



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Thursday 20 October
Friday 21 October

Inter-House Art Competition
Bags2School Drop
Inter-House Quiz
4.10 Half Term Begins

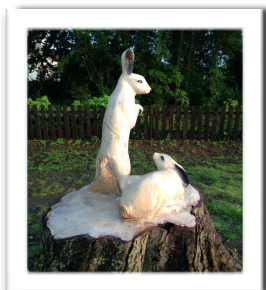
Dates for your diary

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October Holiday Club (bookable via the office)

Friday 11 November

8.50 Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead
Evening PTFA Bonfire & Fireworks Party

Message from the Headmaster



As we reflect on how we have grown in confidence over the course of this term, there is ample evidence to support the case. In assembly just this week, I heard a succinct explanation of how a periscope works, a beautifully crafted piece of creative writing shared with the hushed audience and a range of performances and achievements in the performing arts and on the games field. The mascots have been well and truly earned and we look forward to sharing their award to our confident winners at our Open Morning. There will be much to see and share with our families, friends and guests and we look forward to welcoming you all to The Old School Henstead.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning.

We are looking forward to our Open Morning tomorrow, Saturday 15 October. Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to spend the morning with us. Children are always keen to show what they achieve at school. Please encourage guests to arrive between 9.45 and 10am, so that they may choose the options most suited to their interests. (Pupils should arrive for registration at 9.45 - wearing blazers as usual.) Please consider who to invite.





Early Years News.



Nursery and Reception had a very special visit from Police Community Support Officer Jackie.

PCSO Jackie came to tell us about her job and brought lots of her equipment in to show us. She let us try on her hats and jackets and we asked lots of questions. Jackie spoke about how we can stay safe at night and gave us reflective stickers to wear outside in the dark. We were then allowed to go and sit in her Police car. We put our hands over our ears when she put on her siren!



Thank you for coming to visit us PCSO Jackie and telling us about what you do.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Edith for good behaviour both at Nursery and at home. Edith has also been listening really well to Mummy and Daddy. Well done Edith, have a fantastic weekend with Sparky!

Reception Roundup.



This week in Reception we have enjoyed learning about the story of the *Three Little Pigs*, finishing off our topic of traditional tales by comparing all the stories. We learnt about and talked about how a story is made and are now starting to make our own story map, Talk4Writing scheme by Pie Corbet, of the *Three Little Pigs*. We hope to act this out to an audience soon.



In art we made characters and homes to finish off our traditional tales display ready for you all to see at the open morning tomorrow.



In maths we have been using our cutting and sticking skills to practise our number recognition to ten. We have also learnt about time and clocks and how our day is made up of different times.

ICT has been about practising blending of all our sounds in real and fake words on the interactive board, as well as having a go at writing and printing off our own pictures.



The highlight of our week, however, was when the local police came to visit Reception, Nursery and Year One to talk about helping in the community and the role of a police officer. We all enjoyed trying on the uniform and having a go in the police car.

Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin

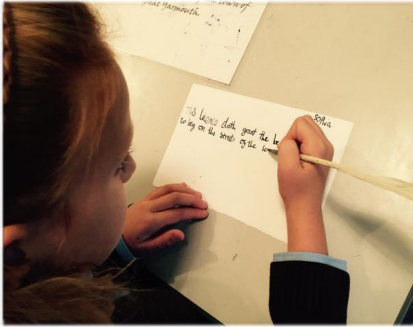


Tudor Times.

You might be forgiven for thinking that a 'hermit's brawl' (spelled branle) consisted of a loss of composure by a group of religious recluses but in fact it was a popular Tudor dance learned by Year Five in their visit to the Elizabethan House in Great Yarmouth yesterday. This ever popular trip to the historic house featured the immersive experience of being dressed in authentic period costume by Mistresse Polly who also conducted the dancing class. Despite frequent interruptions by a troublesome beggar (ex-monastery) who looked suspiciously like Mr Butcher, Year Five managed to prepare a feast in the grand dining room with all the guests sitting and standing the correct distance from the salt bowl, trenchers at the ready. Happily by the end of the day the persistent vagrant had been dispatched with four groat's worth of begging licence ably penned by the apprentice scribes of the class.

On returning to school and a Tudor Music lesson with Miss Sindall our students were able spontaneously to perform their 'branle'. After such a busy day don't be surprised if they demand 'pottage' for their evening meal!

Mr Butcher



Anglo Saxon Studies.

Sutton Hoo.

It's not every day you visit a dead king, especially one with as much bling as our very own Anglo Saxon legend Raedwald.

Year Three was suitably impressed to be standing on mound No. 1, resting place of the 'South Folk's' fabled sovereign and to see the exquisite replicas of his treasure in the exhibition hall.

With their archaeological skills pre-honed in The Old School's Humanities Department they were able to make short work of the tasks set in several sessions through the day on uncovering and identifying objects, even becoming the first known group to successfully identify a Dark Ages ear wax remover!

