



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 24 March

2.00 Junior Inter-House Benchball Competition

3.40 Years 2, 3 and 4 Class Concert

Wednesday 25 March

2.00 Senior Inter-House Netball & Football Competitions

4.20 Years 5 & 6 Class Concert

Thursday 26 March

9.30 Nursery Trip to Sea Life, Great Yarmouth *(Addition to Calendar)*

Friday 27 March

The Big Day Out

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1 April

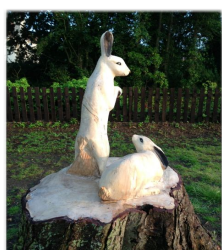
9.15 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead

Thursday 2 April

Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

Friday 3 April

Holiday Club

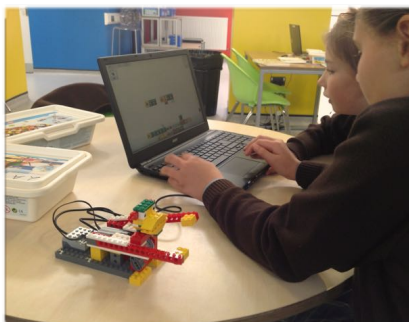


Message from the Headmaster

What I have most enjoyed about Science Week at The Old School is the way in which the conventional perception of a scientist has been challenged. At the start of the week Mr. Tiley-Nunn sought the views of the children and the impression in assembly, ably illustrated by Mr Butcher, was of a thick-spectacled, lab coated eccentric of a certain age mixing potions of some kind. As our programme of events, presentations by visitors and investigations has progressed, it is delightful to see the children wondering, asking questions, observing, measuring and enquiring how the world around them works and why.

I am most grateful to our parents and friends who have given so freely of their time in support of this initiative, including Susanna Lincoln, Silvana Birchenough, Ruth Wallis, Liz Tozer and Phil Jones, and to Mr Tiley-Nunn for his energetic leadership of the programme. It is cool to do Science at Henstead!

Mr McKinney





Science Week

Round-up

We celebrated British Science Week across the school this week, with a host of experiments and science investigations.

Workshops on Marine Ecosystems

CEFAS scientists Mrs Birchenough and Mrs Lincoln delivered a series of dynamic workshops about marine ecosystems this week, which captured the imaginations of our pupils.

Visiting Creatures from Africa Alive

We were delighted to welcome a team from AfricaAlive who delivered fascinating lessons about Habits and Habitats. They brought with them a diverse range of creatures for the children to handle, including JJ the python, a tortoise, a giant African land snail and a hissing cockroach!

'Whizz Bang!' Chemistry & Physics Experiments

Year 6 delivered a series of experiments for our junior pupils:

- Stacking liquids (densities)
- Geyser Explosions (chemical reaction between cola and mints)
- Eddy Currents (created using copper tubes and neodymium magnets)
- Conservation of momentum (the effect of bouncing two differently sized balls simultaneously)
- Gravity (keeping objects in the air using a hairdryer)
- Hot Air Balloon (using heat to expand gases).

See next page for Part 2 of the Round-up.



Science Week

Round-up - Part 2



Web Design

Our very own governor Mr Jones led an interactive workshop on web design for our Year Six pupils. I'm sure this knowledge will prove useful for them in their further education and work lives.



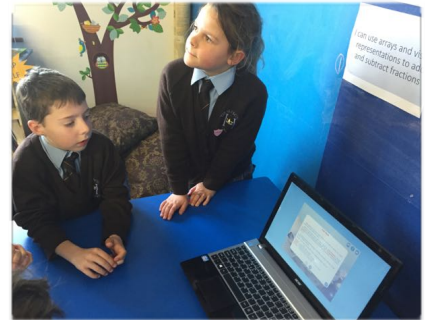
Trip to Lego Education Innovation Studio

Kindly arranged by our governor Ms Tozer, Year 5 pupils were given special access to the stunning Lego Education Innovation Studio at East Point Academy, where students guided them through some more complex Lego designs, machines and remote-control devices.



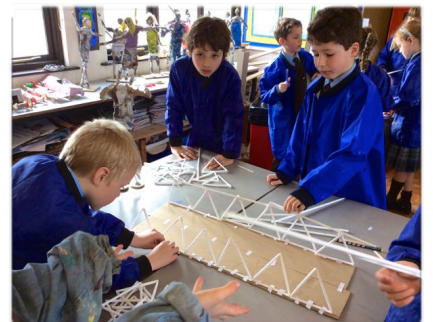
Healthy Living Carousel

Our study on healthy living centred on three activities: studying the effect of exercise on heart rates and breathing; healthy sandwich making; and designing hygiene posters! We hope to raise a more healthy pupil population.



Creating & Testing Rigid Structures

Year 3 created rigid structures based on strong triangles in Art & Technology this week, and tested their strength. Perhaps we have some future engineers in the making?



It's been a great week. The pupils embraced British Science Week with much enthusiasm. Hopefully we have inspired the next generation of scientists!



More Roman Adventures.

Year Two's Roman Trip to Norwich Castle

The Year Two Roman legionaries were out in full force again last week, thanks to Mrs Jarmey and Mrs Gregory for transporting them to Norwich Castle in their Chariots! (Personally, I suspect the boys of foul play so they didn't have to listen to a return journey of *Let it Go* from *Frozen* by the girls in the minibus!)

The children enhanced their learning of the 'Romans in Britain' by meeting even more characters from the era. Pro-Boudica Iceni tribe members taught them everything about life in their Roundhouse villages, from the food they ate, to the fabric they made and wore and the daily work they did. The Iceni women also showed the children how they worshiped their Gods and to make amazing Iceni necklaces called Torcs. The children saw the blue Woad dye face paint they wore to fight the Romans in battle and now understand why the Iceni people hated the Romans so much - how could they like anyone that stole their land, stole their jewels and forced them to pay taxes?

