



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 3 March
Wednesday 4 March

Friday 6 March

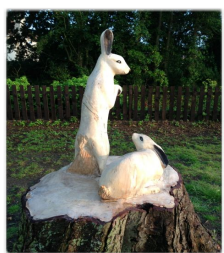
Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10 March
Friday 13 March
Saturday 14 March
Wednesday 18 March

9.00 Year 2 Visits Elizabethan House, Great Yarmouth
1.00 U8 U9 U10 U11 Cross Country at Saint Felix School
(Reminder: Netball Training at Langley School has been cancelled).
World Book Day Book Swap

1.00 U9 Swimming Gala at Thorpe House Langley Prep (*Addition to Calendar*)
9.00 Year 2 Visits Roman Exhibition, Norwich Castle (*Addition to Calendar*)
Open Morning (Half Day School)
2.00 U11 Netball at The Abbey (*Addition to Calendar*)

Message from the Headmaster



It is certainly a half term in which adventure, one of our core values, will be well to the fore. We finished the last half with a very large turn out at the Nursery Stay and Play morning and now have our Open Morning to look forward to, with the range of activities on view for all members of the Henstead community and our guests. There will also be adventure in learning, as we travel in our imagination to wherever World Book Day will take us, the unknown outcomes of the choral speaking and poetry competitions, followed by the opportunities for discovery during Science Week. We will finish the term with The Big Day Out and a variety of visits and activities in and around Cambridge.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning

Saturday 14 March

We will throw open the doors to parents, grandparents and visitors once again at our Open Morning on Saturday 14 March, when we invite people to come into the school and see lessons in action. The children are always keen for family and friends to see what they get up to at school and it is a great opportunity to see the varied learning activities in progress across the entire school.

We would ask that visitors arrive between 10-10.30 on the day, (pupils should arrive for registration at 9.30-9.45) as the programme of activities and tours is organised around a schedule that is explained at the start of the morning, so that visitors can select the options relevant to their children and/or particular interests. The Nursery will be open for any families wishing to bring children of Nursery age or are interested to look round and meet the Nursery team.

We would be grateful if you would start to consider who to invite.

Posters and postcards will go out in bags at the beginning of the week. We do appreciate your help in spreading the word.



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What a performance!



Inter-House Drama Competition

Each of the Houses had chosen their traditional tale at random and there had been much excitement in the run-up to the competition, accompanied by some frenzied construction of set and costume. None could enter the Hall until Miss Coxon gave the all-clear after the Nursery and Reception Stay and Play morning, so set construction time was minimal.

Undeterred, Yare treated the audience to a lively rendition of *The Three Little Pigs*. The set was simple but effective, although it did hide some of the action at times. There was a strong opening announcement, some encouraging chorus work from the younger members of the House and the show ended with a well-organised curtain call.

Next up was Orwell, with a clearly designed, uncluttered set for their *Gingerbread Man*. The stiffness of the central character was expertly conveyed and good use of puppets conveyed movement on stage, while the narrators kept the story moving along - the attempt to influence the judging with actual gingerbread men was fruitless, if appreciated.

Waveney took to the stage with a visually strong presentation of the *Billy Goats Not-So Gruff*, a tale the more striking for its eco message and apt sound effects. Perhaps this lacked a little of the whole cast involvement of other productions, but it was a polished piece, undoubtedly enhanced by the deft hand of an artistic maker of masks.

Deben had waited patiently and seized the opportunity, with a lovely touch as the House mascot took the role of Foxy Loxy in this version of *Chicken Licken*. There was good chorus work revolving around the narrator, enhancing our willing suspension of disbelief as the journey unfolded and the company grew. The musical interludes were effective in part and the whole cast took a well-deserved bow at the curtain.

In the end, judging was unable to split the joint victors, Waveney and Deben. Warm congratulations to all the participants and to the House staff who so ably supported the productions.



Adventurous Detectives & Secret Agents.



This half term we are focussing on our school value of adventure. With this in mind, Year Three told the school what adventure meant to them in their assembly this morning.

Next month we are all off to Cambridge for our Big Day Out. Whilst there, the class will be sneaking in on a highly dangerous spy mission. In preparation of this, we have been sharpening our skills at safe-cracking, surveillance and breaking and entering to name but a few. I think the audience enjoyed our photos! Isabelle was our helpful assistant when we played a game of human 'guess who'. Given just 10 questions, she had to

identify which member of the school's name was written in the envelope.

Most of the detectives and spies we have heard of are fictional characters, but Ewan, Polly, Nathan and Rachael told us all about the amazing men and women of Bletchley Park and the top British spy, codenamed 'White Rabbit'.

The theme of spying has really enthused the class, and Miss Clifton and Mrs Suffolk have planned English and maths this week to help support this interest.

Miss Goddard

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Book Swap Shop.

