

The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 7 October	Problem Solving Day
Tuesday 8 October	9am Years 5 & 6 Choral Workshop with VOCES8 at Woodbridge School
Wednesday 9 October	1.25pm U11 Football v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)
Friday 11 October	1.25pm U9 Football v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)

Dates for your diary

Monday 21 October	4.10pm & 6pm Parents' Seminar - Assessment for Learning
Wednesday 23 October	10am Open Morning



Prefects' Perspective

This school has made an amazing start to the year with loads of trips and fun things to do - there have been hockey and football matches and all of the children are eager to do things and go places. This year, we have been to Warden's Centre - it was fun, but there was work to do as well as we learnt from our training and handbooks about our responsibilities. We are pleased that the children are doing their best and being kind to one another. As we prepare for our senior school interviews, we need to have the confidence we have talked about in assemblies.

Assistant Prefects Team

A thoughtful reflection.

Autumn

The sweet breeze of Autumn
but the breeze is not a bitter breeze
and the grass is green
and the sweet twinkle from the sun
and the golden leaves flutter to the green green ground
and mushrooms are scattered all around
and the trees flutter in the wind
going wisha wisha wisha
like they are sending a message to you and
the still clouds in the sky

by Ella King-Gardiner



Digging up our Anglo Saxon past



Year Three's intrepid archaeologists set off for Sutton Hoo in bright sunshine and things only got better. After a smooth drive to the famous site at Woodbridge we were greeted by Tony the volunteer guide - as close to a living Anglo Saxon as we are likely to get. Our first session was a walk to the burial mounds, with much fascinating detail on the Anglo Saxon settlement of Britain being exchanged. Our team made a good impression with their understanding of why the legions left Britannia and how the first Anglo Saxon army arrived. On 'Mound Number One' we laid King Jasper of the Henstead Saxons to rest, while Tony explained how Tudor grave robbers missed the greatest Dark Ages treasure in Western Europe and how it was discovered in 1939.

Then it was off to hone our practical archaeological skills in the centre's sand boxes. We

carefully dug and mapped our finds in the gridded areas and then convened to have an authentic archaeological controversy over what they were - a cow's hip bone or the prow of a ship?

After a picnic and run around we returned to the visitors' centre where volunteer Jane took us to the reconstructed burial chamber with its fabulous replica treasures laid out around the king. We dressed in Anglo Saxon costume and played who's inside the helmet, absorbing a wealth of impressions of our extraordinary ancestors. The play area was top notch too! Our thanks to Miss Clifton for her skillful chauffeuring and photographic talents.

Mr Butcher



Coastguards to the rescue.



A big thank you to Mrs Mills and Andy Sutherland of the Lowestoft & Southwold Coastguard rescue team for a fantastic afternoon on Monday. The children learnt all about being safe on the beach and were shown all the safety clothes the Coastguards wear as well as the equipment they use on all sorts of emergency call-outs. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed being inside the rescue vans with the sirens, lights and walkie-talkies to central control! A really informative and fun afternoon!

On Friday morning, for Grandparents Day, Year 2 translated their learning into making a "Call the Coastguard!" board game to keep their Grandparents safe on the beach. The games will be sent home this weekend for all the family to play!

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Football Focus



FOOTBALL (U9 match v THLP)

A famous football pundit once quipped that “you don't win anything with kids”. Undeterred the Henstead Youth squad followed the seniors out on the road to prove just how wrong he was. With the full support of the Club Chairman, The Gaffer had added Crafty Birdman to his technical staff. Just as well, as we had a Bird in goal, solid as a rock except when flying south. In defence we were angelic (Darrell of the same name) and Oscar 'Mr' T, the latter with a right foot that could kick start a jumbo jet (guesses not required). Gooner Davey commanded the midfield alongside Lucas 'Beyblade' Innis and George 'Gloves' Taylor. Success up front was assured through the Wiley

presence of Thomas and FAB Harrod - Thunderbird 4 was grounded for the day. It was a top performance and the goal celebration was the highlight of the spectators' day, regardless of their affiliations. Thanks to the DAGS, MAGS and GPAGS for their invaluable support.

from our football correspondent Siobhan Sinnpads

Eggcellent news from Nursery

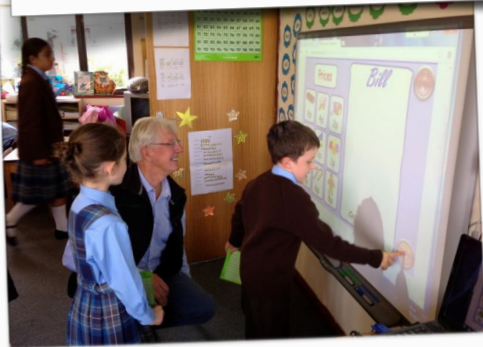
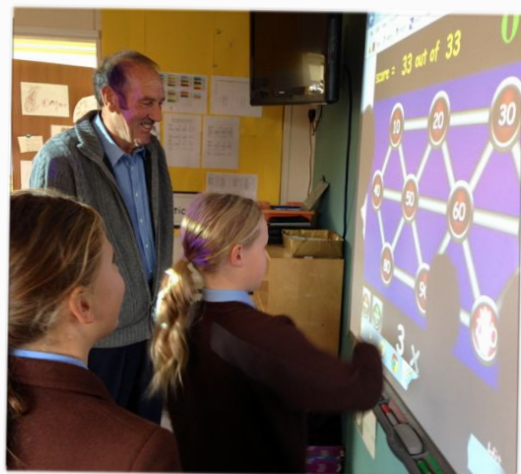


Our topic this term is Nursery Rhymes. This week's nursery rhyme was Humpty Dumpty. The children were very eggcited about using real chickens' eggs. Although we must just say that this time Humpty did have an advantage as he was hard boiled!

Have an eggcellent weekend!

Mrs Rawlings & Miss Butcher

Grandparents' Day



We were delighted to be joined by so many grandparents on Thursday. A packed programme of activities gave grandparents the opportunity to join in lessons of ICT and science using unusual elements such as tomatoes to check conductivity. Mathematics gave our guests the chance to see if they remembered their interactive multiplication skills. Traditional games were ably demonstrated, toys were priced, sorted and sold in the Year One shop, whilst Year Two designed board games. It was a great opportunity to thank our grandparents for all the support they give to the school.

Mr McKinney



Checkmate.

Mr Lincoln, our former Deputy Head who retired at the end of last term, has generously donated six new chess sets to the school.

I'm sure the children will enjoy stretching their brains during rainy day break times. And perhaps we will discover a budding chess champion! Thank you Mr Lincoln.



Thank you



Thank you for your most generous gifts for the Harvest Festival service last Friday. St Mary's Church Henstead kindly delivered all the produce to a homeless charity in Lowestoft on our behalf.

Open Morning



Our next Open Morning will be held on Wednesday 23 October, the last day of term. Posters as well as new postcard versions will be sent out shortly. Please let us know if you need additional copies. We would appreciate your help in spreading the word.

Macmillan Update



A huge thank you to all who supported our *Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning*. It was wonderful to see the school hall bustling with parents and grandparents, making time for such a worthy cause - the perfect round up to a busy school week and our harvest celebrations. We are pleased to report that your delicious cakes and bakes raised £323.73 for *Macmillan Cancer Support*.

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New Opening Times!
Mondays 0830-0930



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