



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Wednesday 20 January

2.00 U11 Netball v Langley Prep (H)

Note: Langley Prep has had to cancel the scheduled U11 Football match

Thursday 21 January

9.00 Year 4 visits Ancient Egypt Exhibition, Norwich Castle

Friday 22 January

Nursery Pirate Day

Saturday 23 January

1.15 U9 Football Tournament at Langley Prep

ISA National Swimming Championships at London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park

Dates for your diary

Saturday 30 January

Open Morning (Half Day School - 09.45 pupils' registration)

Week Commencing 8 February Teacher/Tutor Parent Meetings

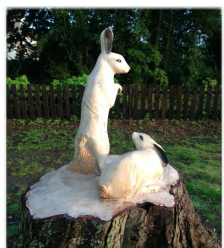
Tuesday 9 February

4.15 Parents' Seminar - thinkuknow? (Safer Internet)

Friday 18 March

7.00 Charity Concert in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance* at United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold

Message from the Headmaster



Empathy - we are getting in someone else's shoes in this half of term. Where better to start than the Wise Men, the Magi who followed the star in search of heart's desire.

We have been thinking about different sorts of stars this week - the night sky and constellations, of course, but also stars of media, stage and screen, sports stars, rock stars. We reminded our boys and girls that they are stars too, full of different talents and abilities, to be developed and used in the service of others.

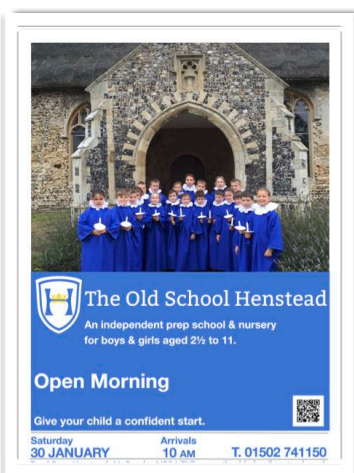
Stars represent our desire for something greater than ourselves. Stars give us light and direction - like the Magi, we are searching for something, someone that will make sense of our lives in a chaotic world - the baby in the stable.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning.

Kindly save the date for our next Open Morning on Saturday 30 January. More details about the lessons and activities taking place on 30 January will be revealed soon. Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to spend the morning with us and it is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join

their children in school for the morning. Invitation postcards will be sent out early next week - be sure to pass them on to friends as it will be a few months until the next Open Morning. If you need more, please ask at the Office. We appreciate your support.





School Council.

School Council Election

On Tuesday morning The Old School Henstead pupils awoke to the long awaited Election Day. Despite the inclement weather voters turned out with enthusiasm and anticipation to have their say and cast their vote. Ably prepared and managed by the Year Six pupils, the Polling Station ran like a finely tuned engine.

The results have been counted and verified. Decisions are final and the results as follows –

Year 1 – Charlotte and Caleb

Year 2 – Francis and Harry L

Year 3 – Louis M and Addison

Year 4 – Alex L and Rachael

Year 5 – Daniel and Bethany

Year 6 – Theo and Amber

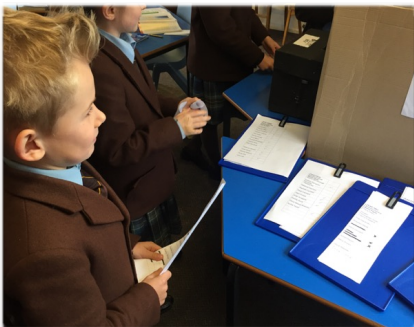
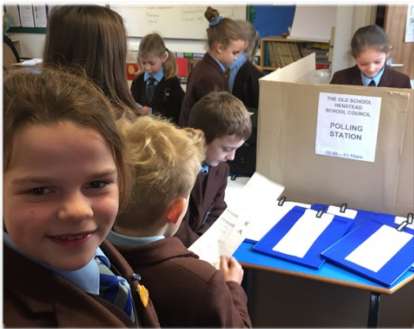
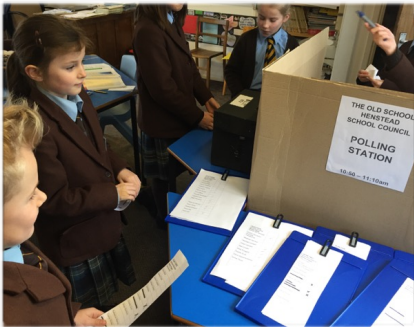
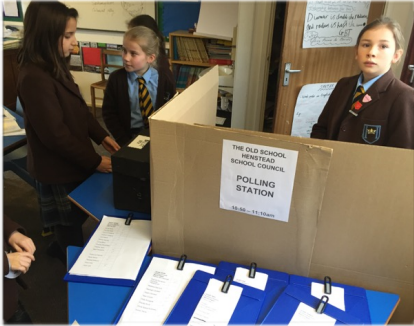
Congratulations to each and every one of you.

