



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 9 February

Teacher & Parents Meetings Week (Please sign up on the designated appointment sheets.)

Tuesday 10 February

8.55 Digital Leaders' Assembly

Safer Internet Day

Year 1 Visit to Norwich Castle *(Addition to Calendar)*

4.15 Parents' Seminar - ThinkUknow?

Wednesday 11 February

1.00 U7 U9 U11 Cross Country at THLP *(Change to Calendar)*

Friday 13 February

8.30 Nursery & Reception Stay & Play Day

2.00 Inter-House Drama Competition

3.30/4.10 Half Term Begins

Dates for your diary

Monday 23 February

Term Resumes

Tuesday 10 March

1.00 U9 Swimming Gala at Thorpe House Langley Prep *(Addition to Calendar)*

Friday 13 March

9.00 Year 2 Visits Roman Exhibition, Norwich Castle *(Addition to Calendar)*

Saturday 14 March

Open Morning (Half Day School)

Wednesday 18 March

2.00 U11 Netball v The Abbey (A) *(Addition to Calendar)*

The following events have been cancelled:

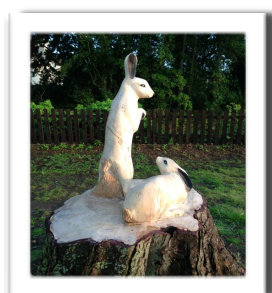
Wednesday 4 March

Netball Training at Langley School *(Cancelled)*

Friday 13 March

Netball Tournament at Norwich School *(Cancelled)*

Message from the Headmaster

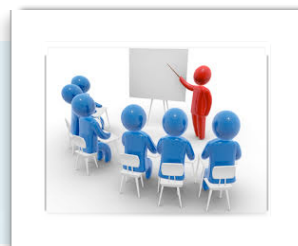


Tell us what you think! We are most fortunate in being able to communicate with the children, parents (and grandparents!) on a daily basis. The importance of this has been a clear focus for me whilst I have been away from school as part of an Independent Schools Inspection team this week. It is strange not to have access to the small happenings that help to give a flavour and framework to every school day. Next week will give the opportunity for meetings with form teachers for parents of children in Reception, Year One and Year Two; and with subject teachers for parents of children in Years Three to Six - please do sign up to arrange to meet with them and do not hesitate to arrange further discussions, should matters arise that require more time. Later this term we will also be asking parents and children to complete questionnaires, so that we have your feedback to inform our planning of the ongoing development of the school. My thanks in advance.

Mr McKinney



Our upcoming parents' seminar - ThinkUknow - on Tuesday at 4.15pm - will focus on e-safety and what parents can do to help their children make good choices and stay safe online. Parents of children from all year groups across the school are welcome to attend.



A Knight's Tale.



The Knights of Year One arrived at The Old School Assembly this morning wearing various pieces of armour and carrying shields and swords.

Their purpose was to share a story with the rest of the school, about a Knight without a name. Each Knight was named after their special talent, with the exception of one, who was still searching for that special talent. The Knight with no name, set out on a quest and with the help of the other Knights was able to step into their lives. The

Knights demonstrated great empathy towards the Knight without a talent, finally giving him the title, *Knight of Empathy!*

Every Knight needs a castle. So Year One Knights shared some interesting facts about Norwich Castle. They intend to mount an attack next Tuesday and are very excited about finding out what life was really like, living in Norwich Castle.

Ms Thomson



Like an Egyptian.

Year Four's visit to Norwich Castle Museum Ancient Egypt Day



On Tuesday Year Four climbed into the minibus and travelled back three and a half thousand years to meet characters from the great Nile civilisation.

We arrived to find them in a state of high indignation that the tomb of Tutankhamun had been invaded by modern archaeologists who had 'stolen' the precious artefacts and grave goods which were meant to remain with the pharaoh for all eternity.

