



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 29 June
Tuesday 30 June
Wednesday 1 July
Friday 3 July

Summer Show Rehearsals Begin
2.00 Nursery Sports Day
2.00 Sports Day followed by PTFA Summer Fayre
CLIC Sargent visits Assembly to celebrate fundraising total
4.30 Staff v Parents Cricket Match

Dates for your diary

Wednesday-Thursday 8-9 July
Friday 10 July
Saturday 11 July
Monday 13-Friday 17 July
Monday 20-Friday 24 July

Summer Shows
Speech Day
Henstock
Summer School (bookable via the office)
Summer School

Message from the Headmaster



One of the great successes of the school year was called vividly to my mind during the course of this week - the School Council. I have much enjoyed reading the minutes of the Council meetings and hearing the suggestions for the improvement of our school - even if I am not always able to say yes! The Council members were behind the fundraising initiative for outdoor play equipment and the trip to Norwich, returning laden with some great toys and games for break and lunch times, was a thoroughly enjoyable visit. My thanks to the School Councillors and to Miss Clifton for her guidance of this important forum through which our boys and girls can put forward their views.

Mr McKinney

Nursery children gearing up to their Sports Day.



Inter-Schools Maths Quiz.



The Inter-Schools Maths Quiz

A talking sheepdog, gets all the sheep in the pen for his farmer. He comes back and says “All 40 accounted for.” The farmer, says, “I’ve only got 36!” The sheepdog replies, “I know, but I rounded them up.”

Haddiscoe train station is not where I normally find myself on a Tuesday morning, but this week it was the point of embarkation for four magnificent mathematicians on their way to Norwich for a maths quiz of the highest order. The train ride was a pleasant start to the day and gave our team of Sarah, Nick, May and George time to get their brains working with some warm-up activities en route.

The annual Inter-Schools Maths Quiz at Norwich School is a proving ground for some of the best young mathematicians in Norfolk (and some from just over the border!) and we arrived at the Lower School full of excitement for the challenges that lay ahead. However, before we got on with the business end of the day, we were treated to a mathematical spectacle from none other than Johnny ‘think of a number’ Ball. I think that before he started speaking the adults in the room were more excited about hearing him speak than the children, but after a whirlwind workshop, where everything from Euclidean geometry to squaring the circle at the Pyramids of Giza to why castle walls are no match for a cannonball were explained, the whole room was buzzing.

Round one was a mixture of team and individual questions. We put up a good fight against some stiff competition, but a reluctance to check our work

(always check your work!) thoroughly ultimately cost us a few marks that should never have been lost. Slightly knocked but definitely not beaten, the team knew that they would need to have an incredible round two to be in with a sniff of the final.... and that is exactly what they did! We won our second round with a blistering performance in the logic puzzles and Sudoku questions, followed by dropping only two marks in the two stages of individual questions. The team, ably captained by Sarah, were finally firing on all cylinders!

We gathered in the hall to await the final scores. Alas, our mistakes in round one had cost us dearly and we found ourselves just five marks short of making the final. Watching the finalists battle it out and going, “well I could have answered that!” and “I know that one!” only served to reinforce just how close we had come.

However, the primary aim of the day was to enjoy a mathematical challenge and pit our wits against the best that the area had to offer. We certainly enjoyed ourselves (especially after the procurement of a yummy cookie and some Norfolk chocolate!) and the whole team left rightfully proud of their achievements.

I leave you with a problem to ponder....How can you make seven even?

Mr Tiley-Nunn

You can view the **ITV News** interview with Johnny Ball at the event, also featuring May on: <http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2015-06-23/mathsguru-unimpressed-with-modern-teaching/>



School Council News.

You've had the pain, now for the gain.

The School Council responded to the 'pupils' voice' by holding a fund raising event to equip the play shed with a variety of fun resources specifically for the benefit of the younger children during break-times.

All pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two completed three activities, each activity lasting one minute. Much pain and dogged determination radiated as every pupil pushed themselves to their physical limits and beyond. Every ounce of effort counted and contributed to the amazing £302 raised.

The School Council members had the pleasure of a trip on Wednesday to spend the hard earned cash. Two groups led by Mr McKinney and Miss Clifton, each with £151 to spend descended upon the unsuspecting shop. Eager to maximise appropriateness of purchases and value for money the shopping experience was conducted with military precision and planning. Both groups emerged well-chuffed and returned to Happy Henstead with minibus heavily laden.



That Was The Year That Was!

The School Council delivered an impressive assembly review of their year as the Pupils Voice.

They began by clarifying the aim of the Old School Henstead School Council, reminding all that the School Council encourages everyone to play an active part as a pupil voice. As such, being a member of the School Council means taking responsibility, working together and helping to make Henstead an excellent school. The School Council is then able to develop and action suggestions. They reflected on the fantastic suggestions that have been posted by pupils of all ages and chose to highlight the following:

- 'The House Gold Totals should be displayed in a prominent place'. School Council and Mr McKinney liked this idea and we now have a 'House Golds Board' which is regularly updated by members of Year 6.

