



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 27 February

1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming
1.30 Parent & Toddler Group
2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics

Wednesday 28 February

3.20 U9 & U11 Football v Beccles Primary Academy (A) *(new fixture)*

Thursday 1 March

World Book Day (pupils invited to wear costumes representing their favourite book character)

Upper School visits Waterstones

Friday 2 March

8.45 Reception Assembly

9.00 Year 1 visits Norwich Castle *(addition to calendar)*

Reception & Year 4 Open Classrooms (for parents)

Dates for your diary

Friday 23 March

7pm Concert at United Reformed Church, Southwold

Tuesday 27 March

2.30 Spring Concert (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)

Thursday 29 March

8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead



Message from the Headmaster

One of the biggest adventures in this half of term is the forthcoming concert in the United Reformed Church in Southwold. It promises to be an exciting evening with both our Junior and Senior Choirs performing, involving children from Year 2 through to Year 6 and featuring both solo performances and ensembles. We look forward to seeing you at the event. Our younger musicians will not be forgotten, as Nursery, Reception and Year One have their own Spring Concert on Tuesday 27 March at 2.00pm Mr McKinney

The Chemistry of Magnesium (Mg).

Scenes from a Year Four science lesson this week, studying the spectacular properties of Magnesium, commonly used in flares.



Eco-Action at Foxburrow Farm.

On a cold but sunny Thursday morning, Year 3 arrived at Foxburrow Farm ready for a Suffolk Wildlife Trust eco-action day.

We began our adventure by examining seeds and thinking about which foods they could be turned into. Then the children had a go at using a quern stone which was used by Anglo Saxons 1400 years ago to grind flour. Next they explored how many miles food travels to reach us and found out that much of it comes from beyond Europe. Transportation, we learnt, produces carbon monoxide which affects climate change.

This led to discussions about alternative ways of generating energy to power our cars and heating. We left a small solar panel in the sunshine and were surprised to find out that the water inside it increased from 10 degrees to 21 degrees in 15 minutes, even on a cold February day. What an eco-friendly way to make energy!

After that the boys and girls conducted an experiment measuring the wind speed and direction in a field to find the best location to build a wind turbine. They set off in groups with bubbles, tape measures and stopwatches and discovered that the spot in the field with the fastest average wind speed was the best place.

After lunch we went on a hunt to find ideal homes for birds and the children suggested things that we can put in our own gardens to attract more birds, like feeders, ponds, hedges and log piles containing insects for the birds to eat. The children role-played animals in a typical garden, field or meadow to explore how each creature in the food chain is vital to the survival of every other creature.

On to the next activity: making bird feeders for the garden, followed by pond dipping. The children were very good at identifying which insects might live in the water and we did indeed find dragonflies, water boatmen, beetles and shrimps. Lastly we played a game which illustrated how much water we use everyday doing things like washing up and brushing our teeth. We found how we can take simple steps to conserve water.

The children asked intelligent questions throughout the day and demonstrated their excellent knowledge of the natural world.
Mrs Sonn and Mrs Colling





Reception Roundup.



We have been inspired by our house poetry competition this week and have been reading poems in class and talking about how some words rhyme.

In maths this week we are ordering by length and height and looking at different ways to measure.

French continues to support our learning of numbers to 6 and body parts through fun games and songs.



In music we have started rehearsals for our Spring Concert and our listening and understanding skills are being challenged as we learn a variety of new songs and actions.

Children have enjoyed bringing in their home Lego creations for show and tell this week. We were particularly impressed by a wasp's nest and a report about a Framlingham castle trip. Well done children on showing fantastic confidence and speaking skills in front of the whole school.



Embracing The Old School Henstead's ethos of Confidence and this term's value - Adventure - we would like to invite all our friends and family to **join us for our assembly next Friday at 8.45am**. We will be taking you on a journey around the world and telling you all about penguins. You will see how our literacy, maths, knowledge and understanding of the world has been supported in this topic as well as an opportunity for us to demonstrate our confidence and speaking skills. The assembly will be followed by a French breakfast served by the children and an opportunity for them to show you around their school and see inside their books.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



The Romans & Science.

Year Two



This week the children amazed me. I have always been proud of how confidently this class access learning challenges. How they consistently push themselves and apply a conscientious attitude to their own work and study. On Monday, the children were provided with a small script I had written for them. It was a chance for them to celebrate the Roman topic which they have really engaged with and an opportunity to have fun learning some lines and acting.

Initially, we went through the script as a group. The children read beautifully. Despite having lots of lines, they told me with earnest confidence that it would not be a problem. After our first read-through, they suggested that we could improve the script a little bit. We sat together and edited it. Their suggestions were numerous. The characters changed, the story changed, the lines changed and, frankly, few of the original lines were there. But, it was theirs.

