



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 23 June	Year Two at Ringsfield Hall (Full day)
Tuesday 24 June	Junior Inter-House Rounders
Wednesday 25 June	Senior Inter-House Rounders
Thursday 26 June	Swimming Gala (10:30-11:00 Fun races for Reception & Year One; 11:15 Swimming Gala for Years Two to Six)
Friday 27 June	Year One at Ringsfield Hall (Half day) Northants Cricket Trip

Dates for your diary

Monday 30 June	School Photograph
Friday 4 July	Henstead Hundred fundraising cycle event
Wednesday 9-Thursday 10 July	Summer Shows
Friday 11 July	Speech Day
Saturday 12 July	Summer Ball



Message from the Headmaster

It is most gratifying to witness the enthusiasm that our boys and girls put into all that they do, particularly when it is in support of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Any doubts as to what they could achieve were more than dispelled last year and I am pleased to note that Year Four has joined the group that will tackle the Henstead Hike in its entirety. It could not be a more worthwhile cause and the selfless service of those supported by *Walking With The Wounded* aptly reflects our theme of excellence. Best wishes to all those taking part and let us raise as much as we can for Duncan and Co.! *Mr McKinney*

Henstead Hike *Let's get fundraising!*

As this newsletter goes out we will be well on our way on our 10-mile Henstead Hike to Southwold - in aid of *Walking with the Wounded*. Please encourage your sponsors to visit our fundraising page, as it will enable them to post a message and the money will go directly to *Walking with the Wounded*, with a Gift Aid option to allow the charity to increase the value of every donation by 20%. Click on the link below, or copy and paste it into an email to your family and friends:

www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike

Let's beat last year's total!



Picture: Eastern Daily Press / Nick Butcher

Alive in Africa!



On Wednesday, as part of their Animals topic work this term, Year Two visited *Africa Alive*, home to more than 80 species of animals from around Africa - including the fastest mammal, the tallest mammal and the biggest bird in the world! The Park is linked to the Zoological Society of East Anglia, and every entrance fee and donation helps them to promote, contribute to and support the conservation of wildlife and the environment, animal welfare and education.

The children took part in two educational sessions in the morning:

- **Animal Babies and Growth** saw them meeting some of the residents: Aramis the Spiny Mouse, a baby Royal Python called Mathui and Millie the Tanzanian Red-legged Millipede. As well as thinking about babies hatching from eggs, and mammals giving birth, the children also learnt about the stages of animal growth and saw an amazing shed snake's skin and even a Tarantula's skin too!
- **Dinnertime!** proved equally as entertaining as the children looked at skulls and teeth of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores and compared the differences. After a game of "Guess which animal this tooth belongs to?" they met and held herbivore Maple, the Pancake Tortoise, and stroked a fully grown carnivorous Royal Python. They also had the pleasure (?) of holding Charlie the Madagascan Hissing Cockroach, as they were thinking about the the Eco system and food chains.

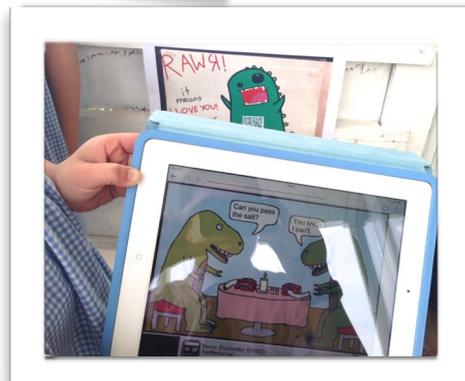
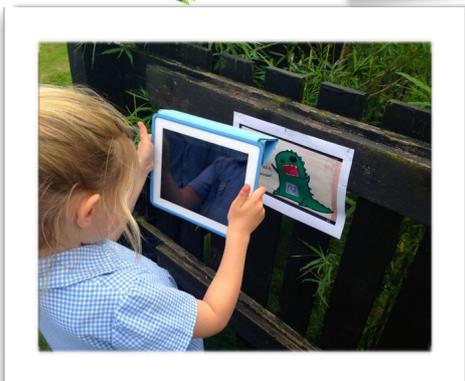
After all this learning, the children completed the medal trail with extreme ease and had hunger pangs of their own. Following our very civilized lunch we saw the giraffes, lions and cheetahs having theirs!

A roaring day out, and a big thank you to all the staff at Africa Alive. *Miss Kay and Miss Sindall*





Digital Dinosaurs!



Year One explored the use of pixels in their Computing lessons last half term. They looked at retro computer games and designed their own digital dinosaurs using a pixel art creator. To finish off their work on both dinosaurs and pixels, we looked at QR codes, with the children going off on a QR code Dino Safari. Using iPads and Hudls, the pupils had to locate multiple QR codes hidden around the school. When scanned, the QR codes

revealed a dinosaur related joke and the pupils had to note down which QR codes revealed which joke. Back at Dino Safari HQ, the children had to match the different coloured QR codes to the correct joke to create their own QR code page and then test that the codes worked. All in all, it was a roaring success!

Mr Tiley-Nunn

Henstead Hundred Logo Competition.



