may include a greetings card/photo of you and your family (optional).
- Please do not seal the box, but use an elastic band to keep the lid and box together.
- Affix a label from the leaflet (to indicate the age range and if your box is intended for a boy or girl).

Each box also requires a **£3.00 shipping donation**. You can pay this by cash or cheque (using the envelope attached to the leaflet) and place it in your shoebox, or pay online at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk.

If you do pay online, the website will automatically generate a barcode for you to print off and place inside your shoebox. Paying online also means that the charity will send you an email to let you know exactly where your gift was sent.

Stuck for ideas? **Southwold Post Office** is generously offering a **10% discount on all purchases for your shoeboxes** and is happy to help with suggestions from their range of toys, puzzles, pens, stickers, notebooks, tennis balls and other small sports toys, skipping ropes, hats, gloves and more.

Your shoeboxes should be brought to school **first thing on Monday 17 November**. We hope you enjoy filling your gift boxes with Christmas cheer!

*No food, clothing (other than hats, gloves, caps or scarves), fragile items, liquids, sharp objects, anything of a political, racial or religious nature, medicines, books with many words or hand made or knitted stuffed toys. See leaflet for full exclusions.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Football & Hockey



FOOTBALL

A gusty afternoon saw the Under 9 boys take on a Thorpe House Langley Prep team in their second meeting of the year - the first ending in a 1-1 draw.

The first half was hard work for the Henstead team. With the wind and sun against us, we struggled to get our flowing football going, which meant the THLPS team kept us penned into our own half for much of the first period. Strong tackles in defence from Lucas and Jack meant that Jasper didn't have to much to do until half way through the half, when the away side managed to find gaps out wide and a low cross fell to a THLPS forward at the far post for an easy tap in.

This didn't damage the spirit, as Henstead started to dominate play, but didn't have any end product to trouble the away goalkeeper. Just before the half was up, THLPS managed to scramble another goal home, which left us deflated at half time.

However a quick team talk explained how much effort we had put into the first half and that the sun and wind would now be to our advantage. A dominant second half display saw Henstead push for a goal that sadly never came despite their best efforts. Jack and Lucas managed to push higher up the pitch and caused problems with their long throws. Jasper and Finney didn't stop running throughout. Thomas showed some silky footwork when in possession and Louis kept their defenders on their toes with his attacking football. Archie made one great save during the second half, but was a spectator for the majority of it.

Mr Hunter

HOCKEY

Last Friday the Under 9 girls took to the hockey field for the first time this season. Playing host to Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School, the girls were revved up and raring to show what they were made of. Captain Lily won the toss and chose the first pushback. From that moment, there was no holding them back! Excellent defence ensured the ball spent the majority of the time in the opposition's half. Battling runs through the centre and up the wing, resulted in the ball entering the D, where, time and time again, it ended up in the back of the net; altogether 6 times, giving our hardy supporters much to cheer about. A fantastic 6-1 win.

It was a different picture in their next fixture. The girls played host to a very strong Taverham Hall team. There are many benefits to playing a team that is more experienced than you. The first one being the need to up your game and the second, the sudden comprehension of all that your games teacher has been telling you for the past six weeks! So, though a little hesitant at first, the girls eventually involved themselves in the game. Rather than stand back and wait for the ball to come to them, they started going forwards. The most important development of their game was stopping the ball from going into their D, therefore preventing the opposition from scoring. Although there were not as many chances as in the previous match, the girls still managed to sneak four past the line.

These two performances highlighted the many positives of this young team. Hard work and determination in the future should result in a very successful Under 11 team in a couple of years time. Well done girls!

Miss Goddard

Fireworks Fun!

A huge thank you to the PTFA and everyone in the Henstead community who helped make the Fireworks Party such a success - a sell-out event this year! Many people were involved in the planning, preparations, execution and clear-up and we do not take your contributions for granted. It was a great occasion for families to get together.



Mascot Winners



Pecker Penguin

This week's mascot awards for the boy or girl in each year most demonstrating the school value of Resilience go to:

- R - Sharpy Crocodile - Bertie
- Y1 - Pete Penguin - Harry L
- Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Thomas
- Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Natalie
- Y4 - Oats Horse - Daisy
- Y5 - Terry Turtle - Oscar
- Y6 - Hector Hare - Peppa

Learning Trail



The winner of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of Towns and Counties - is Finney.

Gold Award



Congratulations to Theo on his award of a Gold Certificate for 15 outstanding achievements. Well done!

Chess Challenge



Would participants in yesterday's Mathematics Times Table Challenge please collect sponsorship funds and bring them (with their sponsorship forms) to their form teacher. Thank you from the School Council.



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Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

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Christmas Fayre Saturday
29 November 12.30

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