



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 10 March
Friday 13 March
Saturday 14 March

1.00 U9 Swimming Gala at Thorpe House Langley Prep ([Addition to Calendar](#))
9.00 Year 2 Visits Roman Exhibition, Norwich Castle ([Addition to Calendar](#))
Open Morning (Half Day School)
9.30-9.45 Pupil Registration 10.00-10.30 Visitor Arrivals

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 18 March
Friday 27 March

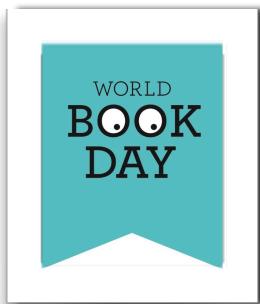
2.00 U11 Netball at The Abbey ([Addition to Calendar](#))
The Big Day Out

Message from the Headmaster



For many of us, Lent is a time for giving something up something valuable, so that we can remember what a blessing it is - I have been impressed by the many children who are depriving themselves of sweets and chocolate. I am told that his year's favourite giving up item is gossip, although how it could be deemed of value eludes me. We have also thought of Lent as a time for taking up something, so that it can be a blessing to others. Our chosen charity for this year is CLIC Sargent and Mrs Suffolk has been kind enough to share with us how this most worthwhile cause provided life-saving support to her great-nephew. Our musicians will perform in a fund-raising concert for CLIC Sargent at the United Reformed Church, Southwold, on 8 May next term and the whole school will take part in the Henstead Hike on 22 May, just before the half term holiday begins. Save the dates!

Mr McKinney



World Book Day dawned and awakened with an assembly led by Mr Butcher and the school librarians. With *The Neverending Story* as the catalyst, pupils were encouraged to enter the wonderful imaginary world that emerges from the pages.

The school librarians issued a Guess the Favourite Childhood Book quiz sheet. Enthusiastic discussions reverberated round the school as pupils spent the day trying to decide who spent their childhood engrossed



in *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* and who went adventuring with the *Famous Five*.

The Book Swap Shop witnessed brisk business and was ably manned by the librarians. My thanks to all the librarians for giving up their time to plan and organise an exciting two days.

Miss Clifton

Roman Adventures.



On Tuesday, Year Two took part in a Roman drama about Norfolk life in AD 367. By this time, the Roman Empire was in decline, as it was being attacked on all fronts by the 'Barbarians'. They met four characters from this era, learned about the threats posed by raiders to the people living there, handled original and replica Roman items and participated in Roman Army training using real Latin commands!



The first person they met was Ale the Slave and he took the children to the Slave Market, where they had to look smart, alert and as if they'd be hard-working. Emily, Charlie and Addison were sold off to the kitchens of a Roman Villa. Honor, Daisy and Thomas went to the Blacksmiths to make swords and weapons for the Roman Army and Joey, Boo and Ebony went to the Roman Baths to clean and keep the fires stoked. Matilda, Rebecca and Ella went to market and showed off their Roman Numerals skills for shopping, whilst Harvey, Skye and Kate went to work at the Fort, keeping it clean and running errands for the Roman soldiers who were defending it. By the end of this session the children could empathise with Roman slaves, realising their lives were all work and no play, with no thanks, no pay and very strict rules. It gave the children a good insight as to how badly slaves were treated all over the Empire during the Roman Occupation.



Siggurd the Saxon was the next character. He was a 'Barbarian' invader who told the children about the Saxon warriors and traders, and their intention to drive the Romans out of Britain. He told them how life would be different under Barbarian "freedom" - no more Roman taxes and rules and slavery! He told the children they had three options when the Saxons invaded: to run away, to fight with them to overthrow the Romans therefore betraying Rome, or to fight against



them with the Romans. He also introduced them to the real Saxon story, Beowulf.

Lady Livia, a wealthy Roman woman who lived in a beautiful villa, told the children all about her life in a grand house. She was very unhappy, hated living in this country (she much preferred the culture of Rome...Oh, the marble buildings, grand temples and Colosseum, and such an important city! And the wine and the food!) and she didn't feel safe with the constant threat of invasion. She had made the decision to travel back to Rome and the children helped her pack her beautiful artefacts.