Friday 6th March

To celebrate World Book Day next week the librarians will be holding their maiden Book Swap Shop. The Year Five classroom will transform into a Book Swap Shop for the day. The librarians will man the shop, being available during all breaks to offer advice and to assist their customers.

Please support this inaugural event by ensuring that all children bring a minimum of one book to school on Friday (or earlier), that they are prepared to swap.

Miss Clifton

Nursery News.



Doctor Briefs the Troops.

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have had a restful half-term.

Nursery has fully embraced their new theme - The Community. We started these week with a close look at people who help us - Doctors!

We started out by being Doctors ourselves and putting Humpty Dumpty back together again when he fell off the wall. Lots of plasters were involved!

At the end of the week we were so fortunate to have a real-life Doctor come to see us - Edward's Daddy, Dr Hardman, who is an Army Doctor. He came in to talk to us about his job and how he makes people better. He also brought in some of his Army uniform and equipment. We loved hearing all about what Doctor Hardman does and we asked some interesting questions. Thank you Dr Hardman for taking the time to come and talk to us. We found it fun and informative.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Jessica. Jessica has been very kind and caring to her friends. We hope you have a nice weekend with Harry Henstead.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball & Rugby



NETBALL

On Wednesday afternoon the Under 9 girls played host to Taverham Hall. We were blessed with perfect conditions for the match - sunshine, blue skies and barely a hint of wind.

Jessica got us on the scoring card, netting a lovely goal mid-way through the first quarter. In the second quarter, irrespective of multiple chances, we were just not able to capitalise on our dominance.

The second half necessitated numerous changes of position, and this immediately had a positive effect. Ruby displayed a natural ability as Goal Attack, (I think there must be something about that name and that position!), and linked up wonderfully with captain Tilly playing centre. This resulted in three goals before the fifth was added by Lily.

As a whole, the team worked well together, and there were several very pleasing moments of play. The girls will hopefully be able to continue their unbeaten run in this afternoon's home fixture against St. Felix.

Final score Henstead 5 :Taverham 2

Miss Goddard

RUGBY

The Under 9 Rugby team headed to Brandeston Hall on Wednesday for a triangular rugby fixture. However on arrival there had been some changes to arrangements and the boys found themselves not playing a game of Tag, but full-on contact Rugby. This may have been daunting for some, but they gave it a go.

First up we played a strong St Felix side. After a hesitant start, Henstead began to find their feet. Some superb bursting runs from Alex, Jasper, Louis and Finney saw Henstead close to scoring a try, but each time just held up short. Some strong tackles were on show as the boys got to grips with the laws of Rugby. At the end of a full-blooded match, the Henstead boys came off the pitch all smiles, having enjoyed their first game. After a quick team talk, they were straight into their second game - this time against the home side Brandeston.

A strong defensive showing in this game meant our hosts were restricted to scoring just the one try in the first half. Henstead showed some good attacking play, breaking the Brandeston defensive line, but were just unable to get that try.

A very good team performance from the Henstead boys, who adapted to the games very well, and really did give their all in some unfamiliar surroundings. The future looks bright.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport on the day.

Mr Hunter



We're fundraising for CLIC Sargent.

This academic year we will be holding two events in aid of CLIC Sargent: a concert in Southwold on Friday 8 May and our annual Henstead Hike, this year a different route, on Friday 22 May.

CLIC Sargent is the UK's leading cancer charity for children and young people, and their families, providing clinical, practical, financial and emotional support to help them cope with cancer and get the most out of life.

Sir Harold Malcolm Watts Sargent (1895 –1967) was an English conductor, organist and composer, widely regarded as Britain's leading conductor of choral works and chief conductor of London's internationally famous summer music festival The Proms from 1948 to 1967. CLIC Sargent was formed in 2005 after a successful merger between CLIC and Sargent Cancer Care for Children (the latter created as a lasting memory to Sir Malcolm Sargent). It therefore seems fitting to hold a concert as part of our fundraising for CLIC Sargent. More details will follow, but in the meantime please save the dates.

Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot Winners, for best demonstrating the school value **Adventure**, are:

Reception - George
Year One - Isobel
Year Two - Kate
Year Three - Natalie
Year Four - Daniel
Year Five - Theo
Year Six - Sarah

Grace in National Finals



We wish Grace all the best in the national Independent Schools Association (ISA) Cross Country Finals tomorrow in Rugby. We look forward to hearing all about it!

House Points



Following the recent Inter-House Drama Competition, we can now report the current House Points Table:

Place	Points	House
1st	1347	Deben
2nd	1345	Waveney
3rd	1276	Orwell
4th	1182	Yare

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting 16 March 4.10pm (time to be confirmed)

Gig in a Barn 7 March £10 per head

Family Fun Bingo Friday Evening 20 March

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bonnet Competition & Cream Teas Monday 30 March at 2.30pm

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