We were delighted to receive such a high number of entries to the Henstead Hundred logo competition, with a very high standard of creativity. The winning design - created by Nathan Birchenough - will feature on the high vis vests of the participating cyclists, as well as on promotional items that will be on sale to support the school's new building fund. Congratulations also go to the runners up, whose designs were Highly Commended.

Overall Winner:
Highly Commended:

- Nathan Birchenough (Year Two)
- Oliver Jarney (Nursery)
- Darcy Craw-Seaman (Reception)
- Ebony Jarney (Year One)
- Natalie Saunders (Year Two)
- Alex Hadingham (Year Three)
- James Pelham (Year Five)
- Lily Goodenough (Year Six)

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cricket & Rounders



CRICKET

Last Thursday saw the under 11 Cricket Team have their final match of the season, against a strong Widford Lodge side. Up to this point the team had lost against THLPS and won against The Abbey, so all was to play for. After winning the toss we chose to bowl first and what an opening first over it was from Sonny, who claimed two wickets. This was matched by Seb, who in the following over, claimed another wicket. Some exceptional fielding by Toby, Michael and Nick kept the run rate low. May and Tom were next to bowl, with May claiming two wickets, however these were both no balls so didn't count. Tom managed to claim a wicket along with Michael and Toby and some excellent bowling and wicket keeping from James, meant we were chasing 102 to win the game. After watching Widford bat, the boys could see the pitch was very lively, so they needed to concentrate fully throughout. With a large crowd watching on, Sonny and Toby set about getting us off to a good start, which they did exceptionally well. Toby played some fine shots before he was run out for 8, with Sonny making a powerful 26 before being bowled. Tom only lasted one ball, with brother Joe and Seb hanging around, making 10 each before being bowled. As the wickets fell so did the run rate. However it went down to the final over, with James and May battling on till the death. There has been such an improvement from the whole team since the nerves of the first match, with some excellent batting, bowling and fielding.

Mr Hunter

ROUNDERS

All through the winter months as I stand up to my knees in mud, and the wind is blowing ice cold rain in my face, I dream of days like Friday. There are many worse things to be doing than standing on a rounders pitch on a beautiful, sunny afternoon in the middle of Woodbridge.

The Under 11 girls travelled to The Abbey for a friendly, where both teams were mixed up. The introduction of the 'Goddard' rule, where rounders can be scored by the fielding team for catches and stumpings, resulted in a very lively and competitive match. The girls all excelled themselves with the bat and running off the ball. Scarlett in particular, relished her position at second post to get out many of her so called 'friends!' Grace is 2 for 2 on taking catches. Between that and her superb batting performance, she was definitely player of the match.

On a side note, there are many jokes regarding women's inability to understand the offside rule of football, but this pales into insignificance compared to getting Messrs McKinney, Baxter and Lamdin to understand the intricacies of rounders! I shall say no more.

As this was the last fixture of the school year, may I take the opportunity to thank you all wholeheartedly for your vocal and enthusiastic support. It is greatly appreciated. As for your daughters? We have had our ups and downs, wins and losses, but I would not change one of them or any part of it for the world. It has been superb! Bring on the hockey!

Miss Goddard

Henstead Hundred Bike Banter

With Father's Day commitments last Sunday there was a reduced turnout, although a most successful training run was had – 30 miles in 2 hours! As always support & sponsorship is much appreciated. Training on Sunday starts at 8am leaving from the school – all welcome.

If you have not yet sponsored a rider to support the building fund, please do so, especially as **Barclays has agreed to match the first thousand pounds we raise!**

Results of the Henstead Hundred logo competition are reported on Page 3 of this newsletter. Winners will receive their prizes very soon. *Sabrina Staniforth*

To sponsor the event simply click on the link below or speak to any of the cyclists taking part. All contributions to the school's building fund are appreciated.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayEventDetails.action?eventId=18524&charityId=1006950&invocation=evt0050>



Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail on the theme of Dinosaurs - designed by Year One - will be announced in Assembly on Monday.

Awards



Congratulations to Louis Davey for achieving a Platinum Certificate for 25 AI's and to Joe Hollick, Tom Wicks and Ella Tennens for their award of Gold Certificates for 15 AI's. Well done!

Mascot Winners



Owing to the Henstead Hike today, Mascot winners will be announced in Assembly on Monday. The winners will hold on to the mascots for the week. This will be the last weekly award of Mascots. The final award will be made on Speech Day, when one pupil in each year who has best demonstrated all the school values - Confidence, Resilience, Empathy, Adventure, Teamwork and Excellence - throughout the year, will be given their year's Mascot to keep.

PTFA

News Extra

Tuesday 1 July 7pm PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 2 July Summer Fayre (after Sports Day). Can you help with a stall? Please sign up on the list at the Office.

Saturday 12 July Summer Ball tickets (£45/head) on sale now. Invite your friends to a great evening!

Thank you to all those who organised and attended the pampered chef event, which raised over £200.

Swimming Gala Notice



The programme for next Thursday's (June 26) Swimming Gala will be:
10:30-11:00 Fun races for R & Y1
11:15 Gala starts for Years 2-6
Please ensure all competitors bring **two** towels and a drink.
Thank you. *Mrs Dakin*

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