The final character was Titus the Centurion, who taught the children about life in the Roman Army, demonstrated Roman combat techniques and tried to convince the children they should stay with him and help him defend the Roman Fort against invasion.

In conclusion, the children were asked if they would like to:

- join the Roman Army to fight the Saxon invaders
- travel to Rome to live with Lady Livia when she flees the country or
- side with Ale and the Saxons and betray the Romans.

The majority chose to join the Roman Army and fight!

Another super day out with the wonderful people at Great Yarmouth's Time & Tide Museum - thanks to all!

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin

p.s. A short video clip of the children being put through their Roman drills - in Latin - can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<http://youtu.be/Gu3QkM8jLTE>

The Henstead Zoo.



Down in the busy Reception classroom, the role-play area has been transformed into a busy zoo. The children are expert zookeepers and are responsible for caring for all the animals that arrive.

They are now fully in role and well aware of the duties that need to be carried out around our zoo on a daily basis. From feeding, cleaning, measuring, weighing, recording and comforting- the children are proving to be very hard workers and very knowledgeable in what they do!

We have a range of animals to care for, with many new ones arriving every day. So far, the noisy parrot keeps us fully entertained, the poisonous snakes keep us on our toes. The fox, crocodile and tiger are relatively well-behaved, but the attention-seeking gorilla often causes trouble throughout the day!

We are expecting even more arrivals at the end of this week, due to a local zoo closure, so watch this space! The children have certainly got their work cut out this half term and we apologise in advance for the noise!

Here are a few zoo action shots of the children working hard in our zoo....

Mrs Scoggins & Miss Coxon



Nursery News.



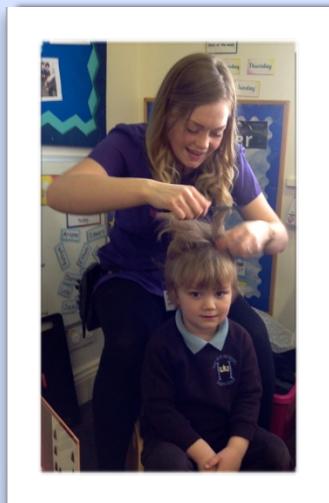
Hair-Raising Work.

Henstead Nursery Hair Salon had its grand opening on Monday, with a visit from a special guest.

Sarah, a mobile hairdresser, came in to give the Nursery children a few pointers. Sarah showed us all the equipment and tools that she uses to work on customers' hair. We recognised some of them and told Sarah all about our hairdressers' role play area!

Then Sarah received requests for different hair styles. The boys asked for either smart hair or spiky hair and the girls wanted pretty plaited hair with bright pink clip-in hair pieces!

We thanked Sarah for her telling us all about her job as a hairdresser and we've certainly learnt a lot! Especially some new wild and wacky hair styles.... !



Nursery Star of the Week

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Robyn, for being more independent at Nursery.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball



NETBALL

There is nothing like a local derby to bring out the passion and commitment from players and supporters alike. Last Friday's Under 9 netball match against Saint Felix had all the hallmarks of a classic.

The first quarter saw Henstead dominate the play. Excellent footwork and great link up play ensured the ball returned time and time again to the D and Lily and Ruby had no problems converting each opportunity into a goal.

Starting the second quarter 3-1 up, our girls took their foot off the pedal and the momentum swung the way of our visitors. A 3-3 draw at half time, became 3-5 at the end of the third quarter. They went into the fourth with the battle cry of ' If you want it, go out and win it!' ringing in their ears. Did they want it? Oh yes they did!

Without exception, the girls were amazing. Of all the sports the girls play, netball is the one which relies most strongly on each girl playing her part. Bethany was fantastic as wing defence, more often than not stopping the ball entering the Saint Felix D. Not that there was an issue if it did, as both Clara and Jessica played their best game ever.

Up at the other end, Daisy managed to lose her opponent so often she was always free to feed the ball through to the two shooters. Tilly, as centre, was just everywhere. Who knows what distance she clocked up during the match.

