



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... The Year 3 & 4 Class Concert scheduled for Tuesday 8 March has been postponed due to illness. A new date will be announced soon.

Calendar for next week

Tuesday 8 March	9.00 Year 2 visits Roman Exhibition, Norwich Castle
Wednesday 9 March	8.45 <i>East Anglian Air Ambulance</i> Assembly (<i>addition to calendar</i>)
Thursday 10 March	9.30 Nursery visits <i>Africa Alive</i>
	7.30 Governors' Meeting
Friday 11 March	2.00 U9 Rugby v Saint Felix (A)

Dates for your diary

Friday 18 March	7.00 Charity Concert in aid of <i>East Anglian Air Ambulance</i> at United Reformed Church, High Street, Southwold
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Message from the Headmaster

It has been a week in which we have thought about famous adventurers and the challenges they faced to achieve their goals. The heroic, but ultimately tragic expedition of Captain Robert Scott, the remarkable resilience and leadership of Ernest Shackleton on his subsequent expedition to the southern polar regions, the dilemma faced by Simon Yates, climbing partner of Joe Simpson on Siula Grande, who had to cut the rope to save himself.

As I write the boys and girls have returned from a cross country fixture in conditions which, if not quite polar, were most certainly adventurous and required all their determination to succeed. This week we also celebrated World Book Day as we adventured in our imaginations, raising funds for the *East Anglian Air Ambulance* while we did so. Well done to everyone!

Mr McKinney



Senior School Success.



Congratulations to Year Six. Once again all pupils have secured places at their first choice of senior school. Their hard work and preparation for examinations and interviews have paid off.

Further congratulations to those who have been awarded academic scholarships.

Life at the Castle.



During our visit to Norwich Castle, Year One was invited to help prepare for a jousting competition which was taking place the following day.

We were greeted by Lady Isabella, who was the owner of the castle, and Maud, the put-upon castle servant. Finally we met George, Steward of the castle - in charge of looking after and mending everything!

Our first activity was to help Lady Isabella spot all the tasks that needed to be completed before the guests arrived. We had to look out for rats in the kitchen and garderobes. She explained all about the different castle duties that would need to be done. This included preparing the food and cleaning out the garderobes. We were warned that we were too young to eat vegetables, as they would make us ill!

Next, Maud led us down a steep, spiral staircase that was over 800 years old. She helped us make pennants, for us to wave and

cheer on the Knights during the jousting competition.

After that, George (the steward), showed us lots of artefacts. We got to examine them and discuss what they would have been used for. Year One pupils were very good at identifying the objects and explaining their use. To all the adults' astonishment, James correctly identified the unusual candle holder.

After a healthy lunch, we explored the rest of the castle and museum as a group. We discovered that one of the exhibits was donated by a relative of a member of Year One. The children had a great time and received many compliments about their super listening skills and very smart uniform! The children didn't want to leave; we decided a whole day was not long enough!

Many thanks to Norwich Castle for organising such a good range of activities and making us feel so welcome.

Ms Thomson and Mrs Dakin



The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.



Year One looked very nautically dressed as Mr Grinling for their assembly. They presented the story of *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* for parents, grandparents and friends. Each child had a speaking part and with lovely, clear, loud voices, the audience was able to hear every word!

As Mr Grinling was fond of sea shanties, Year One had learnt the words and actions to a few old songs. With the help of some audience participation, we all made a rousing rabble.

After the assembly, our visitors helped us to solve a problem for Mr Grinling. Using our knowledge of counting in 2s, 3s and 4s, we

were able to work out how many different types of biscuit Mr Grinling would need. Bertie spotted that 12 was a magic number.

Being very successful writers, with support, we went about planning our own version of *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. There were some great ideas, from Bob the birdwatcher, to Jonathan the scientist.

Well done Year One. You were amazing at showing your visitors just how hard-working you all are.

Ms Thomson



WORLD BOOK DAY

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On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. To mark the occasion pupils came into school dressed as their favourite character from a book, in return for a £1 donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

In the afternoon pupils were given the option of attending a variety of different activities aimed at both the Lower School and the Upper School. World Book Day was a great chance for teachers to share their passion for books, and to help the children engage in texts in a relaxed and enjoyable manner. There were lots of options on offer, from writing workshops, illustration lessons, art and craft activities, finger puppets, painting and life-size *Where's Wally?*. There were even workshops on how to get your own book published by our very own author-in-residence, Mr Tiley-Nunn!

Needless to say, with so much on offer, it was an excellent afternoon and all of the pupils and teachers were talking about how much fun they'd had. Well done to everybody involved!
Mr Jensen

Costume Winners

Lower School:
George D as *Burglar Bill*

Upper School:
Tom R as *White Rabbit from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*



AVE CIVES HENSTEDORUM!



Our Legionaries of the Year Two Cohort have just returned from Garianonum (our fort at Caister-on-Sea) where we have been recruited for the Roman Legion, which has been reduced to a mere 300 men facing the Saxon onslaught. Our weapons training under Centurion Titus has progressed well, with many showing aptitude with the gladius, scutum and pilum, promptness in forming the testudo (Latin for tortoise) and a ferocious loyalty to the Emperor.