As we went on our tour of the exhibits and engaged in the embalming, art and drama workshops, we were reminded that we would have to decide either on the side of the archaeologists or the ancient guardians of the tomb. Opinions swayed to and fro as our intrepid gang showed off the creditable amount they had learned already and eagerly absorbed new understanding from the museum experts.

Eventual score: Archaeologists 16 Egyptians 2!

Special thanks to Mrs Davey for her help with transport.

Mr Butcher





Bicycle up a tree!

Floyd found himself 'Stuck' when his favourite kite got tangled up in a tree. After throwing several items up after it to try and knock it down, including Mitch the cat, Floyd was in need of desperate assistance.

Thankfully the Gauss mathematics group came to save the day, armed with clinometers, protractors and a firm grasp of angles. Their timely support reunited a young

boy with not only his favourite kite and his pet cat Mitch, but also with both his left and right shoe.

What ever would we do without mathematics?

Mr Tiley-Nunn



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Oliver for becoming more independent at Nursery. Harry Henstead looks like he is excited to be coming to your house! We hope you have a nice weekend together.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Rugby, Netball & Cross-Country



RUGBY

On Wednesday Henstead headed off to Thorpe House Langley Prep for an Under 10 Rugby fixture. The majority of the team comprised Under 9's, so it wasn't going to be an easy match. This was evident from the kick off with THLPS scoring a try. Henstead heads soon switched on to the match and showed bravery in their tackles, as they began to grow into the game. After a tentative start it became more of a contest. Some weaving runs from Finney and Louis, backed up from some powerful drives from Jasper and Daniel, showed that the Henstead boys were getting to grips with the game. Much was learnt in the scrum and breakdown about what is needed to secure the ball. Late on in the first half a powerful drive from the Henstead pack gave Theo a clear break, where he burst to the line to score a try.

A half time team talk about how each team member needed to be switched on at all times and know what they were doing seemed to work. Henstead kept battling away, with Jack and Lucas guiding the team in the scrum and a never-say-die attitude from the team kept the hosts at bay. However having a few men advantage meant that THLPS came away victorious.

Much was learnt from the afternoon's play about the intensity of the game of Rugby and each person's role in a successful team.

Mr Hunter

NETBALL

On Wednesday afternoon, the Under 11 team played a home fixture against Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School. The girls were slow to get off the mark and found themselves 5-0 down at the end of the first quarter.

It is amazing what a team talk can do. In the second quarter the girls played the standard of netball that I know they are capable of. Ruby and Isabelle netted five goals between them, levelling the score at half time.

The third quarter started, and again things went a little wobbly in camp Henstead. Although the girls were back on form in the final quarter, they just could not make up the goal deficit.

This was without a doubt a match where I saw the very best and the very worst of the girls' play, and although frustrating at times, it was so exciting to watch!

Final Score Henstead 9 : THLPS 11

Miss Goddard

CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to Grace, who following a successful performance (4th place) at last Friday's ISA Cross Country regional event at Trinity School, Brentwood, is through to the national finals, which will be held at Rugby on 28 February.

It's a balancing act.



Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot Winners, for best demonstrating the school value *Empathy*, are:

R - Charlotte
Y1 - Francis
Y2 - Addison
Y3 - Sophia
Y4 - Alex
Y5 - Isabelle
Y6 - Lily

Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of Charity Logos - are Theo, Archie and Alex L.

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Darcey and Kitty on their award of Gold Certificates for 15 outstanding achievements. Well done!

Baby News



We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of twins Oscar (left) (6lb 1oz) and Isaac (5lb 8ozs) - brothers for Jessica in Nursery and grandsons for Mrs Suffolk. There was much excitement when the twins made their first visit to school this week! We send our best wishes to Mum, Dad, Grandma and Grandpa.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting
Monday 23 February at 7.30pm

Gig in a Barn 7 March
£10 per head

Family Fun Bingo Friday
Evening 20 March

Easter Egg Hunt, Easter
Bonnet Competition &
Cream Teas Monday 30
March at 2.30pm

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