



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Tuesday 10 June

Wednesday 11 June

Thursday 12 June

Friday 13 June

Year Six Transition Day

9.15am Instrumental Concerts (Parents of performers welcome.)

2pm U11 Cricket v Widford Lodge Prep School (H)

2.15pm U11 Rounders v The Abbey (A)

### Dates for your diary

Friday 20 June

Friday 4 July

Wednesday 9-Thursday 10 July

Friday 11 July

Saturday 12 July

Henstead Hike (to Southwold) in aid of *Walking with the Wounded*

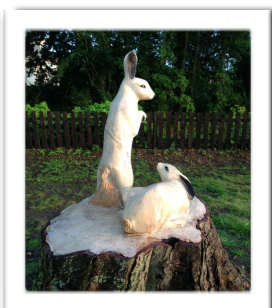
Henstead Hundred fundraising cycle event

Summer Shows

Speech Day

Summer Ball

### Message from the Headmaster



It is entirely fitting that we think of excellence as the school year reaches its peak. Already there is so much to be proud of, not least the standard of musicianship exhibited in the inter-House competition, so hotly contested (by children and staff alike) this week. The children have been quick to grasp that excellence is not just about coming first, but is also achieved in surpassing their own expectations and those of others. Excellence is for everyone at The Old School Henstead, in class, on stage, on the games field or in the outdoors. There is much to look forward to in the run up to Speech Day!

Mr McKinney

## Henstead Hike Sponsorship Forms Out Now!

With only two weeks to go until our 10-mile Henstead Hike to Southwold on Friday 20 June - in aid of *Walking with the Wounded* - sponsorship forms have gone out in bags this week and our online fundraising page is now live. Please encourage your sponsors to visit our page, as it will enable them to post a message and the money will go directly to *Walking with the Wounded*, with a Gift Aid option to allow the charity to increase the value of every donation by 20%. Click on the link below, or copy and paste it into an email to your family and friends:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-web/fundraiser/showFundraiserPage.action?userUrl=HensteadHike&fald=439929&isTeam=true>

Only 14 days to go, so let's get fundraising and beat last year's total!

P.S. Parents are welcome to join us on this all school event. Younger pupils (including Nursery) will start at age-appropriate points on the route.



Picture: Eastern Daily Press / Nick Butcher



# Inter-House Music Competition 2014



On Wednesday we were treated to an impressive feast of music making as the result of several weeks' work in our Tuesday House Meetings was finally presented to an audience. Our guest adjudicator was Mr Lincoln, who has a wealth of knowledge and appreciation of music of all sorts. Together with Mr McKinney, they had, perhaps, the most difficult job of the morning. Every child, from Reception to Year Six, was involved and there were some fine individual performances, (singing, saxophone, recorder, drums and guitar) showing good preparation and musicality, as well as keen appreciation of our core values of confidence, and excellence.

After much deliberation the judges awarded the trophy to Orwell, whose unity and teamwork under the able leadership of Lily Goodenough and Grace Forster were outstanding.

Prizes were awarded in each category as follows:

Hymn  
Junior Solo

Highly Commended

Senior Solo

Highly Commended

Own Choice

Deben  
Orwell  
Daisy McDowell (singing)  
Waveney  
Ewan Lennard (recorder)  
Deben  
Ella King-Gardiner (singing)  
Yare  
Scarlett Baxter (saxophone)  
Orwell (The Duck Song!)

I would like to thank all the children for providing us with a wonderful morning's entertainment and special thanks to Mrs Clayton for her role as official accompanist.  
Miss Sindall

## Hold your horses!



Year Two had a fantastic day out on Tuesday at Redwings, the UK's largest horse sanctuary, which cares for over 1,300 horses, ponies, donkeys and mules every day.

We spent the day at the Caldecott site, learning all about the care regime for the many rescued animals, and even helped to groom two of their Shetlands - Buttons and Gretel. We all fell in love with the field of braying donkeys, as we fed them ginger snap biscuits! We had a

democratic vote to decide which horse we should adopt, and Cauli (found in a heart-breaking state and rescued from a field of cauliflowers) won our hearts. Come into Year Two anytime to see Cauli's photo and our Adoption Certificate. Redwings is open all year round, with free entry, and the children can go back at any time to see how Cauli is getting on. A huge thanks to Mags, Luke, Helen, Anita and the team at Redwings.

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin

# Year Four Underneath the Stars.



Thursday morning and Team Year Four was already helping to pack the minibus and it was off down the A12. First on the menu was the choosing of all provisions for the trip. There were issues to be discussed. Why is the produce nearer the checkout more expensive? Is "buy one get one free" always the cheapest option? How many food miles separate strawberries from Essex and those from Norfolk? The boys and girls did a super job, shopping for two lunches, an evening meal and a breakfast, whilst watching the budget and catering for most tastes.

