



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... Change of dates. The Inter-House Music Competition will be held on Wednesday 4 June and Instrumental Concerts on Wednesday 11 June.

Calendar for next week

Tuesday 20 May
Wednesday 21 May

Friday 23 May

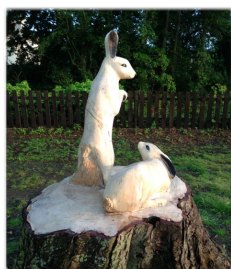
Year One visit to Dinosaur Park
2pm U11 Cricket v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)
2pm U11 Rounders v Thorpe House Langley Prep (H)
2pm U9 Cricket v Thorpe House Langley Prep (H)
2pm U9 Rounders v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)
Half Term Begins

Dates for your diary

Monday 2 June
Friday 20 June
Friday 4 July
Wednesday 9-Thursdays 10 July
Friday 11 July
Saturday 12 July

Term Resumes
Henstead Hike (to Southwold) in aid of *Walking with the Wounded*
Henstead Hundred fundraising cycle event
Summer Shows
Speech Day
Summer Ball

Message from the Headmaster



It has been another big week for outdoor learning at The Old School. Year Three led the way and clearly much enjoyed their day on Monday at Ringsfield Hall, judging by the colour of their faces on their return! Warmer weather has turned up just in time for Year Five to make the most of the outdoor centre at West Runton and to enjoy the North Norfolk coast. The children were excited (not as excited as Mr. Baxter) to see the digger arrive and the first stage of our garden project is under way - I am most grateful to the Harrod family for so generously supporting this venture. Across the Millennium Garden, are beginning to drift tuneful signs that the summer shows will be a great success...

Mr McKinney

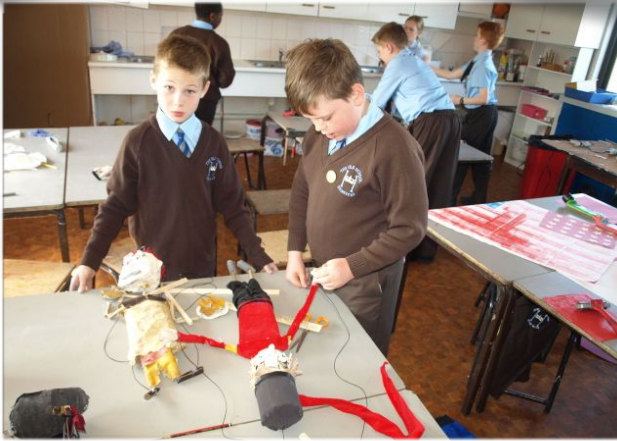
New garden project gets off the ground.



Thanks to the generous support of the Harrod family, our garden project is now underway. The digger arrived this week to prepare the ground for the new installations. Further developments will be reported in due course.



Puppet craftsmanship.



Here are some examples from Year Five's puppet making project. The challenging work required multiple tool use, problem solving skills, and a wide variety of materials. The results were creations of enormous character and appeal. A fine effort all round! *Mr Butcher*

Welcome to new teacher.



During Tuesday's New Pupils Afternoon, we were delighted to also welcome Ms Thomson - who will be joining us from September as the new teacher of Year One. Here she is pictured with some pupils from Reception (plus dinosaurs) who will be moving up to her class after the summer break.

Ms Thomson brings a wealth of experience to the school, having taught at schools in Hampshire and East Anglia.

We are delighted to have her on board and look forward to her joining The Old School Henstead community.

Camp survive.

Year Three takes on outdoor challenges.



On Monday morning, Year Three hit the road for their outdoor experience trip to Ringsfield Hall. With a weather forecast promising a torrential downpour, the 'shipwrecked' course could not have been more perfect. After a quick refreshment of otter's blood and goat's pee (commonly known as orange and blackcurrant squash to you and me), we made our name tags. Considering these children live in the countryside, I was somewhat taken aback that they were amazed they were made out of 'real wood'!

Named and re-hydrated, we set sail on the willow boat. Then, disaster struck! We hit rocks, and with cries of "abandon ship!" the crew swam to safety. They found themselves on a desert island, with a very handy campfire already in place.

First things first, what to call themselves? Jessica's suggestion won the most votes, and so Camp Survive was born.

It was decided that the most important thing to do was to build a shelter, so dividing themselves into three groups, they set about the task. One group was phenomenally speedy and efficient, erecting a shelter that could have survived a hurricane. I enquired as to the secret of their success and was informed that it was down to

excellent teamwork - obviously having the school handyman on your team (who can fix anything) is no help at all! The children were all given the opportunity to light a fire using straw, char cloth, thistle-down and tinder. But even better than that, they got to wear fire makeup!

