



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Tuesday 3 October

- 1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
- 2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
- 2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics
- 2.00 - 3.30 Parent & Toddler Group (in Nursery) **NEW**
- Year 5 Assembly (Parents welcome)
- 9.15 Year 3 visit to Sutton Hoo

Friday 6 October

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 14 October

Open Morning

### Message from the Headmaster



Something for everyone this week with a hugely successful visit to a period house for our Young Elizabethans. We were delighted to welcome our visitors for the first home fixture of the season and it was also off to Gresham's for the cross country team to close the week. We are indeed blessed to be able to participate in events with our local partners, as well as the ISA and IAPS fixtures - my thanks to my colleagues James Quick and Douglas Robb for their support in organising the Gresham's competition which has now become an annual fixture for the school. Huge thanks also to the newly installed PTFA Committee for this year - we wish them every success!

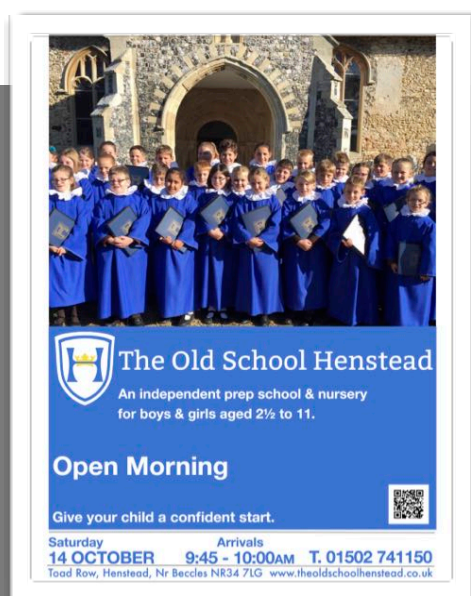
*Mr McKinney*

## Open Morning.

Our next Open Morning takes place on Saturday 14 October. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.30. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning. **We have lots of new items to showcase, including LAMDA and choir performances.**

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

We appreciate your support in spreading the word.





# Maths Challenge.



Year 3 undertook a mathematical scavenger hunt this week, with clipboards and pencils at the ready.

They searched around the playing fields for questions about place value in the number system, which they have been learning about this week.

There was much scratching of heads, arm gesturing and deep conversation to be seen en-route to working out the correct answers. The children were encouraged to take their time and really think about the questions rather than rush to finish. I am very pleased to announce that everybody did extremely well. But don't rest on your laurels Year 3 – next time it will be even more challenging!

*Mrs Sonn*



# Digital Learning

This week Year Two has embraced the challenges of maths with great success. Learning about the complexities of place value, the children worked hard to continue to understand the value of each digit in a three and four-digit number.

Indeed, early hard work and understanding in the week allowed us to look at the application of this understanding on a contextual basis, namely the ordering, sequencing and comparing of numbers.

I was most impressed by how confidently the children incorporated the use of our new laptops, which allowed for a nice opportunity to embrace technology during the lesson.

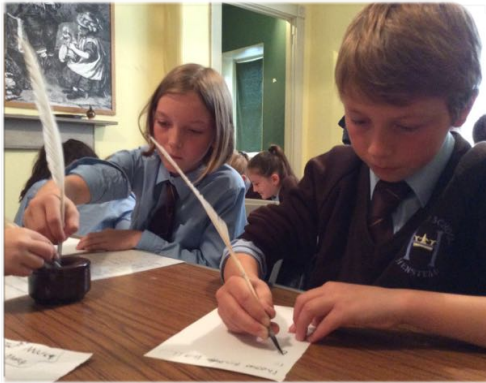
Well done this week.