- The Upper School Fundraiser – the entire Upper School took part in a sponsored tables test and a staggering £634.75 was raised. £450 of this was spent on the Giant Chess set and the remaining £184.75 will be used to pay for the construction of a permanent Four Square game area, as suggested by those pupils who visited Kingswood.

- The Lower School Fundraiser – the entire Lower School took part in an Activity Circuit fundraiser and a super £302 was raised. The School Council reaped reward for all of their hard work with a visit to a store to buy as many toys and games for the play shed as they could. These toys will be available for pupils to use during lunch playtime. The pupils were reminded to treat them with respect, remembering to return them to the shed once they have finished playing with them.

- The Award for Good Manners - all will be revealed in next week's newsletter.

The next School Council elections will be held in September. The message from the present School Council was clear - this is your chance to use your voice and ask for what you want and to make things happen. Please think carefully over the holiday and if you have the enthusiasm, the energy and the willingness to work hard for the benefit of the pupils of the Old School Henstead, stand for election and become a School Council member.

Well done School Council – an excellent year and an excellent assembly.

Miss Clifton

Nursery News.

Pets' Corner Trip.



Nursery had a great trip to Pets Corner to celebrate the end of the School year.

The children enjoyed seeing a variety of animals - from Princess and Lucy the ponies, to Snowy the cockatoo. We also saw a skunk! The overall favourite was definitely the goat enclosure, full of lots of baby goats!

Nursery had a quick bounce on the bouncy castle before settling down to a picnic lunch. Before we left we couldn't resist saying a last goodbye to the goats.

It was a lovely trip to round off the end of the year.

Next up - Nursery Sports Day on Tuesday!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming



SWIMMING GALA

It was lovely to see so many of the Henstead Family come and support this year's swimming gala. Reception and Year One began the event with some fun team races. Activities included running through water, woggle race, freestyle swim, finishing off with a plunge through a hoop. A super effort from everyone. Well done children!

As the atmosphere heated up and the noise levels rose, the children gathered into their house teams. With great support from the crowd, the contestants endeavoured to showcase their swimming talents. We were treated to some outstanding and closely contested races. Roared on by the crowd, the children gave their all!

With the houses being so close in points, the final relay races would decide the final outcome. The children (and parents), waited in great anticipation to see who was the successful team. Mr McKinney announced that Orwell House had just beaten the rest. This makes Orwell House the conquering champions for two years in a row.

Many thanks for supporting this fabulous event and we look forward to seeing and hearing you all on sports day!

Mrs Dakin

| Place | House | Points |
|-------|---------|--------|
| 1st | Orwell | 62.5 |
| 2nd | Yare | 54 |
| 3rd | Waveney | 51.5 |
| 4th | Deben | 51 |

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cricket and Rounders



CRICKET TRIP TO T20 BLAST

The Cricket trip to Northamptonshire Cricket Club

Never before has a weather forecast been looked at so frequently as the one for Friday in Northampton. The trip last year coincided with the heaviest rain fall since Noah and the Ark, but it looked as though the cricketing gods were on our side. Ten eager fans boarded the bus and we set off on our 3 hour journey with Saunders senior at the wheel. It seemed that for some of the children, the excitement was just too much as they were asleep by Diss.

After a pit stop for refreshments and a hot meal, we arrived at our destination. Basking in the sunshine, we settled down to watch the Steelbacks face the Lancashire Lightnings. We were all die hard Northants fans before the first over was finished. There was lots for us to cheer as the batsmen smashed the balls for 4s and 6s. We cheered the loudest when Jack got to throw the match ball back in (a really good throw too!)

The match came down to the final ball, Finney could barely contain himself, "I can't watch Miss Goddard, I just can't watch!", as he screwed his eyes up and turned his back to the pitch. Thankfully the Steelbacks claimed victory, so all could go home happy.

After collecting many autographs and having a play on the pitch, we boarded the bus for the journey home.

Arriving back at school just shy of 1am, it was not long before we were all asleep. Bacon rolls for breakfast and everyone went home, tired but happy.

We will definitely be back next year.

