



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Easter Holidays Friday 30 March to Tuesday 17 April (inclusive)

### Dates for your diary

Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 April Holiday Club (bookable via the office)

Wednesday 18 April Summer Term Begins



### Message from the Headmaster

We hope and pray that every single member of The Old School Henstead community is enjoying a blessed, peaceful and restful Easter holiday.

*Mr McKinney*



## Verse Speaking Competition

As if on cue, the sun came out and signalled the start of the Easter break, but daffodils, bracing winds and the school cross country always go hand in hand with our yearly Verse Speaking Competition.

A celebration of poetry in all its forms and the blossoming confidence of the children who recite it is an established part of our Spring Term. Likewise the visit of our adjudicator Mr Andrew Murray - Head of English at Norwich School - who once again complimented us on the quality of the performances from our senior children and the house ensembles.

Congratulations to our winners.

Year Six: Archie

Year 5 (and overall winner): Emily (awarded a book token prize) and

Year 4: Immy.

Deben's entertaining rendition of *The Car Trip* by Michael Rosen secured them first place in the choral speaking competition. Well done to all for their contributions to a highly enjoyable and worthwhile event!

*Mr Butcher*

# Spring Concert.



Thank you so much to all those kind parents who attended our Spring Concert on Tuesday. It makes it so special for the children when they have an audience and encourages them to give of their best. In the words of one of the Year One pupils who spoke to me afterwards "I tried really hard". What more can you ask!.



Despite the rather gloomy weather outside, the children from Nursery, Reception and Year One delighted us with a colourful picture of life on Farmer Ted's farm at spring, complete with lambs, piglets, chickens, piglets, foals, even hedgehogs waking from their hibernation.



The actors spoke their lines clearly and confidently, but especially impressed with their tuneful singing, with even the youngest children showing us how well they had learnt all the words. Most importantly all the children really enjoyed taking part and conveyed something of the wonder of spring to their audience. Well done everyone!

*Miss Sindall*



# Junior Art Club.



Six weeks ago children who joined our Junior After School Art Club decided what they would like to create. We had everything from police cars to rainbows and even a flying polar bear.

We used pencil, crayons, water colours and images from the internet to plan our projects.

Over several weeks we used cardboard shapes, papier-mâché, tissue paper and paint to represent our own creations completely independently using our own ideas.

We finished our art club making Easter cards and a spring flower collage.

We all had a fantastic time as it was an opportunity to let our imaginations run wild and enjoy an unstructured art activity.

The sessions were accompanied by relaxing music which created a warm and welcoming environment for all.

Well done children! Happy Easter from Mrs Scriven.

"I liked doing art club" - Bella

"I liked sticking stuff" - Reuben

"I liked when we painted it" - Samuel

"I like unicorns" - Sebastian

"Art club was a good club"





# Reception Roundup.



After the excitement of our trip last Thursday and our continued concern for the dinosaur on the loose at The Old School Henstead, we created our own wanted sheet. We thought about what the dinosaur would look like, what would be a good name for him, what his crime was and, of course, what reward we would give if he was captured before the end of term?

We were also very fortunate to be invited to see some lambs being born in the field adjacent to our playing fields.

In between the spring concert, cross country and inter-house poetry competition we learnt about the story of Easter as told in the Bible. We created our own Easter baskets, nests and cards. We were very surprised to get an unexpected visit from the Easter bunny on Tuesday night and he very kindly left us some chocolate eggs.



It has been a very busy, cold and successful term, packed full of different learning opportunities and we are all ready for a restful Easter holiday.

Mrs Scriven looks forward to welcoming you all back to the Summer Term, along with some warmer weather we hope!

Happy Easter!

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*



# Nursery News.



Whatever the weather our Nursery children enjoy the great outdoors. They are oblivious to the elements and as long as they are appropriately dressed they continue to learn in our outdoor setting.



On Tuesday the weather was perfect for the mud kitchen. The children used the grown-up tools from the school garden to dig holes that they filled with water from the hose, to make deep, muddy holes. They put in a tremendous effort to turn over the hard soil to make mud to play with and then began to take orders and serve chocolate pies, cup cakes which they baked, fried and microwaved themselves after a considerable amount of whisking and mixing with other natural resources. The umbrellas were very popular and it was lovely to see the children walking and talking together underneath them, turning them upside down to collect water and standing underneath the guttering to listen to the water bouncing off the top of the umbrellas.



Thankfully the weather lent itself to an Easter Bunny Number Trail on Thursday. The children had to find the bunnies in order 1 to 10 and complete the forfeits before collecting the eggs. Each child collected a hearty bounty and everyone left Nursery on Thursday happy and excited for the Easter holidays.



*Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher*



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football & Netball



### INTER-HOUSE COMPETITIONS

#### Football

We finished the term with our inter-house Football competition, each house merging to form a team, take on the other three and see who would come out on top. This was the closest Football competition to date, with the odd goal winning each game. The tournament went down to the final fixture, which meant a table reshuffle and goals scored being counted for the final position, with Waveney coming out on top.

1st Waveney

2nd Deben

3rd Yare

4th Orwell

#### Netball

Like the boys, the girls ended their season with a mixed Netball competition. Each game was closely contested, with all the girls performing very well for their houses. However the odd goal scored here and there meant for a goals scored finish, with Deben coming out on top. Well done.

1st Deben

2nd Waveney

3rd Orwell

4th Yare

*Mr Hunter & Mrs Jensen*



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cross Country



### CROSS COUNTRY

The last sporting competition of the term saw the inter-house Cross Country being run in traditional Cross Country conditions - with rain drizzling all day. The course was nice and muddy and it tested all our competitors - there were mounds to climb, fields to run across and a farm track to negotiate. It was a real test for all levels of ability and the boys and girls responded magnificently.

#### Reception & Year 1:

1st Boy - Samuel

1st Girls - Isabella

#### Year 2 & 3:

1st Boy - Marli

1st Girl - Charlotte

#### Year 4, 5 & 6:

1st Boy - Francis

1st Girl - Emily

#### Overall

1st Deben

2nd Yare

3rd Waveney

4th Yare

Many thanks to all the parents who turned out to support the runners.

*Mr Hunter & Mrs Jensen*



# Good Manners Awards.

We were delighted to award this term's School Council Good Manners Awards in Thursday's end of term Assembly. The well-deserved recipients were:

Reception - Henry

Year 1 - Samuel

Year 2 - Oliver

Year 3 - Phillip

Year 4 - Isabelle N

Year 5 - Rebecca

Year 6 - Tabatha Hill



## House Points



We are pleased to report the House winners for the Spring Term, based on the House Points table below.

(Average golds per pupil)

	House	Points
1st	Deben	156
2nd	Waveney	126
3rd	Yare	118
4th	Orwell	108

## Easter Egg Hunt



The sun came out on Thursday afternoon just in time for an exciting and competitive Easter Egg hunt. The results are as follows:

	House	Eggs
1st	Waveney	49
2nd	Deben	39
3rd	Yare	38
4th	Orwell	32

## Easter Bunny Art



The winners of the School Council Easter Bunny Art Competition were:

Upper School - Honor

Lower School - Samuel

Congratulations to you both.

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Next PTFA Meeting Friday  
Friday 27 April 2018 at  
1430. All welcome.

Family Quiz Thursday 10  
May (change of date)



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