



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... The date of the ISA Swimming Gala in Ipswich has changed to 19 November (previously scheduled for 12 November).

REMINDER... Form Teacher/Parent Meetings Week begins Monday 3 November. Sign-up sheets for these meetings will be posted on Monday – please make an appointment to see your Form Teacher.

Calendar for next week

Wednesday 22 October

2.00 Inter-House Quiz

Half Term Begins

Thursday 23 October

Holiday Club (bookable through the office)

Friday 24 October

Holiday Club

Dates for your diary

Monday 3 November

Term Resumes

Form Teacher/Parent Meetings Week Begins (see Reminder above)

Friday 7 November

PTFA Bonfire Party & Fireworks

Friday 14 November

Choir Sings for *Children in Need*

Monday 17 November

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection

Wednesday 19 November

Independent Schools Association Swimming Gala Ipswich (*Change of date*)

Saturday 29 November

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Message from the Headmaster



Helping others has very much been the theme of our thinking in Assembly this week - Monday saw the launch of our *Operation Christmas Child* for this season. (Full details will be sent out next week.) The children were shown what kinds of things could be put in the box – an excellent demonstration from Polly and an amazing bit of space-finding from Mum who had packed it with such care and attention. On Wednesday we celebrated the life and achievements of Edith Cavell, perhaps East Anglia's most famous heroine of The Great War, who gave her own life to save the lives of others, regardless of nationality or creed.

"I realise that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone." - Edith Cavell

Mr McKinney



Inter-House Art Competition.



Rainforest on the Edge - Waveney



Parrot Parade - Deben



Jungle Mania - Yare



The Busy Rainforest - Orwell

This term each House has worked extremely hard to produce a large canvas on the theme of **From the Rainforest**. The competition was judged this week and will be on display at our Open Morning this Saturday.

Deben - 'Parrot Parade'. Deben created a striking, creative background, overlaid with a red parrot motif. These were made by each member of the House, allowing an similar level of involvement and teamwork, regardless of the age of the participants. This piece made good use of vibrant colours and created a feeling of the closeness of the forest all around.

Orwell - 'The Busy Rainforest' used a wide variety of materials and techniques to produce an impression of the teeming life and biodiversity of the rain forest - a picture which has lots of interesting and surprising creatures. Every member has contributed to this piece creatively. The texture of this piece and the perspective to a suggested skyline was very pleasing.

Waveney - 'Rainforest on the Edge'. Waveney's approach was to build up the landscape in layers ending with the trees and animals. The creatures were made from the leaves which are the source of all life in the forest. The animals, especially the ocelot, are perhaps looking out from the forest at a landscape which has lost its trees, wondering what will happen to them...A very thoughtful piece, some very mature ideas here, coupled with an effective blend of natural and recycled materials.

Yare - 'Jungle Mania'. Yare produced a picture which cleverly used recycled and natural materials to make mini beasts like frogs, butterflies and other insects which the rain forest cannot live without, although they are small. There was real feel for the 'big sky' of an isolated natural environment.

All Houses managed to capture some of the special qualities of the rainforest, but the winning House is ORWELL, for producing a picture with so much to look at. The team's collective creative efforts successfully engaged the imagination.

Mr McKinney



Nursery News



Detective work...Nursery investigates!

On Thursday 16th October at exactly 0900 hours we had a very special visit from the Daddy of a child in Nursery. Before we tell you who it is, we think you can solve the mystery! Here are your clues...

1. He is a boy in Nursery
2. His Mummy works at *Africa Alive*
3. He has twin baby sisters.

You've got it, yes it's Ethan's Daddy, DC Wallis.

As we have been learning about the emergency services who are real life superheroes, DC Wallis kindly offered to come in and talk to us about being a detective. We learn that being a detective is not easy. It involves looking for clues and finding evidence and sometimes the bad guys try to run away!

We got to see a real police officer's uniform, tools and equipment and even held the medal DC Wallis was awarded by the Queen! Nursery nominated Mrs Scoggins to be handcuffed and fortunately we found the key to release her.

We ended with a chorus of our Police Officer Poem that we have been learning at Nursery, which impressed DC Wallis.

We thoroughly enjoyed our talk. Thank you DC Wallis.

Roger that!

Star of the Week Award ★

The Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Daniel, for settling in well after saying his farewells to his Mummy in the morning.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Hockey



HOCKEY

At the end of last season, I stated that the future of hockey at the school was looking good. If Wednesday's training competition was anything to go by, I change that to very good.

Mixed in with The Abbey girls to make four teams, the girls played in a round robin of three matches each. This allowed them plenty of opportunity to practice and refine skills, as well as try out new positions. This was no truer than for Amber and Lily, who spent the afternoon kitted out as goalkeepers, and what a fantastic job they did!