The two elected class representatives for each year group attended their first meeting of the term the very next day. Following a suggestion to School Council from a Year Three pupil, elected members have been given a School Council notebook. This will enable the recording of key points from meetings, which can then be reported back to their individual year groups. Representatives can also use their notebook to record responses and suggestions that arise from within their year groups prior to the weekly meetings.

We look forward to a positive and productive Pupil Voice.

Next term Reception pupils will also be eligible to stand for the School Council Election, so we hope they will start to think about how they might represent their year and make a difference.

Miss Clifton

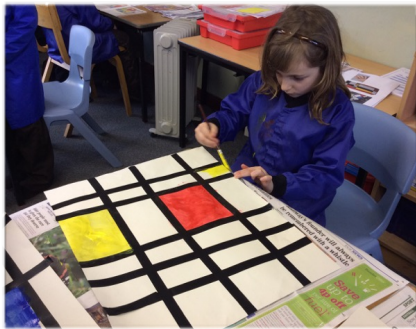


MAKING MONDRIAN.

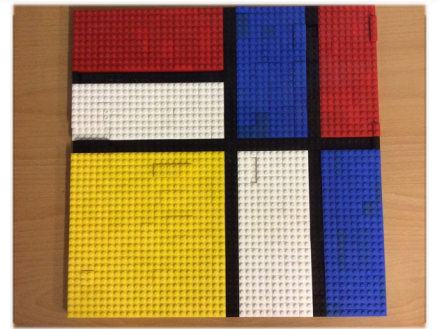


Last week's art lesson in Year Two introduced the children to the Dutch Artist Piet Mondrian (1872-1944).

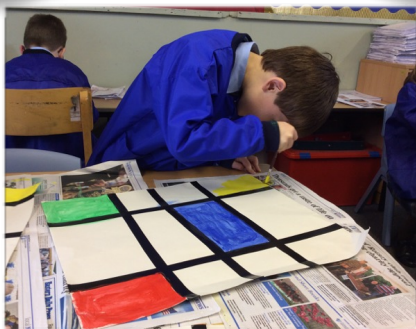
The children learned that he was very much part of the Modern Art movement, which was being favoured in place of landscapes or still life. Mondrian's work purely conveys abstract forms using lines, squares and solid blocks of primary colours.



We were excited to hear that like us, listening to jazz music inspired his work. His piece called *Broadway Boogie Woogie* shows a new, revitalized energy that was directly inspired by the bustle of New York City and the tempo of jazz music. With this in mind, the Year Two children decided to make their own Mondrian pieces, using black electrical tape to make the lines and paint to fill with blocks of primary colours. Everyone's piece is individual and the results are very striking.



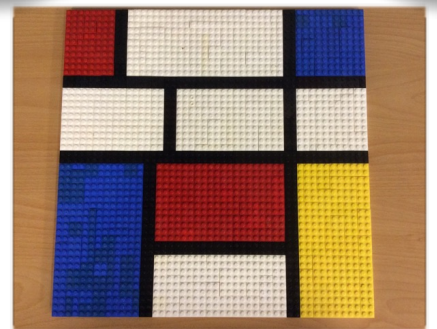
The children came to realise that that to make art you do not need to be able to draw perfectly!



Following on from last week's art lesson, the children were excited to discover this week they were making Lego Mondrian! In teams, the children worked together to design and construct a model in the style of Mondrian. The buzz from the children and the jangle of Lego suggested that this art method was a big hit, not forgetting its pleasing end result.

Good work Year Two.

Mrs Scoggins





Nursery News.

We love books!

On Thursday morning Nursery had a visit from Sarah from Beccles.

Sarah read us a dinosaur book and we all picked our favourite one. Then we had a sing using Sarah's song bag and ended with our usual - two teddies on a trampoline!