The Sports Department

INTER-HOUSE ROUNDERS

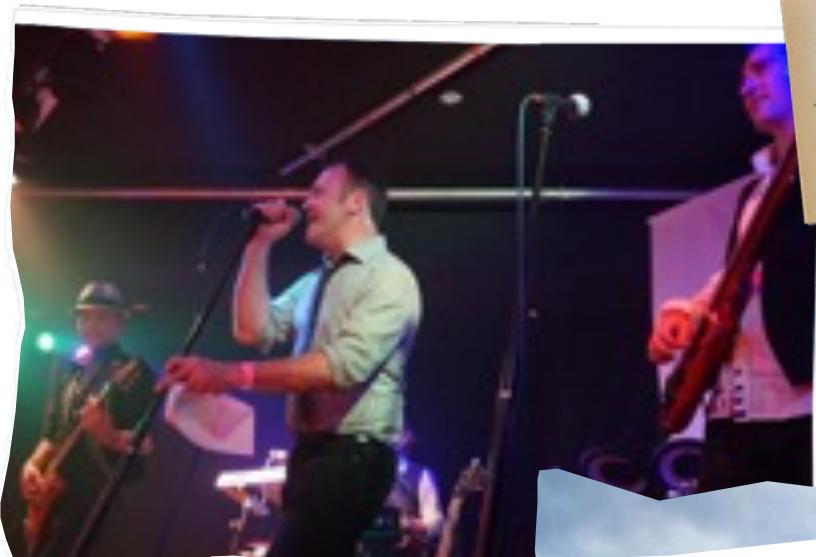
We were treated to a fantastic afternoon of Rounders on Tuesday, as Years One, Two and Three took to the field for the Junior Inter-House Competition.

There were some very tight matches, but no-one could match those all-conquering Deben Foxes, who grabbed top spot in their eager paws.

| Place | House | Score |
|-------|---------|-------|
| 1st | Deben | 100 |
| 2nd | Yare | 75 |
| 3rd | Waveney | 50 |
| 4th | Orwell | 25 |



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JULY
SATURDAY



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PICNIC (BRING YOUR OWN) FROM 1PM

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT FROM 3PM

FUN & GAMES WITH MR JUGGLEFUN

STORY TELLING

BARBECUE

BY SEPPINGS OF BECCLES

ICE CREAM

MUSIC SCREEN

OPEN MIC FROM 6PM

JACK BAXTER

WAPSCALLIONS ROCK & POP COVER BAND ON STAGE FROM 8PM & AFTER AUCTION

AUCTION OF PROMISES 9.15PM

BEDTIME 11PM

TICKETS*
ADULT £20.00
CHILD £10.00
***INCLUDING BBQ.**

NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR CAMPING.



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Summer Fayre

Wednesday 1 July

3.30-5.30pm following Sports Day

Afternoon teas

Mini Produce Show -
baking, children's
crafts, flower
arranging and home
grown fruit &
vegetables.

Don't forget to enter!

Guess the number of
balloons in a Mini
Cooper!



Gunje the Headmaster

Face Painting

Plate Smashing

Coconut Shy

Wellie Throwing Competition

Arts & Crafts Stalls

Frog in a Bog

Lucky Dip

Ice-cream

& more exciting activities
to be revealed!



Summer Fayre Produce Show.

As part of our Summer Fayre, following Sports Day on Wednesday 1st July, there will be a mini produce show, giving pupils, parents and grandparents a chance to show off their culinary, gardening or creative skills!

All entries should be home made or grown, and be the work of the entrants themselves.

All entries should be delivered to the School Hall by 1.45pm on Wednesday July 1st. The classes will be judged by Mrs McKinney, and the winners announced at the end of the Summer Fayre.

Unless otherwise requested by entrants, all entries will be sold or auctioned off at the end of the Summer Fayre, and any monies added into Summer Fayre funds.

Class 1 - Children's Baking

6 Cupcakes - home baked and decorated by the entrant.

Class 2 – Adults' Baking

Plain Shortbread

Class 3 - Children's Crafts

A 'Garden Buddy', made from recycling materials, suitable for either a garden ornament or a bird scarer.

Class 4 – Flower Arranging – Any Age Entrant

"Summer Posy"

Class 5 – Home Grown Fruit or Vegetable –

Any Age Entrant

Best looking fruit or vegetable(s).

Staff v Parents Cricket



A Staff v Parents cricket match will take place next Friday 3 July at 4.30pm, followed by a BBQ for players and spectators alike. If you would like to play, please contact Mr McKinney or Mr Drinkell. All spectators are welcome to join what should be a fun event.

Gold Certificates



Congratulations to Alex, Jessica and Matthew on their award of Gold Certificates for achieving 15 A1's.



Mascot Awards



This week's Mascot Awards - for best demonstrating our school value Excellence - go to:

Reception - Phillip

Year 1 - Isobel

Year 2 - Floriana

Year 3 - Ewan

Year 4 - Savile

Year 5 - May

Year 6 - Ella.



PTFA
News Extra

Summer Fayre Wednesday 1 July, following Sports Day.

Henstock Festival Saturday 11 July from 1pm. A mini festival of children's entertainment & live music. Adult £20 Child £10 including BBQ. No extra for camping.

Next PTFA Meeting Monday 14 September 7.30pm



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