After the first of the lunches, it was time to tackle the challenge of the woods north of Sizewell. It was no easy task, learning to orientate the map and to estimate distances between check points. Orienteering markers, cleverly and kindly placed by Mr Lincoln the evening before, gave numerical coded messages that Bletchley Park would have relished some seventy years ago this very week. The trail ended at the coast and it was a bright and breezy walk past Sizewell, with a well earned break for ice cream, and on to Ness House, the Wardens Trust centre right by the beach. It is a superb facility, with adventure play areas, a camp



ground, and a cavernous open plan hall with all the necessary comforts. Year Four had chosen to camp and the tent practice sessions at school were well remembered - up went the tents and in went pillows, duvets and teddies. Mr Tiley-Nunn, wisely anticipating the arrival of Mrs Tiley-Nunn, had put up a tented hotel, complete with sleeping chamber, vestibule and cage for the ever patient Maisie the pup, exhausted by endless retrieving of sticks. NTN was in fine form on the barbecue and evening activities included a competition to build the highest possible tower using spaghetti and marshmallows (staff victory, girls second, boys third) campfire toasting of the latter ingredient and stories read to end the day. Snoring.

Day two got underway about 4.30am. WJM confirmed that it was perfectly permissible to get up and play as long as others (eg himself) were allowed to complete much needed beauty sleep. Pains au chocolat and bacon sandwiches followed at a later hour, followed by efficient packing and tidying up. By 10am we were on the road to Thorpeness Meare and a team nautical event, with some hilarious attempts at rowing. A great time was had by all.





# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cricket & Rounders



### CRICKET

The last day before half term saw us host a strong Thorpe House Langley Prep, in what was a first cricket game for the young Under 9's Henstead team.

Full of excitement for the match, a good warm up was had and we were put into bowl by our opponents. It was very pleasing to see how much the boys had improved in their lessons, as the way everyone bowled was excellent. With minimal wides bowled, it made for a free flowing match. Some good work in the field from everyone allowed us to claim two wickets, one via George, who bowled his batsmen out, and the other from Alex, who managed to run his batsman out. After 16 overs THLPS had made 73 runs.

It was then Henstead's turn to bat. A good opening partnership from George and Louis gave a good base. This was backed up by some speedy runs from Finney and his partner Alex. Theo and Thomas played some smart cricket, with Theo playing some excellent shots. Last pair up - Jack and Oscar - couldn't quite sneak us over the winning line.

Some excellent shots played. Only some inexperienced running between the wickets caused wickets to fall.

All in all a very pleasing opening match for the under 9 team, with everyone playing a key role. Let's hope for much more next year.

*Mr Hunter*

*Note: Today's cricket match will be reported in next week's newsletter.*

### ROUNDERS

On the final day of last half term, the under 9 girls travelled up to Norwich to play rounders against Thorpe House Langley Prep. This young, inexperienced team knew they were in for a tough match, but did this damper their enthusiasm and determination? Not one jot!

With THLPS in bat, it soon became evident that age and experience were going to be major factors in the outcome of the game. Although the girls tried their hardest, they were just not quick enough to stop the hosts from scoring, and when put into bat, they had no reply to their excellent fielding.

The score line would suggest a total walk over, but it was not the case. The game was fun and played in the best of spirits. With the last bowl of the game, Ruby scored a most deserved rounder to end the game on a high.

*Miss Goddard*

Only **28** days to go!



## Henstead Hundred Bike Banter

Great success with training last Sunday - 35 miles minimum done by everyone, aided by jelly babies! Great efforts are being put in by all, with training and fundraising. Training this Sunday at 8.30am from the school. Feel free to come along, if only for fitness training.

Remember Monday 9 June is the deadline for entries to the Henstead Hundred logo competition. *Sabrina Staniforth*

If you've not sponsored the event yet, may we encourage you to do so by clicking on the link below or speak to any of the cyclists taking part. All contributions to the school's building fund are appreciated.

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayEventDetails.action?eventId=18524&charityId=1006950&invocation=evt0050>



## Cricket Trip



We have an opportunity to watch a live Northants T20 Blast cricket match on Friday 27 June. There is a limited number of tickets available for the trip. If demand exceeds places, seats will be allocated on a draw basis. Further details will be sent out next week.

*Mr Hunter*

## Gold Certificates



Congratulations to Emily Blois and Daisy Wicks for achieving Gold Certificates for 15 A1's. Well done!

## Mascot Winners



This week's Mascot winners - best demonstrating the school's value of Excellence - are:

Nursery - Lucas Young  
Reception - Isabelle Narburgh  
Year 1 - Joey Hollick  
Year 2 - Alex Lincoln  
Year 3 - Lucas Innis  
Year 4 - Charlotte Warnes  
Year 5 - Michael Olaley  
Year 6 - Tom Scoggins

## Holiday Club



We have a fun-packed week of activities planned for the Holiday Club this year, after term ends. Full details and booking forms will be sent home next week.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Mondays 0830-0930

## PTFA

News Extra

**Monday 9 June 7pm PTFA Meeting**

**Tuesday 17 June Pampered chef event.** Tickets from Mrs Davey.

**Wednesday 2 July Summer Fayre** (after Sports Day). Can you help with a stall? Sign up on the list in Reception.

**Saturday 12 July Summer Ball tickets** (£45/head) on sale from 2 June. Invite your friends to a great evening!

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