*Mr Hunt*





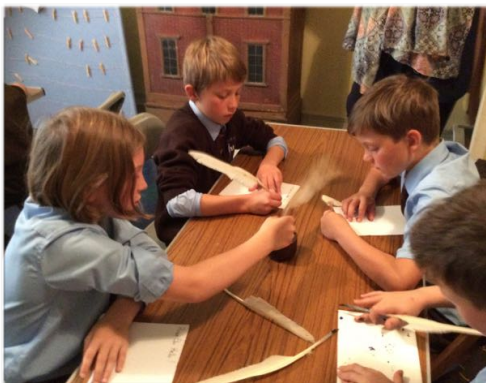
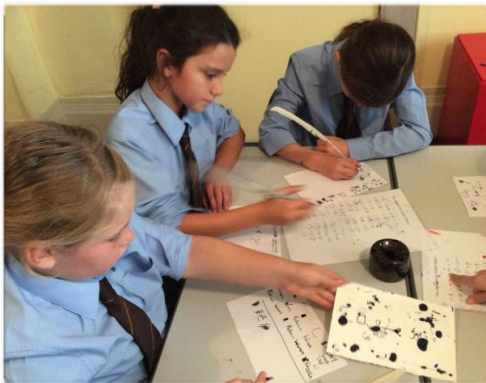
# Tudor Times.



Despite the leaden skies and ambiguous drizzle our Year Fives set off for their Tudor experience at the Elizabethan House Museum in celebratory mood. We were met by Gary (is that the Tudor spellynge?) who escorted us to our scribe's desk for day one of our seven year apprenticeship. We then received some instruction and were warned of dyre consequences should we blotte our worke. Some fyne exaexamples of penmanshippe resulted. Odd's bodkins! Only another 2,554 days to go excluding leape yeares!

In the master bedroom we learned the origins of such expressions as 'sleep tight' and how the youngest servant had to provide a gourmet taster for the bed bugs before my lord and lady retired for the night. Further insalubrious and therefore fascinating information included the presence of sugar and lead in just about everything the ruling class used to assert their status. It was a rewarding introduction all round to Year Five's work on the Tudors this term. Keepe it real quoth I.

*Mr Butcher*





# Early Years News.



Throughout the week we spent lots of time with our friends in Reception playing and learning together inside the Early Years Unit and outside in our garden.

We got together for French lessons with Madame Dakin and we sampled French cuisine.

On Tuesday we were learning how to use our bodies on the equipment in the gym.



We also spend time together learning action songs with Mrs Suffolk. We had a treat when Mr McKinney joined us with his guitar for a song about a cat that came back.

The Reception children are great role models for the Nursery children. In turn the Nursery children inspire Reception to play purposefully and safely.



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Euan for great thinking and being a really good friend.

*Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher*





# Reception Roundup.



As we are well into the autumn term now the colds and bugs are upon us. We have been discussing basic hygiene and how to keep ourselves healthy in Reception.

In maths, we have been using autumnal produce like conkers to help us with our ordering and counting skills.

A special treat this week after our French lesson was a French snack on Tuesday that gave us the opportunity to try some traditional French foods and learn their French names.



We are very impressed with the children's progress in literacy this week as they learn to use and match their sounds to everyday objects found in the classroom. We have also introduced High Frequency and Tricky Words to help the children prepare for reading.



As the weather continues to be kind to us, the children have welcomed the opportunities to run around at playtimes and enjoy outside games lessons, where they have been learning movement, ball control and hockey skills.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*

# Performance Exam Success.



Congratulations to Tabatha and Sophia for their success in the following examination:

**Trinity College London**

**Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance:**

**Grade 5 Singing**

Well done!

## PTFA News.



The Annual General Meeting of The Old School Henstead PTFA took place this week. Raylene Plummer reported on the activities of the previous year, too numerous to mention, but all equally successful in terms of attendance and in terms of funds raised. Notable especially was the partnership that the PTFA has established with the School Council in fundraising. Nick Warnes gave the treasurer's report.

The new committee for the year was duly elected:

Chair	Raylene Plummer
Secretary	Victoria Speed-Andrews
Treasurer	Nick Warnes

We wish them every success.

Planning is well advanced for the forthcoming Open Morning and for the bonfire party in this first half of term.

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 8 November at 7pm in The Three Horseshoes.**

New members welcome!

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football



### U9 FOOTBALL

Gretsky once wrote, "you miss 100% of the shots you don't take." It is with that in mind that I consider Wednesday to have been a great success for our under-nines football team. Full of enthusiasm and energy, eleven of our young athletes took on the formidable Beccles Primary Academy.

With pace on the wing from Marli and Francis early on, the Beccles boys and girls had trouble to keep up. Despite the sheer bulldozer-like attack that we maintained in the early stages of the game, their goalkeeping efforts were flawless in keeping our efforts in check. That was, however, until George scored a wonderful top corner strike which was close to puncturing the net.

