



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 24 May

Friday 27 May

Year 6 Transition Day

The Henstead Hike in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance*
Half term begins

Dates for your diary

Monday 6 June

Tuesday 7 June

Tuesday 28 June

Wednesday 29 June

Term Resumes after Half Term

1.30 School Photograph

2.00 Nursery Sports Day

2.00 Sports Day

3.00 Summer Fayre

Wednesday 6 July

Thursday 7 July

Friday 8 July

Saturday 9 July

Summer Shows

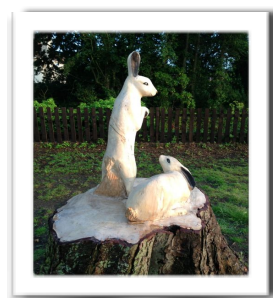
Summer Shows

Speech Day

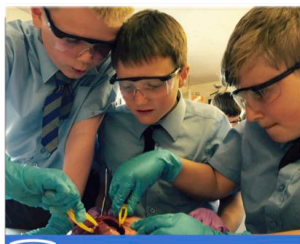
Trinity College Music Examinations

Henstock Festival

Message from the Headmaster



It was a privilege to represent The Old School at The Independent Schools Association Conference last week. We were challenged by Francesca Martinez, who explained that she prefers the word "wobbly" to the diagnosis of the cerebral palsy that she has not allowed to restrict her work as a writer and comedian. Thought provoking also were the views of Dr Bruce Hood, a previous Royal Institution Christmas lecturer, who questioned current thinking on the development of mind, brain and learning styles. Floella Benjamin represents the interests and welfare of children in the Lords and spoke passionately on her view of pastoral care, ably supported by Humpty! We look forward to welcoming friends, family and guests of the school at our Open Morning tomorrow. *Mr McKinney*



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Open Morning

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Open Morning.

Please consider who to invite to our Open Morning tomorrow (Saturday 21 May). It will be the last opportunity this year to see some new lessons and activities in action and the children are always keen to show what they achieve at school. Please encourage guests to arrive by 10am. (Pupils should arrive for registration at 9.45 - wearing blazers as usual.)

Summer Showstoppers.



We are delighted to report that preparations for our two Summer Shows, scheduled for performances on 6th and 7th July, are well underway.

The Lower School show will be **Peter Pan**, a musical presentation of the classic story, where Michael, John and Wendy are taken by Peter Pan and a cantankerous Tinkerbell to visit their island of Neverland. Here, the adventurous “Darling” children befriend some colourful characters including the lonely “lost boys” and Tiger Lily’s Indian tribe. Together they help each other to fend off the persistent, fearsome pirates led by the notorious Captain Hook, who is regularly pursued by the biggest crocodile you’ve ever seen....fantastic fun!

The Upper School show will be **Bugsy Malone** a musical based on the 1976 hit film. Two gangs square off in a 1920's rivalry of Capone-ian standards. Bugsy Malone, a one-time boxer, is thrust not-so-willingly into the gangster limelight, when he becomes the last chance Fat Sam's gang has of surviving. All Bugsy really wants to do is spend time with his new love Blousey Brown, who he has promised to take to Hollywood.

There will be two performances of each show - one matinée and one evening performance. So please save the dates!



Club Corner.



We are fortunate at The Old School Henstead to have many After School Clubs, which vary from term to term. This term we have Arts & Crafts, Rounders, Cricket, Lego Club, Archery, Scenery Construction, Musical Theatre, Athletics and Debating Society.

This week we share some insight into what has been going on in three of these clubs:

Debating Society

The Debating Society has been moving from strength to strength since the start of the Spring term. The pupils in the club have learned about how a debate is staged, and about ways to persuade both the adjudicator and the audience to agree with their point of view. We have debated a variety of topics from whether cats are better than dogs, whether children should have mobile phones, and even whether bullying is always bad.

Through engaging with the Debating Society, pupils have been forced to think about topics that they wouldn't ordinarily consider, and to think about current issues from different, sometimes alternative or conflicting angles. After the half term holiday, we will be hosting a public debate during one of our assemblies. We would be pleased to welcome you to any of our debates.

Mr Jensen

Lego Club

Lego continues to play an important part in our learning at The Old School Henstead, from Lego ducks,

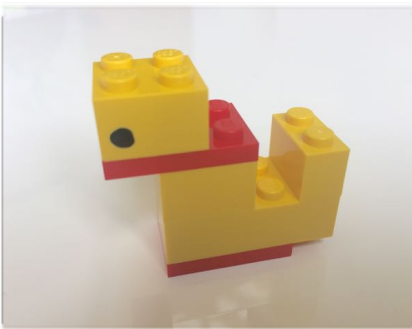
through more advanced building in our Lego Club, to the wonderful opportunity at the Lego Innovation Suite at East Point Academy.