After a spot of pot making, it was time for lunch. Playtime allowed the children to explore the site in full. We saw guinea pigs, rabbits, goats, some very strange looking ducks - and had time to climb the tree house and swing on the ropes.

In the afternoon we gathered around the fire and did some cooking. Previously we had foraged in the dell for daisies, nettles and hawthorn and these were now going into the bowl to make dampers. This is a type of bread that is cooked over an open fire. It would be fair to surmise that they were not everyone's favourite thing to eat, even when covered in strawberry jam. A final walk finished the day off, and as the heavens opened, Year Three clambered back on the bus having had a truly fantastic day.

Miss Goddard

Year Five face their fears.

on three-day adventure trip



Day One

Year Five left Henstead full of anticipation and loud excitement. First stop Cromer beach – lunch on the cliff tops. Peppa decided to lunch First Class on the picnic rug *she* remembered to pack! Then down to the beach for rock pool dipping. All manner of sea creatures were uncovered and examined by our keen scientists.

On to our West Runton adventure centre - positioned within an Area of Outstanding Natural beauty - and a grand tour of the 30 acre site was followed by bed making. Strangely the girls made a fabulous job of setting up their beds. Unfortunately for some of the boys it was a very challenging task. Joe decided that the best way was to actually get inside the duvet cover and work from the inside out. An interesting technique that seemed to work!

Zip wire time next. All Year Five pupils threw themselves from the tower. Slight exaggeration - some went far beyond their comfort zone. When three concentric circles were drawn on the ground, with the centre representing a comfort zone and the outer the panic zone, Ella ran at speed 50m away from the outer circle. When asked afterwards if was she was pleased she had conquered her fear, her reply was simple and to the point :“Yes, but I'm never ever doing that again”.

Time for sleep – dream on!

Day Two

Silly o'clock 4:45 am, the sun is up and so are the children, all ready to go. First activity witnessed some very dodgy driving from certain members as they sped round the kart track. Next up, quite literally, wall climbing, followed by orienteering and a ‘gentle’ finish to the afternoon with the Leap of Faith! Much trepidation preceded the final activity. Visually nervous (pale faces and shaking knees) but doggedly determined, every child, Mr Hunter and Mr Baxter stepped forward to face their fears and tackle the challenge, whilst I stepped back – well someone had to take the photographs of flying children!

Mr Hunter and Mr Baxter's aim for the day was to reach the end with every child's last ounce of energy sapped – target ' Sleep'. No resting allowed, so off to the beach for an energetic walk, followed by a crawl round in the amazing underground caves. 10pm and mission accomplished, with contented snores from the dorms.

Day Three

By 9am the beds are stripped, the minibus packed and breakfast enjoyed. Two team challenges - including the balance bridge - got the day off to a great start. Lasers at the ready for a final high energy conclusion to a wonderful team adventure, packed with personal achievements.

Miss Clifton





Call for Dressing Up Outfits

Following the School Council's request to have a dressing up box for Reception children to use outside during play times, Reception had a clear out of their store to start it off. If any families have any outgrown dressing up outfits they would like to donate to the "wardrobe", all contributions would be gratefully received by Mrs Read. Thank you.

He's a sport



"Any day now, any day now I shall be released" - Robert Zimmerman

Sporting to the last, on Tuesday Mr Hunter honoured his agreement to wear an Arsenal shirt for the day, following the less than successful outcome of one of Delia's more complicated recipes. Those close to the Arsenal manager suggest he is "fier que notre club soit ainsi reconnu avant la finale" whilst sources at Hull City tigerishly hint that manager Steve Bruce "respects the player's honesty, but is gutted for the lad." From our football correspondent Kanyu Pass

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot winners - best demonstrating this term's school value of Teamwork - are:

- R - Darcey McDonough
- 1 - Addison Gregory
- 2 - Archie Taylor
- 3 - Lily Yallop
- 4 - Amber McTavish
- 5 - Team Year Five
- 6 - Lily Darrell

Friendship Bench



Our beautiful new hand-made oak Friendship Bench - suggested by the School Council - has arrived. Children who are looking for someone to play with during break times may sit on the bench so that others will invite them to join their group. Many thanks to the PTFA for their generosity.

Learning Trail Winners



The winners of this week's Learning Trail (Animals Designed by Year Two) are:
Angelo Darrell & George Taylor.

PTFA

News Extra

Monday 9 June 7pm PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 17 June Pampered chef event

Wednesday 2 July Summer Fayre (after Sports Day)

Saturday 12 July Summer Ball

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