



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

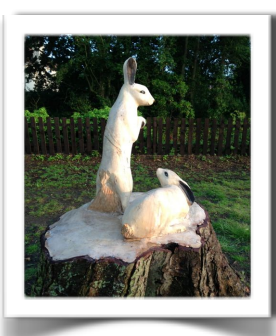
Wednesday 1 October
Thursday 2 October
Friday 3 October

Whole School Outdoor Mathematics Morning
Year 4 visit to The Green Britain Centre, Swaffham
10.00 Gresham's Cross Country Event

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18 October
Thursday 23 October
Friday 24 October
Monday 24 November

Open Morning with special timetable of lessons and activities
Holiday Club (bookable through the office)
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Year 3 visit to Sutton Hoo (8.45 departure) **(Addition to Calendar)**



Message from the Headmaster

Confidence is our theme for this half of term and there has been no shortage of activities to reinforce this vital school value. I have listened to rehearsals for music examinations by pupils present and past and the reports are most encouraging, as Miss Sindall will tell you. Year Six wrote and presented an excellent assembly on their leadership training weekend, showing teamwork, good communication and how tying the rope you needed to bring with you to a minibus might not be a successful part of the plan! I am extremely confident that the PTFA have wonderful plans for the year ahead and thank them all in advance for their efforts.

Mr McKinney

School Success in Trinity College of Music Examinations



On Tuesday we were pleased to welcome Clare Seymore, GGSM BSc (Hons) MSc EdD (International) from Trinity College, London, who came to examine a number of pupils from Year 3 upwards in singing and piano from Grades Initial to Five. Clare, a mother, teacher and musician has recently returned from ten years teaching at an international school in the Netherlands. She had only been in our school for about 5 minutes when she remarked on the lovely atmosphere and friendliness of the community.

Nevertheless an unaccustomed hush fell over the area near the hall and the examinations proceeded in the usual

rigorous fashion, with the results of several months' hard work by both pupils and teachers being put to the test.

We are proud to announce that all the candidates passed their examinations achieving consistently high marks and most encouraging comments on their achievements. Congratulations and well done to all!

There will be an opportunity for pupils to share their performances with parents and others later in the term in the newly introduced class concerts (See School Calendar for dates).

Miss Sindall

Coastguard briefs the Early Years Foundation Stage.



Real life superheroes descended on Henstead this week. The coastguard came to talk to the Nursery and Reception children about their work and how they help us.

Miss Coxon was volunteered to dress up as a coastguard and she had to save Lucas!

The children all counted how many flashing lights on the truck they could see - we counted 10! Everyone sat in the coastguard truck and had a go at lying on the stretcher.

Mrs Hall talked to us all about the importance of staying safe - especially at the beach.

Thank you very much to Mrs Hall and her helper Ollie for giving their time to come and visit us.



Nursery Star of the Week



This week the Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Ariane for settling in well. Ariane has had a really good week at Nursery and Miss Butcher and Miss O'Mara are really pleased.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

The Great Reception Bake Off.



As the Harvest Festival approached, the Reception children have been focusing on the story of *The Little Red Hen*.

This clever little hen found some grains of wheat on the farm and set off to make some bread of her own.

We decided to have a go at making bread just like the hen. We looked at the ingredients and followed the instructions - mixing, kneading, folding and shaping. We cooked our bread and ate it for a snack with jam, honey and marmalade.

Delicious!

Miss Coxon



Emergency! Year Two learns about the Coastguard service.



Our resident Coastguards, Mrs Mills and Mrs Hall, helped to start off Year Two's 'Safety at the Seaside' learning by hosting us at their HM Coastguard Lowestoft and Southwold headquarters.



The children heard how the Coastguard is the fourth emergency service, alongside the Police, Ambulance and Fire services. They also learned about the kind of situations and emergencies the Coastguard may be called out for when someone dials 999.

They were also informed of how to stay safe at the beach, where they could swim safely in zones marked by flags and watched over by lifeguards, and what to do if they (or somebody else) needs help.



Mrs Mills put on her safety gear, including her life jacket, and Boo was stretchered off by all her classmates! Much fun was had in the rescue truck, learning about ropes, lights and sirens and all sorts of equipment.

Thank you Mrs Mills and Mrs Hall for all the work you do keeping us safe on the beach (voluntarily!), for all the new things we learnt on Monday and for the drink and biscuits!

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Hockey Match Report



HOCKEY MATCH

The sporting season opened with a quick trip down the A12 to Saint Felix, for an Under 9's mixed hockey fixture.

Captain Matthew won the toss and opted to take the first push back. With the ball seemingly stuck to Louis' stick, he dodged and wove his way down the field. It was not long before the ball was in the back of the net. Goals two and three followed in quick succession, and even wholesale changes of personnel and position could not prevent the inevitable emphatic victory.

Although inexperienced, the home team showed great potential. Good skills and excellent teamwork were needed by the Henstead children throughout the match. Thankfully they had both in abundance.

This really was a fantastic performance by the children and one they should be extremely proud of. I was particularly delighted to see how they supported each other, constantly running and fighting for every ball.

Many thanks as always to the highly vocal supporters - how lovely to have an afternoon where you can really shout and cheer!

Miss Goddard

Final score: Saint Felix 1: The Old School Henstead 13

Henstead	Scorers
Davey	4
Harrod	3
Wiles	3
Bird	1
Collins	1
Dodds	1

PTFA

News Extra

We were delighted to welcome the new committee of the PTFA, elected at the Annual General Meeting this week:

Chair Jenny Hadingham
Vice Chairs Sabrina Staniforth and Dana Adams
Secretaries Toni Harrison and Mel Davey
Treasurer Nick Warnes

"The planning of events has already begun. Every day at school we make use of facilities and equipment provided by the PTFA – it enhances the learning opportunities for every child at The Old School and we are most grateful." Mr McKinney

Next Meeting Monday 20 October at 7.30pm.

Bonfire Night & Fireworks Friday 7 November at 6.30pm.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 29 November 12.30



Mascot Winners



Pete Penguin

This week's mascot awards for the boy or girl in each year most demonstrating the school value of Confidence go to:

R - Sharpy Crocodile - Charlotte
Y1 - Pete Penguin - Harry S
Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Daisy
Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Sophia
Y4 - Oats Horse - Louis
Y5 - Terry Turtle - Theo
Y6 - Hector Hare - Honey



Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Macmillan Coffee Morning today - whether baking or buying. Your generosity is hugely appreciated. We raised over £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support.



UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail, celebrating the European Day of Languages today, was a Modern Foreign Languages Animal Challenge. The winners are:

Clara Watson-Flowers
Lily Yallop and
Tilly Dodds.



Three pupils from Year 5 show the Pascal's Triangle they created in Mathematics this week.

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