Arts & Crafts Club

With her wisdom, skill and enthusiasm, Nanny Pat (as we all like to call her at Henstead), has been a great addition to our Arts and Crafts Club.

Last term the children were very resilient, sewing their name to make a book mark. It took much longer than we all thought! This term we have already made a rocket and are now working on some finger puppets. Our sewing skills are definitely improving.

Ms Thomson



Early Years News.



Reception children continue to organise and run their Henstead Garden Centre and Farm Shop.

It's been a busy half term with lots of customers enjoying the range of flowers, fruit and vegetables and the very popular café .

As part of their role-play, the children have been working on the till, taking phone calls, serving drinks and delicious cakes, cleaning and of course planting in the garden.

We discussed how we could improve and develop our Garden Centre in order to keep the customers happy. The children decided that all garden centres should have a play area for children to enjoy. Therefore this week, after agreeing on some very important safety rules, the children have been testing out our apparatus. We think it's going to be a big hit, so come along and have a go!

Miss Coxon



Nursery Star of the Week ★

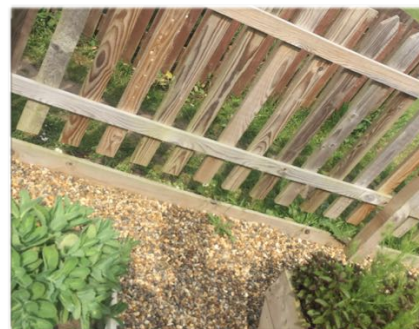
Nursery Star of the Week Award goes to Spencer for always arriving with a happy attitude and being a kind, considerate member of Nursery.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

Green Fingers.



The recent mix of rain and sunshine has encouraged the growth of many exciting vegetables and flowers in the school garden. The children tend the plot with enthusiasm and enjoy the organic fruits of their labours in their lunches. There is much excitement over the new polytunnel which will arrive soon, thanks to the generosity of the PTFA.



School Council.

The School Council provides a platform for the Pupil's Voice, with representatives spanning the age range from Reception to Year 6. They have the opportunity not only to voice their own opinion but that of the whole school, contributing to the continuous planning and development benefitting all.

This week's meeting generated much discussion and thoughtful response that enabled a significant amount of ground to be covered. A number of proposals were submitted to Mr McKinney for his perusal and response.

This week's proposals included:

1. A request to fundraise and purchase a table tennis table. The Head of School Council, George Taylor, has been asked to research the cost of an outdoor table tennis table.

2. The timetabling of additional house meetings prior to house competitions. Mr McKinney has asked Miss Clifton to explain to School Council the working of the weekly schedule sent to staff. Using this method all house staff can request and include any additional rehearsals needed and these can then be timetabled in on a weekly basis.

3. A request that the Gardening Club continue working to make maximum use of the wonderful garden area and our new polytunnel (which will be arriving shortly). Mr McKinney is very keen and gave the immediate go ahead. Miss Sindall has kindly agreed to meet with some members of School Council to discuss this further.

Miss Clifton

SPORTS ROUND UP

Athletics & Rounders



ATHLETICS

Winning Streak at Saint Felix Athletics Meet

Thirty-three eager athletes set off on Friday for an afternoon of track and field. First up were the Year 3 girls who blazed down the field, securing the first two victories of the afternoon. Taking nothing away from the other competitors, it was their afternoon, securing five first places. The most impressive was the 4 x 50m relay, ending the race at least 30 metres in front of their nearest rival. Also victorious on the track were Louis D in the 100m and Joey in the 200m. In the field events, the McTavishes shone, claiming victory in the girl's shot and boy's ball throw. Archie added to the throwing golds with victory in the U9 ball throw. Savile jumped to glory in the long jump, securing a personal best along the way.

At the time of going to press, the full results were not available, but I feel confident that it was our highest tally of firsts ever. Many congratulations to all of our fantastic athletes.

Mr Hunter

ROUNDERS

On Wednesday afternoon the U11 girls hit the road for the Langley Preparatory School. Put into bat by the opposition, we got off to a hesitant start, perhaps a little in awe of the excellent fielding by the Langley girls. Their batting was as impressive, and we found ourselves 7-14 down at the end of the first innings.

As I walked over to give another sterling half time pep talk, I was met with, "We know, we'll do better in the second innings." That is exactly what they did. Far superior batting and excellent running, narrowed the score substantially. Disaster struck when our girl of the match Lily was injured and unable to continue. With no reserves to call on, it was looking like we would have to continue a player down. But who's that hanging at the pavilion? Why it's only Thomas Wiles! Thomas' presence seemed to lift the girls' game and catches and stumping outs there were aplenty. In the end it was not enough to win the game, but it was good to see the girls working as a team with determination to be the best they could be.

