



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 23 June

9.00 Nursery visits Oulton Broad Petting Zoo
10.15 Inter-school Maths Quiz, Norwich School *(Addition to calendar)*

Thursday 25 June

Inter-house Junior Rounders

Friday 26 June

Swimming Gala

Transition Morning

Inter-house Senior Rounders

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 30 June

2.00 Nursery Sports Day

Wednesday 1 July

2.00 Sports Day followed by PTFA Summer Fayre

Wednesday-Thursday 8-9 July

Summer Shows

Friday 10 July

Speech Day

Saturday 11 July

Henstock

Monday 13-Friday 17 July

Summer School (bookable via the office)

Monday 20-Friday 24 July

Summer School

Message from the Headmaster



Calling all cricketers! On Friday 3 July we are planning to have a staff versus parents cricket fixture to end the season. Play will start after the end of the school day and the limited over format may well be necessary. There will be a barbecue afterwards to celebrate. Any who wish to play, spectate, or bring refreshments will be most welcome and we (myself or Mr Drinkell, who has kindly agreed to lead the parents' team) would be pleased to hear from you. It promises to be a fun evening.

Mr McKinney

Maypole Merriment.



Vertices, Faces & Edges.

Year Three



Shapes, shapes all around us.

If you open your eyes and look around you indoors and outdoors you will see shapes everywhere. There are shapes in food, shapes in buildings and shapes in road signs. There are even shapes on you! Shapes all around you.

Most objects consist of shapes – sometimes it may just be a single shape and sometimes many shapes joined together. A bee's eye is made up of many hexagons connected together. A pizza is round but when you cut it into slices it becomes triangular. Oranges and apples are spherical.

Year Three has been investigating shape during their maths lessons. Progression through Key Learning Steps has included drawing circles using a compass, drawing isosceles, right-angled and scalene triangles. Outlines of 3D shapes have been made from Play-Doh and straws. Shape people and creatures with a gestation period of just two lessons have invaded the classroom. Properties have been discussed and identified.

Next time you pass a Year Three pupil ask him or her about vertices, faces and edges.

Miss Clifton



Transition Day – Which Way?.

Year Six



With only three weeks to go until Year Six leave the soft nurturing hands of Henstead, move off to senior school and the outside world, preparation for a smooth transition is well underway. The future is an exciting journey through lots of changes involving independence and responsibility.

With high vis and comfy shoes on, Year Six, Miss Clifton and Mr Tiley-Nunn were abandoned in Norwich, set with various challenges to test their resourcefulness and problem-solving skills, while keeping themselves safe outside school.

With meagre funds to cover lunch and transport home, excited progress was made as we navigated using a combination of individual and team judgement on our way towards the 'promised lunch'. Teachers ten paces behind and Year Six at the helm, sense of direction admirable.

Norwich hosts one of the best markets in the country and an opportunity was not missed to introduce our pupils to the delightful experience of tradition and character that lurk beneath its colourful canvas roofs.

Team Six split to form the NTN and the opposing MJC young apprentices. In true Sir Alan Sugar style the task was set. Fifteen minutes to purchase a cup of tea, a pig's ear, an apple, a tray of chips and a cinnamon stick whilst spending as little as possible. Failure to buy would be heavily penalised with a £2.00 addition to the team costs for every item missed.

Progress was swift and despite keen bargaining and all five items bought, both teams spent exactly the same amount to achieve a satisfying draw. Hungry Sugar juniors were in need of fuel, lunch was located and eagerly consumed, interrupted only by a 'suspicious character'. Tempting offers of additional food from our 'suspicious character' were politely refused and all danger averted.

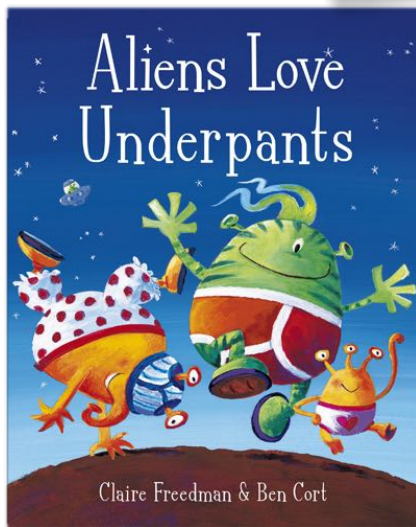
Bellies full and brains fed, off we went again in search of an appropriate and affordable mode of transport home. Clearly tired and in need of a safe return, decisions were quickly made and the bus station located.

A much relieved but wiser Year Six returned to the comfort of the familiar.

Mr Tiley-Nunn and Miss Clifton



Nursery News.



Aliens Love Nursery's Underpants!

Last weekend lots of Nursery children and parents met in Norwich to see *Alien's Love Underpants* at the Norwich Playhouse.

