



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Friday 5 February

8.45 Year 3 Assembly

Years 3 & 4 Open Classrooms

2.00 U9 Netball v Langley Prep School (A)

Dates for your diary

Week Commencing 8 February Teacher/Parent Meetings

Tuesday 9 February

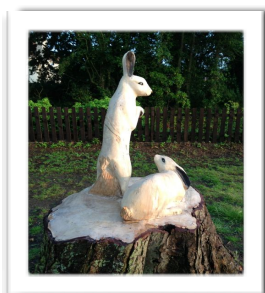
4.15 Parents' Seminar - thinkuknow? (Safer Internet)

Friday 18 March

7.00 Charity Concert in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance* at United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold

Message from the Headmaster

Shining lights



We have much to be proud of in the achievements of the children here at The Old School Henstead. It is our privilege to equip them, inspire them and transform them into the successful young learners that we see developing on a daily basis. We are reminded of our motto - for many indeed are the advantages of an early education - we continue to ask and consider how best to develop the gifts of our boys and girls during their journey here. Our children know how to make good choices, to choose between right and wrong. They are able to work with their classmates in a positive way, learning from their elders and caring for those younger than themselves through playtimes, house and cross-curricular activities. Above all, they know that they are unique, special parts of the amazing God-given world around us. Our curriculum is vibrant because it is their future that it represents - our shining lights and the promise of hope yet unseen.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning.

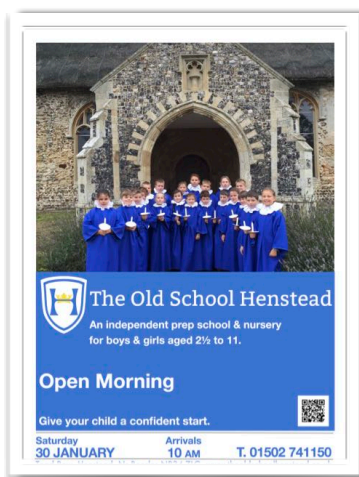
There will be lots of new things for parents and friends to see at tomorrow's Open Morning (Saturday 30 January). Pupils' registration will take place at 9.45. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive by 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning. We will end with a casual barbecue at 12 noon.

It is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

A School Council Meeting as well as a Prefects Meeting are also taking place tomorrow, so you may choose to take a look at how the pupils are making a difference in their roles of responsibility.

Be sure to pass on an invitation to friends, as it will be a long time until the next Open Morning.

We appreciate your support.





The Big Debate.



The Old School Henstead Debating Society has gone off with a roar this term. We have a good turn out of pupils from Year 3 to Year 5 attending, all who bring with them different skills and strengths.

One thing that we have focused on in our debating so far this term is the fact that we all have the skills to debate already, the skills simply need to be refined a little.

Debating is a discipline that requires a lot of intelligence, confidence and an ability to think very quickly. We have enjoyed a few light debates so far and look forward to getting our teeth into some deeper topics as the term goes by.

One highlight has been watching and critiquing famous public speakers and seeing how they use their voice, watching their body language, and listening to the carefully chosen words they use. These public speakers provide us with excellent models that we can use in our own debating.

Mr Jensen



Inuits & The Cold Lands.

The Life of the Inuit

Reception pupils continue their topic on the Cold Lands and this week have looked at the Inuit community and their way of life.

A member of the Inuit people is called an Inuk. The children painted an Inuk and later added furs and stitching to show how they keep warm in the extreme weather conditions.

The Inuit main source of food is meat and they hunt for their food during the day. The children really had to think carefully when asked "Why can't the Inuit shop at Tesco or head to McDonald's for a treat?" The Arctic is too cold for farming and there are almost no trees or plants that can survive in the severe climate. In the short summer, they gather berries, seaweed and eggs. Caribou provide food and warm fur to make clothes.

Inuit also built Inukshuk (piles of stones) to mark areas and stop them from getting lost. The Inukshuk are sacred to the Inuit.

Fantastic work from all the Reception children. If you get a chance to visit our Cold Land in the classroom, you are very welcome, but please wrap up warm!

Miss Coxon





House round up.



Waveney

Waveney House has had an excellent start to the new term. After a busy time towards Christmas preparing for our end of year pageant, we have been enjoying our drama play - the story of the owl and the grasshopper. We're very fortunate to have such an able dramatist to lead us in the form of Mr Butcher, who wrote our entire play! We're all very happy with the amount of golds we're earning in class and we are sure that we'll be tight on the heels of Deben House.

Mr Jensen



Deben

Still smiling from our Christmas Song House victory (Izzie the Red Nosed Debenite, our own words to the tune of *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer*) and our current position in the House Golds, the Debenites are working hard on the next house challenge...drama. We will be performing one of Aesop's Fables called "*The Fox and the Crow*". We love a story with a moral and hope we can perform well amidst stiff competition and acting talent within the other houses.

Miss Kay



Yare

At the start of September Yare House welcomed Mrs Scoggins on board. With her creative streak and wonderful dance moves, she has been a real asset to the house competitions. Our first house challenge was the art competition. As the theme was London, there was a lot of support for making the Crown jewels. Both Mrs Scoggins and Ms Thomson were delighted to see the house working so well as a team. Although we didn't win, it was heart-warming to see the older children help the younger ones. Next up, Christmas songs! With a lot of Justin Bieber fans, the children decided on his version of the song "*Santa Claus is Coming to Town*". Although we didn't win the competition, in true Yare house spirit, we looked the part; all decked out in our Christmas jumpers.

Well done Yare. We are very proud of the effort that you put into everything that we do. Now where is that Panda.....?