However strong our play, credit must be given towards Beccles, who played with real skill throughout. Their sheer determination in the middle stages of the game left the final scoreline in their favour.

Of course, during the next few terms, the team will continue to work on these skills which are sure to challenge future teams. Well played all!

### U11 FOOTBALL

Many thanks to the youth manager.

First fixture of the year saw our Under 11 team taking on Beccles Primary Academy. Both teams had a solid start with end to end being the order of the day, Louis making himself known to all and sundry by regularly sweeping aside anyone in his path. When called upon, some solid brave defending from Matthew was matched by Thomas, who was reading the game beautifully, whilst Archie was pulling the

strings in midfield with the pacey Charlie on the right flank and Alex worrying the opponents down the left. Lark the magician led the line up front.

Henstead found themselves defending for a long period of time in the first half and trying to catch the opposition out on the break - constant blocks and tackles were flying in from all team members. Louis was outstanding in goal, however misfortune led to the first goal with a deflected shot bouncing off Matthew's shoulder, wrong footing the 'keeper and landing in the back of the net. Undaunted, Henstead went back on the attack. Wave after wave saw us finally get our reward through Jack's quick thinking, catching the keeper off his line to score.

All square at the break, a quick team talk, and away we went. Some changes brought in Harry and Harvey, who both worked tirelessly wherever they were asked to play. However, two silly mistakes when clearing the ball cost us quick goals, but again Henstead bounced back. Constant attacks saw Louis through on goal and smashed it home. Henstead had their tails up and shots were coming in from all ranges - Matthew hitting the post, Archie going close but unable to find the equaliser. Late on we were caught on the counter attack and conceded a heart breaking goal.

A fantastic first match from all of the team and lots to look forward to this year.





# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cross Country



### CROSS COUNTRY

This years Gresham's Cross country saw another huge turn out with over 1000 runners yet again braving the course. However this year they also had the weather to deal with.

A soaking wet course with long grass and a very muddy woodland section made a really tough course to race.

The Under 9's kicked off the day, taking on the conditions bravely, with all of them running superbly. Francis managed to finish in a praiseworthy 12th position, with Harry S coming 70th, closely followed by the Year 3 members.

Next it was the turn of the Under 9 Girls, who found themselves waiting on the start line for what seemed an eternity. Once they finally got going their was no stopping them. First home was Isabelle in 30th position. The remaining Under 9 girls all managed to finish in the top 100, giving a fantastic overall team finish.

Taking on the longer course were the Under 11 boys and girls. The boys managed to dodge the bad weather with Archie leading them home in 71st place. The

girls weren't so fortunate, for having run the race thinking they had made it home relatively dry, only for the heavens to open at the close. Kate was the pick of the runners coming home in an incredible 14th position, running against girls from the year above.

A super effort from all the children in testing conditions and a big thank you to parents who turned out to support.

We are await the published team results from Gresham's, expected next week and hope to report these in next week's newsletter.

*Mr Hunter & Mrs Jensen*



# Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school value for this half term - **Confidence**:

Reception: Chloe for confidence towards adults and other children.

Year 1 - Ruby for confidently trying her best all the time.

Year 2 - Lolah for a confident academic start to the year.

Year 3 - Phillip for a confident game of football this week.

Year 4 - Francis for confidently tackling numbers in mathematics this week.

Year 5 - Rebecca for confidently asking for help when needed.

Year 6 - Sophia for showing great maturity and confidence.



## Drum Lessons



If anyone is interested in starting drum lessons with our wonderful drum teacher Mr Bacon, please speak to Miss Sindall or call into the office. As you may know, Mr Bacon is an accomplished musician, having played with the likes of Gloria Gaynor and Matt Goss, to name but two. Interested pupils may arrange a short taster lesson to help decide if it's something they enjoy and wish to pursue.

## Bag 2 School



Our next Bag2School collection will take place on 16 October (change of date). We appreciate all your donations when you next clear out your wardrobes.

## Macmillan Winners



Charlie and Harvey won the Spot the Cake sweepstake competition in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done for being the closest in guessing the number of spots on the cake.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## PTFA News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting  
Wednesday 8 November  
at 7pm in The Three  
Horseshoes



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