



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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**REMINDER...** The Rugby fixtures scheduled for today (v The Abbey A) and November 14 (Festival at Norwich School) have been cancelled by the organisers.

### Calendar for next week

Monday 10 November  
Wednesday 12 November  
Friday 14 November



4.15 Parent Seminar - Safeguarding (WJM)  
2.30 U9 Hockey v Taverham Hall (H)  
10.00-11.00 Choir Sings for *Children in Need* in Beccles (opposite HSBC Bank) with Pudsey Bear Cake Stall

### Dates for your diary

Monday 17 November  
Tuesday 18 November  
Wednesday 19 November  
Monday 24 November

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection (see Page 6 for details)  
Year 2 visits Gressenhall Farm & Workhouse (*Addition to calendar*)  
Independent Schools Association Swimming Gala Ipswich (*Change of date*)  
8.45 Year 3 departs for Sutton Hoo (*Addition to calendar*)



### Message from the Headmaster

This week our theme has, of course, been centred on remembrance. The boys and girls have been thinking about how to put back together the memory of those who gave and continue to give so much. Year Six has researched the history of Henstead folk who gave their lives in the First World War and told of them as part of the Roll of Honour during our Service of Remembrance, after which we planted a red oak tree, grown from an acorn on the Sandringham Estate. We are proud to own a poppy in the magnificent display at The Tower of London and each House has also made poppies to place in our Millennium Garden on November 11th.

We have had much to celebrate already in this half of term. Orwell carried the day in the Inter-House Quiz. Mr Butcher has guided our artists with his usual creative flair and I was pleased to be at the Art

Awards ceremony of the Independent Schools Association, at which Sonny's puppet and our group 3D project were judged to be the best in East Anglia and now go forward to the national finals. There has been success on the games field also, with a resilient under 11 football side winning 5-1 on the road this week. Mr Hunter has been contacted by Carrow Road! My thanks again to all the members of our school community who made the Open Morning such an enjoyable and positive event.

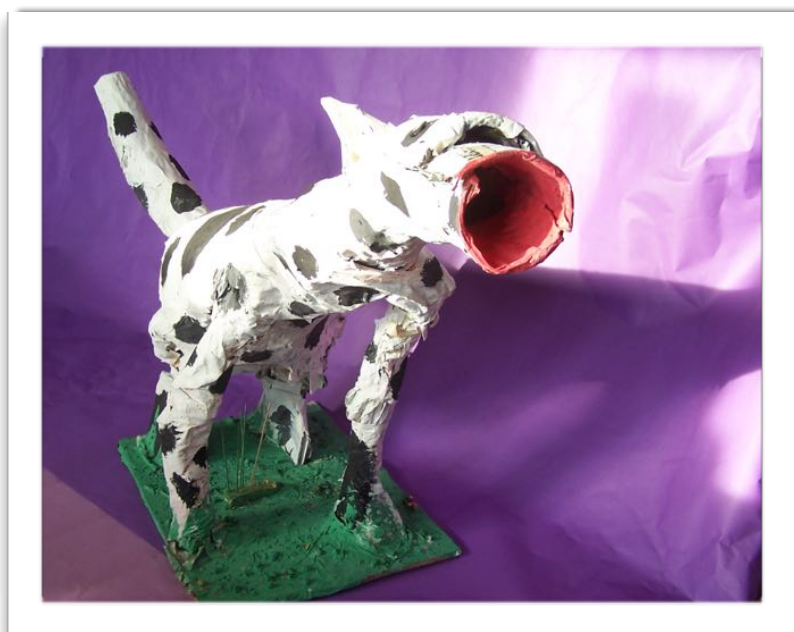
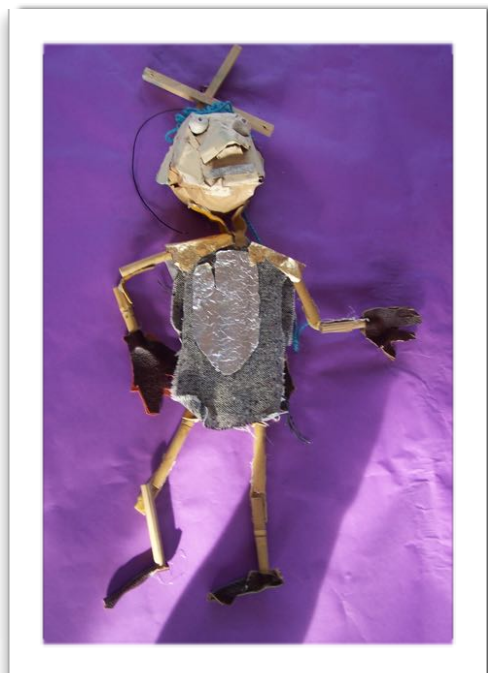
#### *Prefect appointment*