The new Education Officer was eager to receive feedback on our experience of the site, which we will of course be happy to provide with suggestions on how it can be tailored for our budding antiquarians in future.

Mr Butcher & Mrs Dakin



Coastal Crew.

A Day at the Seaside

On Tuesday Year Two braved the autumnal weather for a day at the seaside. The main aim of the day was to look at the sea defences along the whole of the Southwold front and to enhance our map skills by actually making our own map of the amenities on Southwold Pier.

We also managed to enjoy an ice cream in the only patch of sun of the day as well as use some wind power to fly the kites we made.

We have been learning about electricity in science this term, so we know that as well as enabling us to have fun on the beach, the wind can also provide a clean way to generate the power needed to make electricity. An excellent day out and a real pleasure for Mrs Dakin and I as the children were very well-behaved and didn't complain about the inclement weather.

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin



It's a Fishy Tale.



The Rainbow Fish

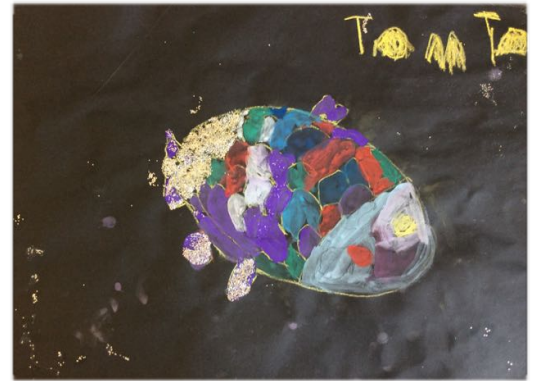
Year One has been illustrating a delightful moral tale, painting the gorgeous 'Rainbow Fish'.

In the story a lonely fish with glittering multi-coloured scales discovers happiness by sharing them with all the others around him.

The children took on the challenge of drawing the fish shape with the correct offset scale pattern and then painting the scales with five colours, without the same colour bordering itself. They also had to plan where to leave some blank scales to fill in at the end with glue and glitter.

Some lovely art resulted! Here are a few of the masterpieces.

Mr Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Hockey



QUADRUPLE WIN FOR HOCKEY TEAMS

On Friday afternoon the Under 11 and Under 9 mixed teams had a fixture against Hethersett Old Hall, both playing two games each.

The Under 9s started off strong in their first match, scoring within the first minute. The team was on fire and the unbeatable combination of Harry, Skye, Joey and Daisy helped lead the team to a 4-0 victory.

In the second match, the players showed a fantastic amount of teamwork and high level of ability as they passed creatively through all areas of play. A special mention to Jack and Rosie as they both showed a huge amount of confidence throughout the game and, to their delight, scored one goal each, winning the game 2-0.

On the other pitch the Under 11 team was playing some fantastic Hockey, relentless attacking play from Davey, Marcq, Hadingham and Taylor led to constant shots peppering the Hethersett goal. Tilly and Daisy played the sweeper role, bossing the game and the boys around kept the pressure on, finally

breaking the deadlock through Alex with Louis also scoring to finish the first match as 2-0 winners. The second game was played in the same fashion with Henstead launching attacks on their opponents goal - but this time it was the girls grabbing the goals with Tilly and Beth scoring. Some very pleasing performances from individuals with everyone playing in a variety of positions.

Well done to every single player! They all tried their hardest throughout all four matches and it was wonderful to see them all gain confidence and improve their skills.

Mr Hunter & Mrs Jensen



Literary Success.



At the end of the Summer Term 2016, pupils from Year One (now in Year Two) entered a story writing competition. The prize was to have their story published in a book. With such creative talent, several of our writers have been successful. The book will be published in January 2017 and the school will receive a complimentary copy. The title of the book is *My First Story - Fabulous Fiction*.

A copy will be retained by The British Library and further libraries across the UK.

What a fabulous achievement and for some, it may be the beginning of an exciting career.

Ms Thomson

Golf Day



Calling all golf enthusiasts. We are holding a **Golf Day after the Open Morning on Saturday 15 October**, at 2pm at Rookery Park Golf Club (the Par 3 course). All parents and friends are invited to join this event. For further details or to sign up, please see Mr Hunter.

Winter Uniform



As the weather gets colder, may we remind parents and pupils that only uniform accessories, including hats, scarves and gloves, are permitted to be worn at school and on school trips and fixtures.

Mascot Winners



This week's mascot winners will be awarded in the Open Morning assembly tomorrow morning.

Bags2School



The Bags2School collection will be next **Friday 21 October** (last day before half term). We appreciate your support in fundraising for our school PTFA.

'Flu Vaccination Date

The 'flu vaccination session for children in Years 1-3, whose parents have submitted consent forms, is scheduled to take place on Thursday 17 November in the morning.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(term time)

Tuesdays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA

News Extra

Bonfire Night & Fireworks
Friday 11 November. Get ready for one of the highlights of the term. Tickets on sale soon. **Adult £5 Child £3 Not to be missed!**



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