The children were very excited and had been reading the book lots in preparation for the theatre show. The show was full of dancing, singing, aliens and of course....underpants! We saw the aliens take little Timmy's pants and take him to their planet, Planet Janet! We loved the show and lots of us were dancing and singing in our seats. We decided our favourite alien was the green one called 'Coops'.

What a fantastic show - it was lovely that so many families could make the event.



A Magical Time!

We had a special visit from a Magician this week. Magic Brian (Jessica's Grandad) came in to give us a magic show to celebrate Jessica's third birthday.

We enjoyed lots of magic tricks during the show, but one of our favourites was when Magic Brian tried to do a magic trick for us but he kept losing his wand and finding it stuck to his back. We had to tell him where it was! We were also introduced to Mr Whiskers, but we were told to keep an eye on him as he had a naughty habit of pinching noses. He even tried to have a few of the Nursery noses.... Lola was picked as a volunteer for Magic Brian's show. She was given a wand to do a trick but for some reason, it kept going wobbly! We absolutely loved the show and were a brilliant audience. To end we all sang *Happy Birthday* to Jessica and had a piece of cake together.

Thank you very much Magic Brian for such a wonderful show!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Rounders



ROUNDERS

The expression goes that as one door closes another one opens. This was never truer than in the past week with girls' games.

On Friday afternoon I boarded the bus to Woodbridge for the last time with our formidable Under 11 girls, for a match against The Abbey. During the four years I have had the pleasure of teaching them games, we have run the full gauntlet of emotions. Incredible victories, devastating defeats and dismal draws, we have done the lot. But in each and every one, I have never doubted their desire to be the best that they can be. The match ended with a 21-21 draw.

Over the next few years, new sporting opportunities will be made available to them and I am sure that great success is on the cards for many of them.

As you bask in your future glory girls, spare a moment for those children who are putting on their Henstead games kit for the first time and heading out for that daunting three lap warm up! It has been an absolute pleasure teaching you all and I can truly say, it is just not going to be the same without you.

So that was Friday, but on the following school day I started my sporting adventure with a whole new bunch of girls. Monday afternoon the under 7 girls played host to Thorpe House Langley Prep. It was a great chance to try out the skills they have learned in their games lessons. With a final score of 178-188, I have to say, it's all looking very good for the next four years!

Miss Goddard





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Summer Fayre

Wednesday 1 July

3.30-5.30pm following Sports Day

Afternoon teas

Mini Produce Show -
baking, children's
crafts, flower
arranging and home
grown fruit &
vegetables.
Don't forget to enter!

Guess the number of
balloons in a Mini
Cooper!



Gunge the Headmaster

Face Painting

Plate Smashing

Coconut Shy

Wellie Throwing Competition

Arts & Crafts Stalls

Frog in a Bog

Lucky Dip

Ice-cream

& more exciting activities
to be revealed!



Summer Fayre Produce Show.

As part of our Summer Fayre, following Sports Day on Wednesday 1st July, there will be a mini produce show, giving pupils, parents and grandparents a chance to show off their culinary, gardening or creative skills!

All entries should be home made or grown, and be the work of the entrants themselves.

All entries should be delivered to the School Hall by 1.45pm on Wednesday July 1st. The classes will be judged by Mrs McKinney, and the winners announced at the end of the Summer Fayre.

Unless otherwise requested by entrants, all entries will be sold or auctioned off at the end of the Summer Fayre, and any monies added into Summer Fayre funds.

Class 1 - Children's Baking

6 Cupcakes - home baked and decorated by the entrant.

Class 2 - Adults' Baking

Plain Shortbread

Class 3 - Children's Crafts

A 'Garden Buddy', made from recycling materials, suitable for either a garden ornament or a bird scarer.

Class 4 - Flower Arranging - Any Age Entrant

"Summer Posy"

Class 5 - Home Grown Fruit or Vegetable - Any Age Entrant

Best looking fruit or vegetable(s).

Thank you PTFA



We would like to thank the PTFA for so generously funding two new branded gazebos for the school. They look splendid. We do appreciate all the support that the school families provide through the PTFA.

Field to Fork



The school garden continues to yield organic produce that can be incorporated into the children's freshly prepared lunches. Here are a few of the onions that were dug up this week.

Mascot Awards



This week's Mascot Awards - for best demonstrating our school value Excellence - go to:

Reception - Bertie

Year 1 - Darcey

Year 2 - Daisy

Year 3 - Tabatha

Year 4 - Lily

Year 5 - George

Year 6 - Sonny.

PTFA

News Extra

Summer Fayre Wednesday 1 July, following Sports Day.

Henstock Festival Saturday 11 July from 1pm. A mini festival of children's entertainment & live music. Adult £20 Child £10 including BBQ. No extra for camping.

Next PTFA Meeting Monday 14 September 7.30pm

Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of the Magna Carta - are: Tilly, Bethany and Louis.

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Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930



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