The score line ticked over, 4-5, then 5-5. In the dying seconds of the game, the ball came to Lily. Two metres out from the goal, the ball flew through the air and fell through the net. It didn't even touch the sides. What a match!

Final score Henstead 6: Saint Felix 5.

Massive congratulations to the girls. It is a long time since we have had a team remain undefeated all season - a wonderful achievement.

Many thanks to the highly partisan crowd for your encouragement, and in particular to my three wonderful assistants in their roles as scorer, timekeeper and photographer.

Miss Goddard

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cross Country



CROSS COUNTRY

Twenty seven apprehensive and excited runners departed school on Wednesday for a full afternoon of running at the Cross Country event at Saint Felix School.

The Under 8 Boys were first on the course, with Freddy beating his team mates to be our first boy back in 7th position. Next up were the girls. Natalie put in a stellar performance throughout the race, but her sprint in the final stages took her from bronze to silver. Special mention to Boo, Daisy and Joe who ran out of their age group and did superbly.

The Under 9 Boys took to the field next, and in a surprise twist on form, Louis edged Finney to the finishing line. We knew before the race started that we had strong contenders in the girls' race and so it was shown. Clara ran as hard as she could, but could not make up those few metres to win the race, coming away with a highly deserved silver.

And so to the Under 10 Boys. Anyone who has followed the cross country over the last few years will know that what happens is that lots of boys run around a course of about a mile in length and then George and Oscar finish within a few inches of each other. Wednesday was no exception, with Taylor G. just edging it. With only two girls available to run, they were not eligible to enter the team event, so ran purely for pride. May finished in a very credible 9th, but Isabelle raced the race of her life to finish in 12th.

Also in the best form of their lives were Honey and Sonny. Whilst both are strong sprinters and excellent sports players, the list of 'things I would rather do than cross country' would be extensive!

There are many reasons behind the children's success. Team spirit, self-pride and talent being just a few. But I

think we have discovered the greatest of all, sibling rivalry. As Nicholas came into the final stretch in third, I am sure all he had running through his mind was that he could not let his sister finish above him. With a monumental effort he took and held on to second, thus making it Super, Silver Saunders.

In our final race we had the girl who always gives it everything - Grace making it home in second place and taking our medal tally to four.

It is nearly impossible to put in to words the pride I have in all of these children. Each and everyone ran so hard, and in some cases were barely able to stand after crossing the line. Team spirit, commitment and excellent behaviour all added to a fantastic afternoon for The Old School Henstead.

Many thanks as always to the many parents and grandparents who assisted with transport. I am sure you will agree it was worth it.

Individual Results

Under 8 Girls - Natalie 2nd (Silver)
Under 9 Girls - Clara 2nd (Silver)
U11 Boys - Nick 2nd (Silver)
U11 Girls - Grace 2nd (Silver)

Team Results

Under 8 Boys 5th
Under 8 Girls 2nd
Under 9 Girls 2nd
Under 10 Boys 4th
Under 11 Girls 3rd

Mr Hunter

Young Art East Anglia



Celebrating children's art and raising funds for cancer research, Cancer Research UK organised Young Art East Anglia 2015, on the theme of 'Animal Magic'. Three Henstead pupils' artwork has been selected from around 1675 entries for display at the Peter Pears Gallery Aldeburgh between 13-15 March (check gallery for opening times). All the pictures on display will be for sale, as well as postcards of the paintings, with funds raised in aid of Cancer Research UK. Congratulations to Bethany and Oscar. Further congratulations go to Clara whose work was deemed Highly Commended by the judge.

Mr Butcher

Mascot Winners



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

Reception - Nicole
Year One - Imogen
Year Two - Emily
Year Three - Freddy
Year Four - Jasper
Year Five - Theo
Year Six - Peppa

Learning Tail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of Books - are Olivia, Sophia and Polly.

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Archie, Natalie and Harry on their award of Gold Certificates for achieving 15 A1's. Well done!

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting 16 March 4.10pm (time tbc)

Gig in a Barn 7 March £10 per head

Family Fun Bingo Friday 20 March 6.30pm £5 adult/£3 child

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

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