Frequently when faced with another school, the girls are hesitant to get stuck in with the tackles. This was not the case on Wednesday! Each and every ball was attacked and fought over, the ball was getting smashed, sticks were cracking together and throughout it all, they never stopped running.

As I do not referee on these occasions, I have the opportunity to really examine the girls' progress. I found it very interesting to note that they are all beginning to excel in certain roles and therefore I am confident that as we start the competitive season, we have strength in all areas of the field. A fantastic afternoon.

Miss Goddard

Quotes from members of the team:

"I enjoyed being in goal." - Amber

"I liked playing centre-forward." - Izzy

"On the wing you can run up and down the pitch."
- Charlotte

"Very exciting." - Sarah

"It was really fun." - Ruby

"It was actually quite intense." - Peppa

SPORTS ROUND UP

Football



FOOTBALL

A Total of 11 Goals Secures Plate for Under 9's

Returning to Thorpe House Langley Prep School for the second tournament of the week, Henstead's young team found themselves in what was arguably the strongest league, facing the tournament hosts, Thorpe House Langley Prep, St Nicholas House & Blofield Primary's A team.

Right from the blow of the referee's whistle, our team showed they were ready to step up to the challenge, and very quickly they had made their mark on the competition with a convincing 3-0 victory against St Nicholas. Strong, accurate passing between defenders Innis and McTavish and midfield created lots of good play, while the silky skills of Wiles and the determination of Harrod meant the opposition's defence was always under pressure. Centre midfielder Davey took a pivotal role in creating a flurry of chances with his commitment to find a way into the box, while at the other end and in goal, Bird stood fully in control.

The next game against the eventual winners of the tournament was lost, only just, 1-0 and after some excellent football. However, Henstead showed fantastic character by shaking off this disappointment and played their final league game with an extraordinary level of energy and enthusiasm. Endless running by Harrod opened up THLP's defence, which enabled our striker to beat the 'keeper and shoot the ball home. But alas, this lead was short-lived and in spite of Bird's (now playing in defence) fantastic efforts to head the ball out, a long

distance shot from one of the Langley boys gave our goalie no chance. This moment of magic brought the score level to 1-1. Realising we had not made the Cup semi-final, Mr Hunter's attention was now totally focussed on bringing the U9's Plate home.

In both the semi-final and final, the boys dominated their opponents and held at least 90% of possession. Defender McTavish, representing the school in his first tournament, played a blinder - never taking his eye off the danger, and beating every player that dared to challenge him. Coming out strong he booted the ball out of defence and into the path of the hungry forwards. Archie Taylor, also playing in his first tournament and above his years, proved that age didn't matter and scored in both games, while leading goal scorers Harrod and Davey added to the goalfest too. Henstead beat Blofield B 3-0 and they didn't stop to take pity on St Nicholas either, beating them for the second time of the day with another convincing 4-0 victory.

Overall, the team did themselves proud as they played with passion and most importantly, fairly - bringing home the Plate. They have definitely grown in confidence and skill over the past year, and they were simply a joy to watch.

From our roving correspondent Leah Dixon

Bonfire & Fireworks Party!

The school PTFA will host its annual Bonfire and Fireworks Party on Friday 7th November from 6.30pm.

Tickets are priced at £5.00 for adults and £3.00 for children and include entrance and a hotdog.

The evening will include PTFA-run stalls selling hot and cold drinks, sweets and snacks and all important glow sticks!

The event is one of the best nights of the year and so we do hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us and share the fun.

Anyone interested in helping with the event planning, or on the night with car park allocation, please speak to Jenny Hadingham or a member of the PTFA.

Mascot Winners



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

- R - Sharpy Crocodile - Phillip
- Y1 - Pete Penguin - Isabelle
- Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Emily
- Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Nathan
- Y4 - Oats Horse - Thomas
- Y5 - Terry Turtle - Isabelle
- Y6 - Hector Hare - James

Holiday Club



Holiday Club will be held on Thursday 23 and Friday 24 October. There will be a variety of sports - ranging from football, dodgeball, unihoc to rounders - as well as arts and crafts, treasure hunts and more. Each day costs £25, bookable via the office.

Mr Hunter

Children's Author Shows Interest in Girls' Break Time Reading!



We shared this picture of the girls enjoying *Horrid Henry's Joke Book* during break time with the author Francesca Simon, via Twitter. She retweeted it to all her followers!

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail on Dogs was won by Matilda & Imogen.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

PTFA

News Extra

Please contact the new Chair Jenny Hadingham about any PTFA matter.

Open Morning Saturday 18 October. We welcome donations of cakes & biscuits.

Next Meeting (note change of time) Monday 20 October at 7.00pm in the Hall. We look forward to welcoming new and current members to discuss upcoming events.

Bonfire Night & Fireworks Friday 7 November at 6.30pm. Anyone happy to take on the role of car park attendant?

Christmas Fayre Saturday 29 November 12.30

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