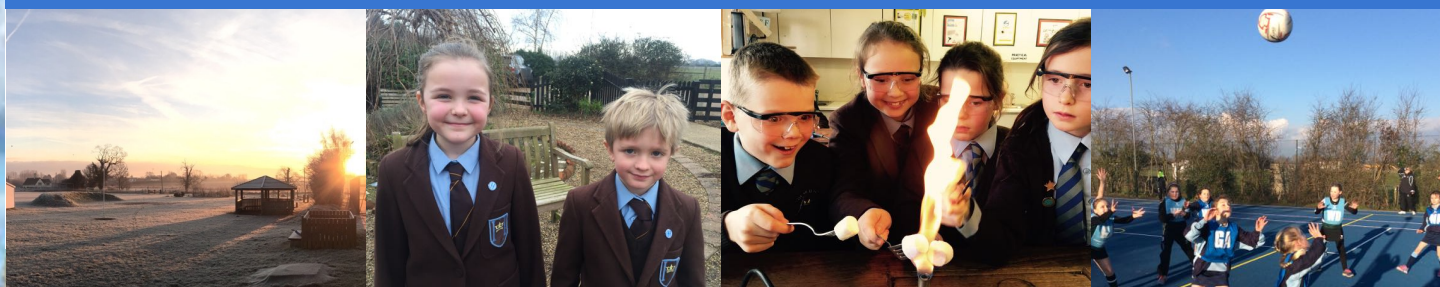




The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Wednesday 27 January

Friday 29 January

Saturday 30 January

1.15 U11 Football Tournament at Langley Prep School

8.50 Candlemas Service at St Mary's Henstead

Open Morning (Half Day School) - (9.45 pupils' registration)

Dates for your diary

Week Commencing 8 February Parent Teacher Meetings

Tuesday 9 February

Friday 18 March

4.15 Parents' Seminar - thinkuknow? (Safer Internet)

7.00 Charity Concert in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance* at United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold

Message from the Headmaster

Gifts aplenty!



The opportunities to see the many facets of learning here at Henstead is one of the greatest pleasures of being Head of The Old School. As I visit our classrooms, outdoor activities, and clubs, I am pleased to note the ways in which our boys and girls can progress, some of which are quantifiable, others which cannot be represented by data. At a recent prize giving ceremony of one of our senior schools of choice, the audience was taken aback to hear the Head Master of Britain's most famous school tell the assembled company that academic results were intrinsically meaningless, unless accompanied by opportunities for personal development. We will continue to encourage our children to seek the gold of these gifts here in conjunction with the academic rigour that such education of character underpins.

Mr McKinney

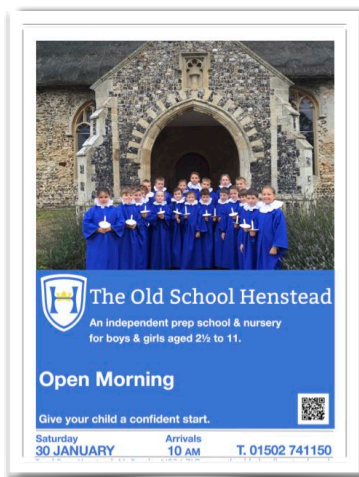
Open Morning.

Our next Open Morning takes place on Saturday 30 January. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.45. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive by 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning. We will end with a barbecue at 12 noon.

It is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in

school for the morning. The next School Council and Prefects meetings will also be held on that day, so you may take a look at how the pupils are making a difference in their roles of responsibility.

Be sure to pass on an invitation to friends as it will be a long time until the next Open Morning. We appreciate your support.



Studies in Egyptology.



Tomb Robbers in Archaeological Outrage!

Our Year Four historians arrived at Norwich castle today in time to witness a furious argument between visiting Ancient Egyptians Amunet and Meritamen, and one of the archaeologists removing the treasures from Tutankhamun's tomb – Miss Derry. Trying to keep the peace was Norwich Castle Museum's resident Egyptologist.

Are archaeologists indeed tomb raiders? A knotty problem for our team to consider as they left for their Egyptian Jewellery-making. Forty five minutes later, having worked out the desired colour symbolism for their 'pharaonic bling' it was a good moment to go and pore over some examples of the real thing with the resident expert. They could certainly make stuff in them days!

On Ancient Egyptian Day even lunch is an education when the Year Four Mums get on board! Our thanks to

you all for your stunningly authentic menus and historically appropriate wrappings! Next we were summoned to celebrate the coronation of King Tut (after harvesting some flax and doing some vigorous clothes washing in the River Nile).

A bevy of visiting conferences were dazzled by the sheer percussive magnificence of our procession around the museum. Finally to the delicate process of preserving a body for all eternity – always a favourite – which was a fitting ending to our immersion in the sands of time. The verdict? Leave the Pharaoh to rest in peace...

Mr Butcher



Igloos & The Cold Lands.



In the Reception classroom this week we have been discovering The Cold Lands.

Igloos have been the main focus this week. The term 'igloo' comes from the Inuit word 'iglu' which means 'house'. Igloos are usually temporary winter shelters built by Inuit hunters for their families while on a hunting trip. Igloos are perfectly suited to a cold, Arctic environment where building materials such as wood, stone and brick are not available. Igloos act like a large snow blanket, trapping in body heat. An igloo can reach temperatures of up to 50 degrees inside.