Sarah also left us lots of books about pirates, which we are really excited to read!

Is everyone ready for our Pirate Day next Friday?



Nursery Star of the Week



Nursery Star of the Week goes to Jack S who has grown in confidence at Nursery and has made progress in all areas. Well done Jack!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Uni-Hoc



U7 Girls Uni-Hoc

On Monday afternoon girls from Years One and Two headed to Langley Prep School for their first match fixture for The Old School Henstead.

There was much excitement on the journey there, with plenty of singing and laughter on the bus, indicating all were in good spirits. Upon arrival the girls made their way to the sports hall, where they were split into two teams of four players and played the matches in a round robin format, with each game lasting 8 minutes.

Although scores were not kept during the games, plenty of goals were scored, with lots of great hits and plenty of running around, leading to a fantastic afternoon's play, with all the girls contributing in every game.

The girls were a great credit to the school on their first fixture and it gave them a great experience, which will stand them good stead for their future matches.

A big thank you to all the parents able to turn up and support the girls in their first game.

Mr Hunter



World Food Wednesday.

Our Cook, Mrs Guildea, has introduced World Food Wednesday to our menus this term. Every Wednesday the lunch menu will feature a hot main course from around the world - just the tasty ones appealing to young palates of course!

Here are the dishes planned for this term. Our full lunch menus are always viewable on our website at:

<http://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

(P.S. There have been a few mouth-watering dessert enhancements since the start of term.)

Week	Country	World Food Dish
1	India	Chicken Tikka Masala Served with Pilau Rice and Naan Bread
2	Portugal	Chorizo, Chicken & Chicken Cataplana
3	Italy	Pasta Bar with a Selection of Sauces
4	USA	Hot Dogs with Shoestring Fries and Salad Bar
5	China	Chicken in Black Bean Sauce Served with Noodles
6	Mexico	Mexican Beef Enchiladas
7	Thailand	Thai Green Curry
8	Hungary	Goulash
9	Greece	Lamb Stifado
10	Turkey	Chicken Pitta Kebabs
11	Ireland	Irish Stew

Introducing LAMDA.

London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art

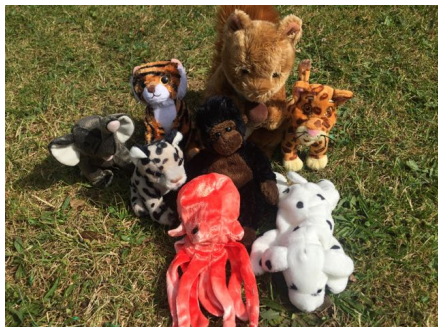
LAMDA is one of the UK's oldest and most respected awarding organisations, offering practical examinations in communication and performance subjects for over 130 years. Their qualifications have helped hundreds of thousands of candidates of all ages and abilities to develop lifelong skills.

LAMDA exams are about achievement – recognising and rewarding the endeavours of each individual – but they are also about empowerment, providing all people with the opportunity to develop the life skills they need

to be a success: attributes such as self-confidence and the ability to communicate clearly and present ideas.

We are delighted to introduce our new LAMDA teacher - Mrs Louise Camplin - who is offering tuition from this term. Mrs Camplin trained and qualified at Homerton College Cambridge and holds LAMDA Gold Medals in acting, speech and drama. She has many years of experience teaching drama and also scriptwriting and is looking forward to working with pupils at The Old School Henstead.

Mascots Awards



This half term we are focussing on the school's value Empathy. This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating Empathy, are:

Reception Lucas
Year 1 Caleb
Year 2 Isobel
Year 3 Charlie
Year 4 Nathan
Year 5 Savile
Year 6 Theo

Country Coats Appeal



This month Mrs Freeland, Mrs Marcq and Dr Hardman are collecting warm, waterproof coats to send to displaced Syrians to help them survive the winter. For further information please speak to one of the ladies.

New Prefects



Congratulations to our new Prefect Isabelle and new Assistant Prefects Jasper, Tilly and Bethany. Well done.

In the Press



The Old School Henstead features again in the latest issue of *Attain* - the magazine of IAPS (Independent Association of Prep Schools). A free copy of the Spring issue will be sent out to all families as soon as they arrive!

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail winners - on the theme of General Knowledge, with the first letters of the answers solving a clue - are: Daisy W & Rebecca.



UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting Tuesday
19 January at 7pm.



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