Marcus the Roman tax collector opened up an interesting debate about how Roman taxes benefited everyone in Britain, by building new roads and new towns for trade, by bringing in fresh water via aqueducts and education in their desire for civilization. The children also held lots of Roman artefacts - some of them were over 2000 years old - and they now know how to look for tell-tale signs if something is a replica or the real deal!

Another wonderful day and huge thanks to Claire and Jenni at Norwich Castle.

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin



The Henstead Zoo



Today at the Zoo - A Presentation by the Zoo Keepers.

“The Old School Henstead had a Zoo, ee-i-ee-i-oh! And in that Zoo they had some.....Very clever Reception Zookeepers. Ee-i-ee-i-oh!”

The children impressed us with their first ever assembly at The Old School Henstead. They had been working hard throughout the week to use their loud, clear voices and explained to everyone about their busy work in our zoo.

We took the school on an adventure using a map of the zoo created by the children. Throughout the tour the children told everyone about the range of animals we have as we passed them.

We finished off with one of our favourite stories... Dear Zoo.

Miss Coxon

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Quiz Results & Winners.

The librarians would like to thank and congratulate all the pupils who took part in the 'Join the Teachers to their Favourite Childhood Book' quiz. With so many entries, marking and scoring proved to be a considerable challenge.

After close scrutiny two winners emerged, each scoring an impressive 8 out of 13. The two pupils, Sonny and Nick, will join the librarians when they next visit a local bookshop to select and purchase a number of new books for the class libraries. In addition to helping with the selection of class books, Sonny and Nick will be able to select a book of their own to keep.

The correct answers were as follows:

Mr McKinney – Lord of the Rings

Mr Tiley-Nunn – The Carpet People

Mrs Hartley – Five Go To Smugglers' Top

Mr Butcher – Max the Hamster

Mr Hunter – Five Go Adventuring Again

Mrs Suffolk – The Mystery Series

Miss Coxon – The Princess and the Pea

Ms Thomson – The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Miss Kay – The Tale of Peter Rabbit

Miss Goddard – When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit

Miss Clifton – National Velvet

Mrs Dakin – Anne of Green Gables

Mrs Scoggins – Sam Who Never Forgets



Nursery News.

Librarians in Training.

As part of Nursery's big topic - community - we have been talking about librarians, and visited Beccles Library on Monday.

We were met at the door by Librarian Sarah. We all said hello and she led us over to the children's area. We enjoyed picking some books off the shelves to look at by ourselves. Sarah then took us on a big tour of Beccles Library. We looked at all the books and guessed there must have been quite a few! When Sarah showed us her photocopier, we told her we have one back at School. Sarah then read us a few books on the carpet and sang *Two Teddies on the Trampoline*. We then had requests for books on knights, so Sarah found us some to take back to Nursery. We returned our old books and checked out our new knight books! We said goodbye and thank you to the staff at the library and hopped on the minibus back to Nursery.



British Science Week.

Thanks to Ruth Wallis from *Africa Alive*, the Nursery children also had the chance to get up close to study the fascinating creatures brought into school by the team at *Africa Alive*. The children were particularly transfixed by JJ the python, as well as the less energetic tortoise.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Elliot, for having a really good week in Nursery. Well done Elliot. I hope you enjoy your weekend with Harry Henstead.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball



NETBALL

On Wednesday afternoon, the Under 11 girls set off for Woodbridge for an afternoon of friendly netball.

This was the last occasion for this bunch of talented players to represent the school at Netball, and they were, to a player, wonderful.

As always when it comes to occasions like this, I think back to when they first took up the sport:

Ella, who could not catch the ball for a long time, is now a formidable force as Goalkeeper.

Sarah, who would run away from the ball as she was scared of it, now excels as centre, always in the thick of the action.

Grace, who looked an awful lot like Bambi on ice in Year Three, is now as surefooted as the best of them.

As for all the rest? They have developed as shooters, defenders and wingers to become all-round good players, who I am sure will be on many first teams at senior school.

I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Miss Goddard

CROSS COUNTRY

This afternoon's Inter-House Cross Country event will be reported in next week's newsletter. We wish everyone well. Run hard for your House!

School Council Elections.



Polling day for the next School Council Elections will be **Friday 24 April**.

Candidates must declare their intention to stand for election on the first day of the Summer Term - Wednesday 22 April - and should prepare their manifesto and campaign material over the Easter Holidays.

Get planning. Get writing. Get ready for campaigning to represent your year on the School Council.

Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot Winners, for best demonstrating the school value **Adventure**, are:

- Reception - Phillip
- Year One - Harry L
- Year Two - Ella
- Year Three - Matthew
- Year Four - Lily
- Year Five - Miss Clifton! (as voted by Year Five)
- Year Six - James

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Learning Tail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of Famous Scientists - are Charlie, Joe, Harvey and Tom.

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Matthew P, Nick and Matthew H on their award of Gold Certificates for achieving 15 A1's. Well done!

Solar Eclipsed



Someone came to school ready to view this morning's Solar Eclipse. We had equipment ready for safe viewing, but it was a little too overcast for a clear view. Never mind, only 4,163 days until the next one!

Next Newsletter

In order to include a report of next Friday's Big Day Out, our next newsletter will be published during the early part of the last week of term, instead of next Friday.

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News Extra

Family Fun Bingo Tonight
Friday 20 March 6.30pm
Tickets £5 adult / £3 child

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Competition & Cream Teas Monday 30 March at 2.30pm

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