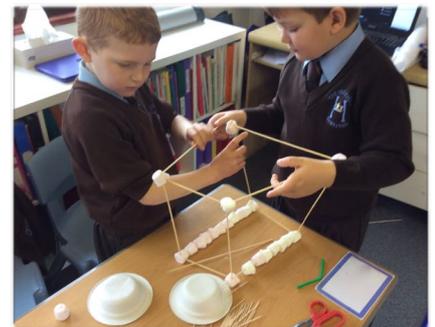
All week they have impressed me with their flexibility. They worked well as a team and provided the school with performances which will have a lasting effect on their confidence.

Open Classroom

Following the assembly the children tested their scientific approach and method. Having studied materials and structures this term, the children learned about the Big Bad Wolf. Specifically, the Big Bad Wolf's interaction with the negligent task force of the three little pigs.

Letting the photographs do the speaking for themselves, the children created some unique structures which, after an encounter with a hair dryer on full strength, survived gloriously...just...

Mr Hunt



Nursery News.



The children in Nursery were given a height chart by Mrs Scriven and since then they have been busy measuring and comparing their heights. This led on to measuring our feet with rulers, cubes and a shoe shop foot measurer. We have also been using measuring cylinders in the water and the balance scales. It's been a busy and mathematical sort of a week.



Alongside our maths we have been reading the traditional and alternate versions of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We planted beans which we are observing to look for changes. We are exercising our patience and can't wait to measure the tallest beanstalk. In addition to all of this we have a giant's castle in our role play area complete with beanstalk.



Nursery Star of the Week

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to James. Priscilla has noticed how helpful you have been this week. You have been fantastic at tidying up.

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball



The Independent Association of Prep Schools Tournament

On Friday the Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Framlingham College Prep School to participate in the IAPS Netball Tournament. Around 20 schools had travelled from all around Britain to play in this tournament, so competition was tough!

Henstead had a slow start, but after a team talk they were able to pick themselves up and dominated the possession of the ball in our game against Southlee School. Unfortunately however, we took time to adjust our shooting to the 10ft netball hoop, and were defeated 2-0.

As the girls began to watch the opposition, there were understandable nerves on seeing how tall some of the other teams were. Our fourth game was against Forres Sandle Manor. These girls were very quick and experienced players who had won a number of matches before taking us on. However, I was very impressed with our Henstead girls who did not let this intimidate them. Instead they showed determination and resilience, and even

scored the first goal of the match. Honor in GK and Ebony in GD were vital players in this match. They played extremely well together and saved many goals by defending and intercepting passes. Before half time the score was 1-1. The second half was nail biting and soon became 2-1 to the opposition. But Henstead continued to work hard and had the ball in our shooting circle about to shoot. But right before Kate was able to execute the shot, the hooter went off and the match ended. We were so close!

The girls finished on a high and were very proud of their performance. Well done to Sophia, Tabby, Rachael, Olivia, Kate, Emily, Rosie, Honor, Ebony and Rebecca on an excellent day of netball.

Mrs Jensen



Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school value for this half term - **Adventure**:

Reception: Raef for seeking adventure in all he does.

Year 1: Jackson for an adventurous approach to his writing and fractions.

Year 2: Jack D for adventurously using expression in his class assembly performance.

Year 3: Wills for returning to school with adventure in his step.

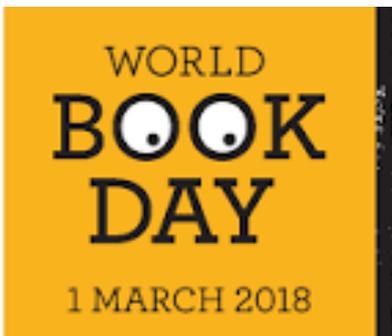
Year 4: Penelope for always being a good friend to her peers, encouraging them to try new adventures.

Year 5: Honor for developing a sense of adventure by asking more and more questions.

Year 6: Sophia for adventuring with confidence when extending her knowledge and construction of pie charts.



World Book Day



To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 1 March, pupils are invited to come into school dressed as a book character.

PTFA

News Extra

Easter Bingo Friday 16 March 1800. Tickets will be on sale from 12 to 16 March. Easter Egg donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped into the office.

Next PTFA Meeting Friday 27 April 2018 at 1430. All welcome.

Family Quiz Thursday 10 May (change of date)

Emergency



Emergency Closure Procedures

In the event of the school being closed owing to bad weather (or any other cause, for that matter) the following procedure will be followed:

The Headmaster or his representative will contact staff and parents as soon as possible (ideally before 7.30 a.m.)

This procedure will operate on each and every day the school is closed.

If any of your contact numbers have changed recently, please email your new details to the office as soon as possible.

Hats, Gloves, Scarves



Just a reminder that only uniform hats, scarves and gloves are permitted to be worn at school and on trips. These items are all available from our Uniform Shop.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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