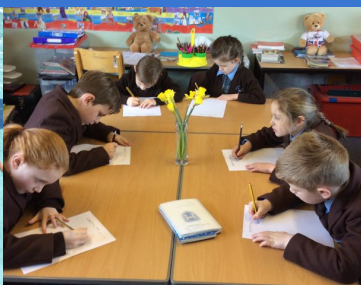




# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 29 February	2.00 Nursery visits Beccles Library
Tuesday 1 March	9.00 Year 2 Roman Day, Time & Tide Museum
Wednesday 2 March	1.00 Years 3-6 Cross Country Competition at Saint Felix ( <i>addition to calendar</i> )
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day - see page 5 for details ( <i>addition to calendar</i> )
Friday 4 March	8.45 Year 1 Assembly Years 1 & 2 Open Classrooms

### Dates for your diary

Friday 18 March	7.00 Charity Concert in aid of <i>East Anglian Air Ambulance</i> at United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold
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### Message from the Headmaster



Our value for this half of term? Adventure! At The Old School Henstead we are committed to taking every opportunity to learn outside the classroom as much as in it. Preparations for our trips week are well underway and we will travel across the UK to experience the joys of outdoor learning. There is great excitement already.

We can be adventurous in our learning too - the teachers are challenging the boys and girls to be adventurous, to expect great things of themselves and what they can achieve in all of their subjects.

We can go on exciting adventures in our minds, in imagination - through books and stories, through writing of all kinds, for adventures such as these teach us more about ourselves and the God-given world around us.

Mr McKinney

### Henstead wins Maths Challenge.

On the final day of the last half term, two outstanding mathematicians, Theo Bird and George Taylor, attended the Year 6 Inter-School Maths Challenge at Langley Prep School. The challenge was open to all Year 6 pupils in the Norfolk region, with each school able to submit up to two teams of two contestants. With a total of 21 schools attending, there was, needless to say, a lot of competition. However, Theo and George were well prepared for the competition, nerves were under control, and brains engaged. There were three rounds with three different types of questions. In each round, the contestants had to answer each question correctly before they were given the next question by a marker. After several attempts and no correct answer, the contestants were able to skip a question and move on. Many contestants took up this offer - not so The Old School Henstead. Even when the challenge got tough, neither Theo nor George wanted to submit to handing in an unanswered question. This is certainly to their credit.

At the end of the three rounds, the results were in. With a staggeringly high result - much to the delight of the host - The Old School Henstead team was announced as the winner of the afternoon. Both Theo and George ably represented the school with charisma, determination, and a resilient grit that anyone would be proud of.

Mr Jensen





# Exposition en français!



Reception treated the school to a wonderful assembly with a French theme, showcasing their language skills, sporting very fetching red berets, the required stripey t-shirts and the obligatory Gallic moustache! They also made sure that the parents had biscuits variés and café au lait as part and parcel of the post-assembly casse-croûte! Jack D welcomed the audience with a cheerful “bonjour” and an “asseyez-vous”, followed by a disguised ‘Allo ‘Allo Amelie, who announced her arrival with the well-known undertaker’s introduction. Next up were Lola and Oliver, who explained the three kisses on the cheek routine in some parts of l’Hexagone - with an ooh là là to reinforce the effect. Jack W and Chase showed us how introduce ourselves and to ask after someone’s welfare - “ça va bien merci”. The whole class, led by Lucas, then taught the audience les couleurs et les numéros with a bravo sticker on offer for correct answers. Community singing of *Frère Jacques* and a prayer from Amelie finished a splendid assembly, ably directed by Madame Dakin. Félicitations à tout le monde.



After their assembly, Reception children invited their parents into their classroom and had fun designing their own zoos on large sugar paper. Mums and dads helped to draw up plans and place our zoo animals in their new enclosures.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and well done to all the children.

Miss Coxon



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football



### FOOTBALL

A fantastic team performance pushed the Henstead under 11 side right to the final whistle against Saint Felix on Wednesday.

In an entertaining game Saint Felix took a very early lead with a shot from the edge of the box to the bottom corner. Henstead soon woke up and started playing as a team, some hard work up front and some even harder working midfielders kept the Saint Felix boys at bay. The two defenders made some fantastic blocks and last ditch clearances.

A pattern of play emerged with Henstead defending deep and then hitting on the break. This paid off more and more as the half went on, with a number of corners won. Then Savile found himself through on goal before sliding the ball home under the outcoming keeper. Saint Felix made a second goal late in the half.

After a quick team talk of how well things had gone, the second half began, but not how we would have liked. A quick double found us 4-1 down and facing a mammoth task, however this got the boys working even harder. We witnessed some superb defending from Jack and Theo all game, safe hands from Jasper behind and the tireless running of Davey, Taylor and Marcq gave the forward players time to shine. A quick break away and some defensive confusion led to Louis pulling a goal back, before a couple of Henstead near misses, a late cross into the box and a hand ball meant a last minute penalty which was coolly smashed home by George.