Just so that we should know what we were about to encounter, we were sent to hear tales of heroism from Sigurd the Saxon – somewhat the worse for a few horns of mead. He promised us freedom from the yoke of Rome if only we would renounce our loyalty to Caesar and join the five thousand Saxons gathering on the beach. Ail the slave then came to remind us of the drudgery that we would endure if we returned to Rome with the Lady Livia, whom we assisted next in her preparations for the journey. She graciously gave us insights into Roman refinement. True we would remain slaves, but would at least be daily witnesses of a civilized urban culture.



At the end of the day the time arrived for our loyalties to be tested. Would we fight for the Emperor, flee to servitude with the Lady Livia or join the barbarian hordes? Thankfully all but Mr Butcher chose to avoid the path of the mead swigging rebels and upheld the values of Rome!

Mr Butcher



Nursery News.

Library visit.

On Monday afternoon Nursery took a trip to Beccles Library to see Sarah the librarian. When we arrived we settled ourselves in the children's area on some comfy beanbags as Sarah came to greet us. To begin with Sarah read us a variety of minibeast themed books to fit in with our topic. We were then free to choose our own books to look at. Some of us looked at them independently, whilst some listened to them in groups. We also had a look on the shelves for some bug books to check out and bring back to Nursery with us. To end, we sang songs from Sarah's song sack and finished with our absolute favourite - *Two Teddies on a Trampoline!*

Thank you for a lovely session Sarah. We really enjoyed the opportunity to come and visit you in the library.



Some of the costumes on World Book Day

Nursery Star of the Week



The Nursery star of the week award goes to Samuel, who has settled really well into Nursery life and is doing fantastically in Preschool. Well done Samuel. Have a fabulous week with Dotty!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Cross Country



On leaving Henstead in high spirits for what looked to be a lovely afternoon for Cross Country, the event was held in torrential conditions.

The Under 8's got us under way with a fantastic team effort by the boys, with Harvey pounding his way round and being the first team member home, with Thomas and Jack following behind. Up next were the girls, who were the team of the day, finishing in a fantastic 2nd position as a group. Addison set off at a great pace and found herself in the lead for the majority of the race, only being pipped at the end to finish a fabulous 2nd place.

The weather started to turn at this point for the Under 9's outing, with sleet in the air. Freddy led the boys round with Archie and Alex battling their way round the course to finish in a top half position. The girls managed to stay together for the majority of the race, with the weather getting worse - high winds and rain followed by some snow created some fantastic sprint finishes.

At this point everyone was taken indoors, but the running continued. It wasn't much fun for the runners or spectators who endured the worst weather since an under 9 Tag Rugby game, which some may remember. Jasper was closely followed by a superb run from Lucas. Alex kept going until the end. The girls also ran an excellent team race with Ruby, Daisy, Tilly and Bethany showing that the weather conditions wouldn't stop them from running hard.

Year 6 pupils ran the final two races of the day, leading by example with some top 10 finishes and a great attitude to running in such horrendous conditions.

A massive well done to all pupils who gave it their very best in representing the school in what can only be described as awful weather. A big thank you to all parents who kept cheering all afternoon.

Mr Hunter, Miss Goddard & Mrs Jensen





Pedagogical Ponderings.

The House of Commons is currently surveying the education fraternity on what the Purpose of Education should be in England. It is a question which causes one to stop and think. It is not an entirely easy question to answer. There are many areas that could be covered by a Purpose of Education, both in the short and long term. What do you think the Purpose of Education should be? I would love to hear your feedback (n.jensen@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk).

This question has caused me to pause and reflect. Would a Purpose of Education be the same in

different countries? And even in England, would the Purpose of Education be the same for us and, say, a large comprehensive city school? Would the Purpose of Education be the same at a school in the North as a school in the South? Indeed should the Purpose of Education be the same?

This week, I'm not going to share with you what I think the Purpose of Education should be, I'll save that for next week. Let me hear your thoughts.

Mr Jensen

Mascot Awards



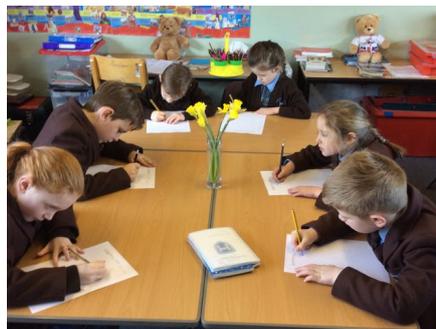
This half term we are focussing on the school's value Adventure. This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating Adventure, are:

- Reception Lola
- Year 1 James H
- Year 2 Brayden
- Year 3 Addison
- Year 4 Alex L
- Year 5 Lily
- Year 6 Theo

Happy Mother's Day



Year Two pupils have been putting their floral art to good use, preparing cards for Sunday! We wish all Mummies a very happy Mother's Day.



Teapot Cards



Pre-School children have also been getting crafty in creating special teapot cards for Mother's Day. They look beautiful. Well done.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA

News Extra

Easter Family Bingo Friday 11 March at 6.30pm in the Hall. Save the date!

Watch this space for details of more upcoming events... coming soon.



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