



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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NOTE: Order of dress for school photograph on Monday morning is summer dress with blazers.

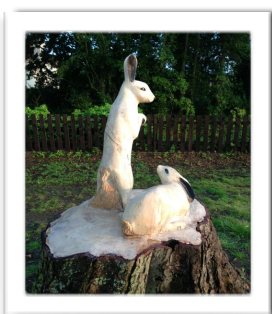
Calendar for next week

Monday 30 June	School Photograph (summer dress with blazers)
Tuesday 1 July	2pm Nursery Sports Day & Nursery New Pupils' Afternoon
Wednesday 2 July	1.45pm Sports Day followed by PTFA Summer Fayre
Thursday 3 July	Fun Swim
Friday 4 July	Henstead Hundred fundraising cycle event, followed by barbeque (see P5)
	Brayden Day – non uniform day with £1 contribution in aid of
	RAF Search & Rescue

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 9-Thursday 10 July	Summer Shows
Friday 11 July	Speech Day
Saturday 12 July	Summer Ball

Message from the Headmaster



It was another occasion to be immensely proud of the children. In this half of term we have been looking at excellence and such there was in abundance throughout the Henstead Hike. Duncan would have been proud of them. Indeed, excellence was not the only one of our school values on view. There was confident route finding, ably supported by a number of enthusiastic family pets. There was resilient determination from those who kept going, even if they found the softer sand difficult to walk on. We were able to empathise with those whose day did not go entirely as expected, allowing teamwork to come to the fore in support. The weather was perfect, the wind and tides favourable. The sausages were cooked to perfection. My thanks to all who helped to organise the event, took part and supported our fundraising for *Walking With The Wounded*. Well done!
Mr McKinney



We appreciate your generosity.

We are sensitive to the fact that we are encouraging families to support several fundraising initiatives this term, as weather dictates such a schedule, but we ask that you dig as deep as you feel you can for these worthwhile causes - some benefitting the children in school and others benefitting those who are totally dependent on our generosity. We do not take your support for granted.

Henstead Hike

Mission accomplished!



We did it! The sun was shining as the children set off from school on this year's Henstead Hike, with a line of balloons floating above their heads. The beautiful route along the side of fields adorned with poppies, healthy-looking crops and cheery donkeys led us on to the beach. From there we walked along the seashore to Southwold. The views were breathtaking and the children in good form as they walked, observed and discussed all the way to the lunch stop by Southwold Pier. After refuelling we made our way along the beach, up to Gun Hill, then down the path to Southwold Common, where Southwold Rugby Club kindly hosted our finish point, ending with a barbeque.



It was wonderful to see how the children embraced the challenge without complaining or dropping out. Even the Nursery children joined the last part of the route without batting an eyelid. It was great to have so many parents - and dogs - join us too, adding to the atmosphere and excitement of the day.



May we respectfully ask families to submit their sponsorship funds for the Henstead Hike as soon as possible - either by cheque (payable to *Walking With The Wounded*) dropped into the school Office (no cash please) or online at www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike. Let's beat last year's total. Thank you for your generosity.



Rainbow Ramble.



After a warm greeting from Eloise and Kat and a welcome cocktail of goat's wee, dragon's blood and pond water plus rabbit dropping cookies, the children were on a high to tackle the day's adventure at Ringsfield Hall.

Firstly, the Year Two Kings and Queens of the natural kingdom found leaf tickets to enable them to recreate a shattered rainbow using herbs, flowers, leaves and anything they could find. Fire making and den building followed, displaying the children's team building qualities. In a flash the children were camouflaged in charcoal and had mud everywhere as a result of making mud faces in the trees! The afternoon was an opportunity to explore the surroundings independently (lots of climbing rope swinging!) including the animal area and petting corner.

A seriously great day out for any nature-loving Eco explorer!