It was the children's turn to have a go at building their own igloos. We tried with marshmallow pieces with icing sugar to stick everything together, then with sugar cubes and finally with stacking cups. It was certainly a lot harder than it looked. Skilled Inuit hunters can build an igloo in about an hour, so I think we might need a little more practice!

Miss Coxon





Nursery News.

Surveying the Deep Sea.

This week Nursery had a special visit from Oscar's Dad, Mr Lincoln. Mr Lincoln works on sea ships as a Hydrographic Surveyor and maps the bottom of the sea. To begin with he showed us a model of the boats he goes out on and pointed out the A-frame which is used to put things in and out of the water. We then got to see photos of his boat and cabin. Mr Lincoln also showed us photos of the mapping he does of the sea floor and we asked what sort of things he finds. He said he once found a cannon from WWII! We asked if he had seen any sea creatures when on his boat and the only one he hasn't seen is a great white shark! At the end Mr Lincoln let us try on some of his special equipment, his hat and glasses.

Thank you for such a fantastic talk. We loved hearing about your adventures on the sea!

Ahoy, me Hearties!

Today pirates descended upon Nursery, shiver me timbers! These trainee pirates had to take part in pirate activities before they could join the crew. They learnt how to make treasure maps and flags, wear pirate patches and most importantly- to walk the plank! Lastly they commandeered a vessel (kindly made by Mr Butcher) and put their thinking caps on for a name. After a deep think the pirate ship was named, 'Ye Old Whale of Henstead.'

Safe to say, they all passed the tests and were soon in shipshape condition. The Henstead crew is ready to set sail and pillage some treasure! Yo ho ho until next time ye landlubbers!



Nursery Star of the Week



Nursery Star of the Week goes to Edith, who has settled fantastically into her new Nursery and is already making lots of friends. Well done Edith! We hope you have a lovely weekend with Dotty. Great pirate outfit for today's Pirate Day!
Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball



NETBALL WIN

The netball season got off to a flying start on Wednesday afternoon as our Under 11's took to the court against Langley Preparatory School.

With this being the first game for both teams, the start was somewhat hesitant, with mistakes being made by all players. Although both teams had chances to score, it was our guests who eventually put the ball through the net first.

The second quarter started with greater determination as the girls got used to their roles and their responsibilities in the team. Isabelle, who had been fiercely marked in the first quarter, found a way to get free from her opponent, and her link-up play with Charlotte and Jessica resulted in three goals.

Going into the second half with a small lead, the defensive duo of Amber and Ruby really began to take control of the match, and our opponents found it

impossible to score. A final re-jig of the team at the break, and it was back on court for the final quarter. I am very biased when it comes to sport, but netball, when played well, is just the best game to watch. Fantastic passing, running off the ball and quick, accurate interplay there was aplenty – just how it should be played. Eight goals in eight minutes led to a very exciting finish; an exciting and a victorious finish.

Final score:

The Old School Henstead 9 : Langley Preparatory School 5

Congratulations to all our girls on a great afternoon. I can't wait for the next game!

Many thanks to all the parents who came to support the team and to those that provided a wonderful match tea.

Miss Goddard





awards for

Outstanding Good Manners.

We are pleased to report our first awards of this academic year for Outstanding Good Manners, based on the highest number of points accumulated for Good Manners last term. Certificates were awarded to:

Reception: Chase
Year One: Bertie
Year Two: Darcey
Year Three: Skye
Year Four: Olivia
Year Five: Matthew
Year Six: Isabelle.

In addition, two Badges for Outstanding Good Manners were awarded for the term to:

Lower School: James Hardman
(for the second consecutive term!)

Upper School: Olivia Speed-Andrews

Congratulations to all. Keep up the excellent manners.



Mascots Awards



This term we are focussing on the school's value Empathy. This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating Empathy, are:

Reception Oliver
Year 1 George
Year 2 Immy
Year 3 Louis
Year 4 Tabatha
Year 5 Jasper
Year 6 Charlotte

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail winners - on the theme of Famous Personalities - are: George T and Savile.

School Council & Prefects



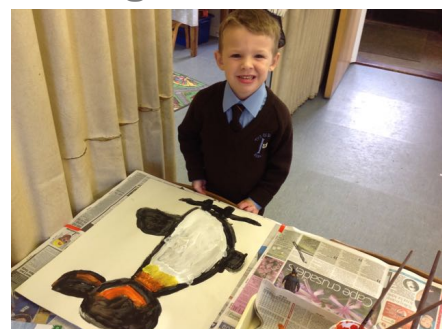
The next School Council and Prefects Meetings will be held on the Open Morning, therefore if you would like to see what goes on at one of these meetings, please come along and see how the pupils are making a difference in their roles of responsibility.

Going for Gold



We wish George Taylor all the best in tomorrow's finals of the ISA (Independent Schools Association) National Swimming Championships at the London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park.

Penguin Awareness



Did you know that it was Penguin Awareness Day on Wednesday 20 January? The pupils in Reception are surrounded by a waddle of penguins at the moment - as part of their studies about cold lands - and enjoyed an art session celebrating these unique creatures.



PTFA

News Extra

Curry Evening (adults only)
Friday 12 February at 7.30pm.
Watch this space for more details.



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