Mrs Scoggins and Ms Thomson



Orwell

Orwell had a successful first term. With our brilliant architecture skills we created the London Eye and came first place in the house art competition. Next, Orwell enthusiastically performed our Christmas carol - *Walking in a Winter Wonderland*. The jingle bells and snowmen were a great hit and left Orwell at the top of the leader board for first term!

We are currently preparing for the up and coming house drama competition, but all details are TOP SECRET.

Let's go Orwell!

Mrs Jensen

House Leaderboard

Position	House	Points
1st	Deben	457
2nd	Yare	421
3rd	Orwell	419
4th	Waveney	392

SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming & Football



SWIMMING

Last Saturday George Taylor participated in the Independent Schools Association National Swimming Championships that were held at the impressive London Aquatics Centre at the Olympic Park in Stratford. Having qualified in the regional finals - for the third year running - George represented East Anglia in the 50 metre breaststroke final. Facing very strong competition he swam his fastest ever, achieving a personal best and narrowly missing out on a medal by less than half a second to finish in 4th place. George also competed in the Year 6 medley relay swimming 50m breaststroke, but unfortunately team East Anglia narrowly missed 3rd place. It was a great effort and an amazing experience for George to swim again in such a competitive environment. Thank you for all the support from parents and teachers.

FOOTBALL

Under 9 Footballers stay resilient in challenging conditions

As at Waterloo, the forecasters had confidently predicted the weather for the afternoon. A brisk morning and showers to follow lunch. The morning indeed was brisk and coach Hunter had laid his plans for the 7-a-side tournament, with the master tactician's 2-2-2 system able to transform into 2-2-1-1 at the slightest hint from the technical area. Spirits were high and the chorus of "We're in Norwich", to the tune of Handel's great oratorio, enlightened driver and coach alike. The Iron Duke once declared that he did not intend to rush about like a wet hen - he had clearly never played in these conditions. By the time we had made the journey from the sports hall to the top pitches, the boys were drenched. Our first opponents were unable to make the start time and it was a fantastic effort from the Henstead team to stay warmed up and focussed for the matches to come. Alex had been told to defend our half - he did so with

zeal that would not have been out of place near the Hougoumont Farm. Freddy had the confidence to trust delicate small touches in the heavy mud when perhaps the heavy boot might have been easier. Nathan was solid in defence, Archie drove purposefully upfield, supported by Matthew. Louis was fearless in the tackle and between the sticks. Joey was busy in attack and scored the goal we so richly deserved. Jack Lark turned mud lark - bravely keeping going in spite of a tumble on the two muddiest parts of what remained of the pitch. It was a terrific effort from them all.

Penalty heartbreak for the senior boys

Playing at a new venue can always be a daunting task, however this didn't phase the Henstead team, who were full of excitement. A first match against the eventual winners Langley Prep A, saw us put up a valiant defensive effort with Bird junior shining in goal, throwing himself in front of anything that came his way. A much better second game performance against a Blofield side saw Henstead play much more like a team with some great free flowing football with the whole team contributing. On two occasions we found ourselves a goal in front (delivered by Louis and George) but both times we were pegged back with the final score 2-2. The final game against Friends School left the fight for second league position still wide open, with many of the teams not wanting to find themselves in that position with a more difficult semi final in prospect. A 3-1 loss in the final group game saw us finish bottom of the group but still happy with our semi final opponents - this game had everything - goals, woodwork hit, goal line blocks (by own players) great saves end to end action, but still managed to finish 1-1. Penalties are always a lottery and so it proved, as the shoot out headed into sudden death, Henstead found themselves coming out the losing side.

A valiant effort from the boys who I am sure have learnt a lot from this experience. *Mr Hunter*



New Bookworm Club.

The Bookworm is a new lunchtime club, which meets every week on a Friday.

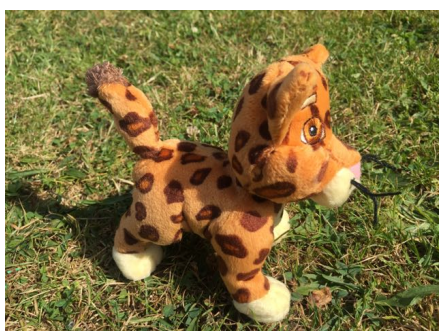
It is the brainchild of Amber, Isabelle and Charlotte in Year Six and is an opportunity for anyone from the Upper School to improve reading skills, discuss what they are reading and make sure they understand the context and concept of the chosen book.

This term the club has been reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl and *Kaspar* by Michael Morpurgo is next on the agenda. The senior pupils have been delighted at the response from the other boys and girls, with around twenty attending each of the meetings thus far.

We look forward to celebrating the success of this exciting new club at an assembly soon.



Mascots Awards



This term we are focussing on the school's value Empathy. This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating Empathy, will be announced and presented at tomorrow's Open Morning assembly.

Nursery Star



The Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Genevieve, who has settled really well into her new Nursery and is becoming more confident each day. Well done Genevieve! We hope you have a lovely weekend with Dotty - keep an eye on your shoes though as she likes a nibble sometimes....!

School Council & Prefects



The next **School Council and Prefects Meetings** will be held **tomorrow (Saturday)** during the Open Morning, therefore if parents would like to see what goes on at one of these meetings, please come along and see how the pupils are making a difference in their roles of responsibility.

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail winners - on the theme of Pedigree Dogs - are: Honor, Kate and Matilda.

PTFA

News Extra

Curry Evening (adults only event) Friday 12 February from 7pm. Tickets £12 per head, includes Curry Dinner, Samosa Making Competition and a lesson in Beginners' Rumba!



UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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