Miss Kay and Miss Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming & Rounders



SWIMMING GALA

Place	Team	Points
1st	Orwell Ducks	63
2nd	Waveney Owls	58
3rd	Deben Foxes	55½
4th	Yare Bears	51½

What a tremendous occasion it was. Exciting racing, warmly cheered by pupils, staff and parents alike. It was most heartening to see the number of parents able to attend. We began with the fun races for Reception and Year One and then it was the turn of the Junior school, followed by the Seniors, with the Inter-House relays to finish. Highlights included the new woggle race and the butterfly, which were keenly contested. Orwell carried the day in the House competition.

Many thanks to our wonderful swimming instructors, to Miss Clifton for keeping the scores on the doors and to Mrs Dakin for organising the event.

Mr McKinney

ROUNDERS

The Inter-House competitions were as keenly contested as always. Rainy weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the Juniors, whilst the Seniors enjoyed perfect conditions for their games. Both tournaments were round robin events, similar to the World Cup group matches (but without the stress) with Orwell winning the Juniors and Yare winning the Seniors.

Miss Goddard

Henstead Hundred Bike Banter

So with the ride only a week away things are getting very exciting. Training is in full flow in preparation for the ride on the 4th July. There will be a barbecue to cheer in the riders. This will be held at 4.45 at the school. Any help would be appreciated serving drinks or food and this will be on a donation basis. Please let Elliot, Sabrina or Jude know if you are able to stay for the barbecue so we can cater accordingly and if you'd like to help out. We are all looking forward to this huge achievement for ourselves and for the school. It's looking like we are around the £3,000 mark on fundraising, which is fantastic, although a lot can be

achieved in a week. Thank you to those who have already sponsored us. If you have not yet sponsored a rider to support the building fund, please do so, especially as **Barclays has agreed to match the first thousand pounds we raise!** *Sabrina Staniforth*

To sponsor the event simply click on the link below or speak to any of the cyclists taking part. All contributions to the school's building fund are appreciated.
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayEventDetails.action?eventId=18524&charityId=1006950&invocation=evt0050>

Learning Trail



The winners of last week's Learning Trail on the theme of Dinosaurs - designed by Year One - were Natalie Saunders and Matthew Harrison. This week's Learning Trail winners - on the theme of Books and Authors - were Amber McTavish and Polly Soggins.

Awards



Congratulations to Charlotte Warnes for achieving a Gold Certificate for 15 A1's. Well done!

Thank you

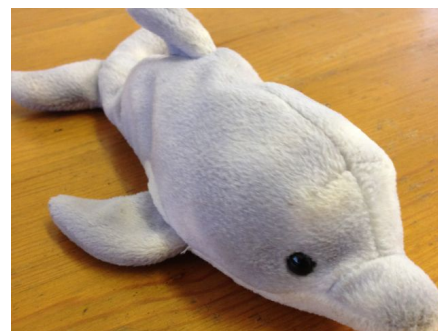


Thank you to Mrs Davey for the gift of a play house to the school and to Darcy Innis for her gift of a guitar.

Drum Lessons

Slots are available for drum lessons with Mr Bacon in September - it is not every day there is a chance to be taught by a professional drummer who has worked with artists such as Gloria Gaynor. Please ask Mrs Mills for details.

Mascot Winners



Last week's Mascot winners were:

R	Harry Dakin
Y1	Skye Staniforth
Y2	Matthew Harrison
Y3	Jasper Bird
Y4	Charlotte Warnes
Y5	Ella King-Gardiner
Y6	Lily Darrell.

This was the last weekly award of Mascots. The final award will be made on Speech Day, when one pupil in each year who has best demonstrated all the school values - Confidence, Resilience, Empathy, Adventure, Teamwork and Excellence - throughout the year, will be given their year's Mascot to keep.

PTFA

News Extra

Tuesday 1 July 7pm PTFA Meeting

Wednesday 2 July Summer Fayre (after Sports Day). Can you help with a stall? Please sign up on the list at the Office.

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

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