Miss Goddard



SPORTS ROUND UP

Football & Trampolining



FOOTBALL AT CARROW ROAD

On Wednesday our Upper School boys participated in a Football Tournament which was held at Carrow Road, home to the Canaries of Norwich City. For many this was the first time at the ground, let alone playing on the turf.

The Under 9's were named Iceland (along the lines of a Euro competition) and played against the hosts Langley Prep. Some fantastic saves from Birchenough and resilient defending from Marcq, Harrison and Routledge managed to keep the hosts at bay for the majority of the game, only to lose late in the game.

The Under 11's started their campaign against Poringland. We never got started in the match and found ourselves 3-0 down early on, before finally beginning to play with Alex forcing an own goal as a late consolation for us.

Up next for the U9's were St Williams and this ended up being the game of the tournament with a 3-1 victory for Henstead, with Freddy scoring and Archie bagging a brace, one of which was a contender for goal of the day, which led to mass celebrations on the side lines.

Up next for the U11's were Stoke. This was a must win game which Henstead started very brightly, forcing many corners and peppering the goal with shots finally breaking the deadlock through Savile. However we

couldn't score a second goal and Stoke managed to equalise late on direct from a free kick.

The final game for the Under 9's required a win to progress to the semi-finals. A valiant effort from all team members ended with a narrow defeat, just missing out on qualifying for the semi-finals.

The U11's final game was against the eventual winners. With some positional changes it was another tough game for the boys, going down 3-0, but putting up a valiant defensive display.

Nevertheless it was an experience of a lifetime to play on premiership turf. The boys represented the school superbly, gaining much experience playing at a professional ground.

Mr Hunter

TRAMPOLINING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Tomorrow gold medallist Charlotte Warnes will represent the school at the IAPS National Trampoline Championships at the Royal Russell School in Surrey. We wish her every success and look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.



Only **7** days to go!

Are you ready?

Our annual **Henstead Hike** will take place next Friday 27 May this year, in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance*.

This is the fourth year of the Henstead Hike, having previously raised money for *Walking with the Wounded* (twice) and *CLIC Sargent* (last year).

In line with tradition all pupils (including Nursery) will take part in this challenge, starting at age-appropriate points along the stunning 11 mile coastal route, between Benacre and Dunwich (via Southwold). Once again parents and grandparents are invited to join us on the walk -

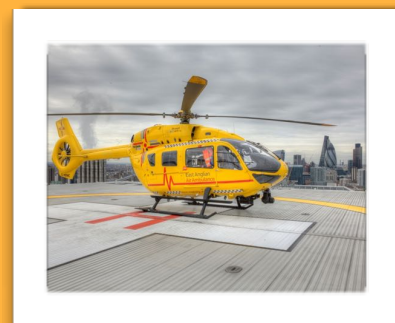
always a fun day for the whole school community. We're hoping for great weather once again. Sponsorship forms for pupils have gone out. We have also set up a fundraising page online (which also offers a Gift Aid option to increase donations) at:

www.virginmoneygiving.com/hensteadhike

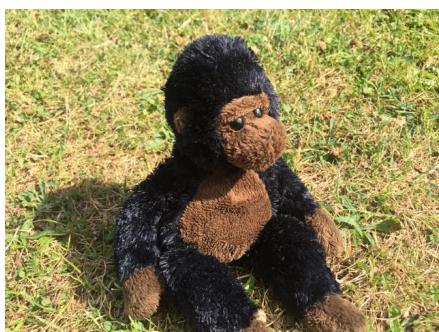
East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA) is a charity providing a helicopter emergency medical service for the people of East Anglia. Since their launch in 2000 they have attended over 17,000 life-saving missions. They operate two high-tech helicopters from 0700 until 1900 from their Norwich base and

from 0700 to 2359 from their Cambridge base, 365 days a year.

The cost to keep the helicopters flying is approximately £10.2 million pounds this year. The average cost of each mission is £3,500. So let's get fundraising!



Mascot Awards



The mascot winners, for best demonstrating Teamwork this week, are as follows:

Reception Lucas
Year One Marli
Year Two Matthew
Year Three Rebecca
Year Four Olivia
Year Five Bethany
Year Six Isabelle

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Brayden's Fundraiser



Brayden's Big Chocolate Tea Party raised £718.58 for *The Sick Children's Trust Charity*. "We are very grateful to our friends at Henstead for their support" - *Brayden's Mummy*.



A scene from the popular Thursday lunch time Creative Club - run by pupils Bethany and Ruby.

Book Fair



Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair, which resulted in a massive sales total of £653.99, giving the school over £300 worth of new books for our class libraries. The books are already here!

PTFA

News Extra

Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party Friday 10 June
3.30-5pm RSVP by 3 June please.

Summer Fayre Wednesday 29 June Please add your name to the rota in the office if you can help.



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