



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... Change of dates. The Inter-House Music Competition will be held on Wednesday 4 June and Instrumental Concerts on Wednesday 11 June.

Calendar for next week

Monday 26-Friday 30 May

Half Term

Dates for your diary

Monday 2 June

Friday 20 June

Friday 4 July

Wednesday 9-Thursdays 10 July

Friday 11 July

Saturday 12 July

Term Resumes

Henstead Hike (to Southwold) in aid of *Walking with the Wounded*

Henstead Hundred fundraising cycle event

Summer Shows

Speech Day

Summer Ball

Message from the Headmaster



I was honoured to be able to represent The Old School at the Independent Schools Association Headmasters' Conference last week. It was an opportunity to hear challenging speakers and engage in lively debate on the future of education. Furthermore, I had the opportunity to catch up with Michael and June Hewett, who send their good wishes to all at Henstead. Most pleasing of all was the theme of the conference - the importance of values in learning - for it confirmed that we are instilling in our young people the creativity, resilience, attitudes and skills that will serve them well as they grow here, before moving on to senior education and the wider world. May I wish everyone a peaceful and purposeful half term break.

Mr McKinney

Digital Leaders share their knowledge.

It has been very pleasing to see the impact that our Digital Leaders have made on the teaching and learning of ICT across the school. They regularly check if staff or pupils have any technical issues regarding ICT with which they can help. They are now actively involved in the delivery of the ICT curriculum across the school, as illustrated here, with Oscar and Charlotte helping out with a Reception computing lesson. There are also plans for the Digital Leaders to test drive a different tablet for use in school.



Ground Control to Major Tom.



The children in Nursery have fully embraced our topic about space - particularly talking about and investigating the possibility of aliens!

- As mini scientists we researched constellations and nebulae - even making our own.
- We made our own clay aliens, using a variety of creative materials.
- We used the interactive whiteboard to match the colour and shape of our aliens.
- During our rest and relaxation session we listened to *Space Odyssey* by David Bowie.

The children were very sad to find out that the space shuttle no longer flies in space, but we have

constructed our very own instead, transforming an ordinary cardboard box into a spectacular space shuttle! We are just waiting for Mrs Mills to patch through the call from NASA - they may need our help!

Lastly, we would just like to thank Bertie Blois, who kindly let us borrow his planets, which he can name in order! And thank you also to those children who bought in some fantastic space stories and toys to share.

Have a great half term!

Mrs Rawlings and Miss Butcher

New Nursery Leader visits.



Yesterday our new Nursery Leader from September, Miss Beth O'Mara, spent the day with us, getting to know the children a little before she starts formally in September. She much enjoyed her visit to the school and hopes to spend more time with the children before the end of the school year.

Miss O'Mara, who holds a BA degree in Childhood Studies, brings a wealth of experience in Nursery education.

We are delighted to have her on board and look forward to her joining The Old School Henstead community.

Walking with Dinosaurs.



Year One at the Dinosaur Adventure Park

After a very busy half term learning all about dinosaurs and how they lived, we ended our topic with a trip to the Dinosaur Adventure Park in Norwich.

We couldn't have asked for better weather as we started our journey on the minibus. Mr McKinney had informed the children that the dinosaurs had all been fed that morning at the park, but that we needed to be very careful. Joey Hollick announced that dinosaurs would much prefer to eat the teachers, as they are 'meatier' than children!

We arrived just in time for a snack and then started our dinosaur trail looking for special stamps to collect. Along the way the children had the opportunity to use brushes to uncover dinosaur fossils, climb the huge 'climbosaurus' and slide down its tail, whiz down the zipwire and complete the obstacle course.

We enjoyed heading through the woods, looking at a variety of



dinosaurs and finding their nests and eggs. We heard several roars and squawks along the way, so it was thought best not to disturb them too much. The children just about escaped from the T-Rex who was lurking amongst the trees.

After lunch, the children enjoyed spending some time on the play equipment both indoors and outdoors and completed the dinosaur maze with no trouble. We ended our visit with an ice-cream and a trip to the gift shop where our recent work on solving money problems came into play!

The children were superbly behaved and we had several compliments from other visitors about how smart our children looked. Well done to a 'Toppersaurus' Year One class.