Final Score: The Old School Henstead 3: Saint Felix 4

A fantastic team performance with all the players contributing to a thoroughly entertaining game, which could have gone either way.

*Mr Hunter*





# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Netball



### Under 11 Netball v Saint Felix

The half term finished in excellent style, with a nail-biting victory from our Under 11 netball team. Our usual dynamic centre, Charlotte, was benched due to injury, so it was a somewhat different formation that took to the court. Captain Isabelle won the toss, giving Ruby first centre pass. The teams were evenly matched, with the opposition's Goal Defence being a particular thorn in our sides. Eventually we managed to break through their defence, securing the first goal on the scorecard. Saint Felix was quick to equalise, but we pulled ahead going into the break. That goal was to be decisive, as in each of the other three quarters, the score for both teams was the same.

We should have won the match in comfort. We have so much goal scoring potential on the team, but some days the ball just won't go through the net!

Amber was formidable as Goal Keeper and her partnership with Tilly – playing the game of her life – grew in strength as the match progressed. Bethany and Daisy must both be congratulated on their excellent performances and Jess managed to always find herself unmarked and in space whenever we had the ball. Lily showed her versatility, being one of a few players that excels in both D's. Isabelle gave the perfect demonstration as to why she is both captain and the only choice for Goal Attack - five goals, of which a couple were absolute beauties! The last word belongs

to Ruby, who ended the game with a face that matched her name. She was everywhere, never slowing down and the linchpin of the team.

Final Score: The Old School Henstead 5: Saint Felix 4

An excellent result, and with it being our last competitive fixture, an unbeaten season.

### Under 9 Netball

Whilst the boys were battling it out on the football pitch, there was a far more carnival atmosphere on the court. The Saint Felix team came over for a fun afternoon of netball. Four short matches of ten minutes, saw all the girls playing in a variety of teams and positions, sometimes against our visitors, sometimes against their classmates. Although the afternoon was predominantly about having an enjoyable time, it was good to see how much the girls have learnt the rules of the game - footwork and court position being really strong points. During the final match, in spite of intervention by the games staff, the allstar yellow team dominated, putting together some beautiful passes and shots. When the final whistle blew, the girls paired up with their guests to enjoy a lovely, and very chatty match tea.

A great afternoon, made better by the beautiful sunshine. Well done girls.

*Miss Goddard*





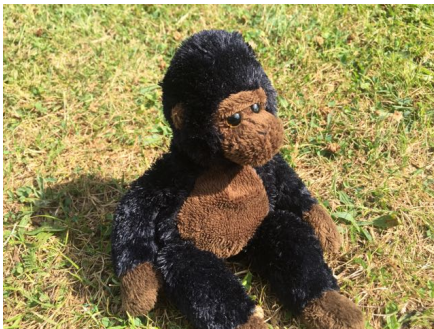
# Pedagogical Ponderings.

I recently read an interesting piece in an education forum entitled "No Place for Rote Learning". The original author wrote by giving examples of how, over his/her teaching career, different fads had passed through education; to use rote learning, or not to. It seems that, in New Zealand as well as in the United Kingdom, education has gone through phases and trends that come and go. It's true that, in times past, rote learning was frowned upon. It certainly was when I trained as a teacher. However, there's now a resurgence of support for this old fashioned, 'out-of-date' technique. There's empirical evidence of how a lack of rote learning has caused children to progress through their years at school not knowing their alphabet – the most fundamental skill that all pupils need to know. The evidence suggested that the lack of

rote learning was in fact a hindrance in children's education. As you've heard me before in earlier Pedagogical Ponderings, I've always been a supporter of the tried and tested teaching methods, the methods which have always worked and continue to do so. We use rote learning at The Old School Henstead when we push our pupils to learn their times tables. There is absolutely no denying that all pupils need to have a fluent recall of their times tables, and all of the evidence of experience tells us that having a solid times tables recall will help pupils succeed much more quickly in the other, more difficult, areas of mathematics. I was glad to read further into the forum that there were many other teachers who were ardent supporters of rote learning. I only hope that New Zealand catches back on soon!

Mr Jensen

## Mascot Awards



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

Reception Amelie  
Year 1 Johnny  
Year 2 Immy  
Year 3 Kate  
Year 4 Rachael  
Year 5 Daisy  
Year 6 George

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## Nursery Star



The Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Jackson, who has done lots of good work in Preschool and is being a really kind friend. Well done.

## Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail - on the theme of flags - was won by Theo and George T.

## World Book Day

WORLD  
**BOOK**  
DAY

3 MARCH 2016

We will celebrate World Book Day next Thursday 3 March. To mark the occasion, pupils may come to school dressed as their **favourite character from a book**, in return for a £1 donation to *East Anglian Air Ambulance*. Let's get creative and fundraise for a great cause.

## PTFA

News Extra

**Easter Family Bingo Friday 11 March at 6.30pm in the Hall. Save the date!**

**Watch this space for details of more upcoming events... coming soon.**



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