You can watch a short clip of the children running from dinosaurs on **YouTube**, by clicking on the link below:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MsFzw-ijH50>

Miss Coxon and Mrs Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Cricket & Rounders



CRICKET

Wednesday saw the first cricket match for the U11 boys, against an unbeaten Thorpe House Langley Prep side. Losing the toss, we were put in to bat first, with openers Sonny and Tom W. After a nervous first over, a solid partnership was emerging, with Sonny scoring quickly and Tom keeping things solid at the other end. Sonny had quickly reached 19 before he was bowled. In came Joe, who looked to try and play some sensible cricket shots. However he only lasted a couple of balls before a quick single ended in him being run out. Fourth in was Seb. He also was run out trying to go for a quick single. Short cameos from Toby, Nick, James and Michael, left George and May to try bat out the final five overs. They stuck around for as long as possible, with George making 11, but we were bowled out for 56 runs. With a tough total to try and defend, it meant the Henstead team needed to be alert in the field and to keep their bowling tight. THLPS managed to score 19 off the first 3 overs and the game looked to be disappearing quickly. But some inspired fielding from Sonny, Michael, Nick and Joe, matched by George's sharp wicket keeping, the runs started to disappear for the hosts, wickets started to fall, with some fantastic bowling from May, Sonny, Tom and Joe. This led the THLPS side to panic, allowing Henstead to get some run outs with great throws for the stumps.

THLPS finally scraped over the finishing line with one over to spare. An exciting game of cricket to watch, and some very good play in the batting and fielding aspects of the game from everyone involved.

Mr Hunter

ROUNDERS

On Wednesday afternoon, the under 11 girls' team took on Thorpe House Langley Prep in a home-based rounders match. Put into bat first, the girls were hitting the ball all over the place, possibly giving the best batting performance I have seen from them. A touch of nerves seem to hit them when they took to fielding, as silly mistakes let our visitors take a comfortable lead at the end of the first innings.

A strong word at the break brought out the best in the girls, and they started to show just how capable they are. The batting continued to be sublime, with Ella and Scarlett leading the way, with some absolutely fabulous shots, and we took to the field for a second time with a small advantage.

If the first innings was error ridden, the second was the complete opposite. Run outs, stumpings and catches galore, as well as fantastic bowling, made it as hard as possible for our guests to score, but victory was not ours for the taking!

This was an absolutely fantastic display by the girls and really showed how far they have come as a team. Well done to all.

Miss Goddard

Note: Today's sports fixtures will be reported in the next newsletter.

Only **42** days to go!



Henstead Hundred Bike Banter

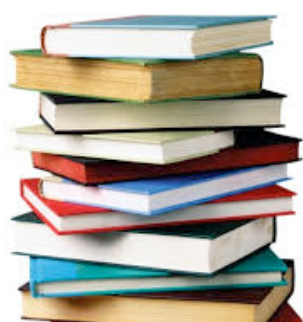
With 42 days until the big ride, it's time for weekly updates. Training has been going well and on a regular basis, with a brilliant amount of commitment being shown by the team. Sunday training this week starts at 9am at the school. There is still time to join us, should you feel up to the challenge.

The time has come for the children to become involved, with a Competition to

design the logo for the Henstead Hundred team. There will be a cycling goody bag for the winner and the logo will be used on the cyclists hi vis vests. Mugs and hi vis vests will also be available for parents and children to purchase in aid of the school's building fund. Details will follow in book bags.

Sabrina Staniforth

Book Fair



Our summer book fair went well. Offers like the 'buy-two-get-a-third-one-free' resulted in some smiling faces. Your support generated £180 in commission, which has been spent on some great new fiction for the library. Special thanks to Mr McKinney and Year Six for accommodating the fair and for their help in running it.

Learning Trail Winners



The winners of this week's Learning Trail (charity logos) are:
Oscar Taylor
Charlotte Warnes &
Isabelle Routledge.

Gold Certificates



Congratulations to the fellowship of nine gold certificate winners: Freddy Scott, Oscar Taylor, Polly Scoggins, Ruby Collins, Thomas Wiles, Matilda Williams, Harvey Field and Ebony Jarmey. Well done!



UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot winners - best demonstrating this term's school value of Teamwork - are:

R - Matthew Jones

Y1 - Kate Barrett

Y2 - Nathan Birchenough

Y3 - Daniel Jones

Y4 - May Drinkell

Y5 - Sarah Hubbard

Y6 - Scarlett Baxter

PTFA

News Extra

Monday 9 June 7pm PTFA Meeting

Tuesday 17 June Pampered chef event. Tickets from Mrs Davey.

Wednesday 2 July Summer Fayre (after Sports Day). Can you help with a stall? Sign up on the list going up soon in Reception.

Saturday 12 July Summer Ball tickets (£45/head) on sale from 2 June. Invite your friends to a great evening!

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