Many congratulations to Ella King-Gardiner, who has been appointed as a School Prefect this week. She has fulfilled her duties as an Assistant Prefect most conscientiously, and is mindful of the needs of her peers and younger pupils alike. Well done.





## Henstead wins at Art Competition.



Pupils at The Old School Henstead picked up two prizes at the ISA (Independent Schools Association) Eastern Region Art Competition 2014. This year's event, hosted by CCSS (Cambridge Centre for Sixth-form Studies), was judged by Portia Rosenberg, the well-known illustrator.

This is the third year of the competition and the third year of wins for The Old School Henstead, whose art department is headed up by Max Butcher, a Cambridge graduate and accomplished sculptor.

The Old School Henstead won two categories for 3D Art: 1st Prize in Key Stage 2 with the work entitled *Night Puppet*, created by Sonny Dakin-Butler; and 1st Prize in the Key Stage 2 Group category, for *Barking Dog*, created collectively by Ruby Collins, Daisy McDowell, Matthew Pelham and Clara Watson-Flowers.

*Night Puppet* was a technical as well as an artistic challenge, considering a variety of materials and the workings and articulation of the joints of an actual puppet. The *Barking Dog* piece made innovative use of wire sculpture and papier mâché to create a large animal.

The ISA Eastern Region Art Competition is part of the nationwide art competition run by the Independent Schools Association and winners go forward to the national final, which will be judged on 15 November.



## Thank you

A huge thank you to the Raven family for all their help with machinery, equipment and logistical help in preparing the grounds, hedges and bonfire for tonight's celebrations.



# Oh I do like to be beside the seaside!



We had a seriously wonderful 'Seaside Day Out' last Friday, helped by the amazing weather and the superb behaviour of Year Two - every class member was given an AI.

The morning started at the far end of the beach huts, looking at the sea wall and discussing the different kinds of sea defences we could see along the beach. Parents may be interested to watch the following local BBC clip, which has formed part of our learning:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/the-impact-of-sea-defences-along-the-east-anglian-coastline/9968.html>

We then went on to the Pier to complete our first task. We have been learning all about "Never Eat Shredded Wheat" and maps and keys this term, so the children were given a blank map of the Pier and had to find five things to put on their map, in the correct position and with a relevant key. This led us to chat to the fishermen at the top end of the Pier, who held our attention for a good while, showing us their bait - fish head, shrimps, squid and very smelly lug worms! - as well as their catch of Dab, Sea-bass and Cod!

Task Two, ice cream eating, proved that Year Two are certainly pro's in this area! We then headed to the far

end of Southwold, towards the Harbour, where had a very relaxing lunch, followed by beach combing, sandcastle making and flying our home-made kites. We have been learning about Forces in Science, specifically Wind Power. Everyone managed to get their kites soaring into the sky and really felt the power of the wind!

We were very lucky to end the day at Southwold RNLI. A huge thank you goes to volunteers Alan and Chris at the Lifeboat Station, who took an afternoon off their paid work to be able to show us around. We saw all the equipment, learned all about the Lifeboat, soaked Miss Kay with the hosepipe, carried Mrs Mills in a stretcher and saw how the flares they use can literally light up the night sky if they are rescuing people in the dark.

A great day and an excellent way to conclude our Seaside Project as Southwold perfectly encapsulates a text book seaside resort! Now then....Who were The Victorians?

*Miss Kay and Mrs Mills*

# Nursery News



## Fairytales & Mud Glorious Mud!

Welcome back everyone, we hope you had a great half term!

This week Nursery has started off the new topic of Fairytales, with the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We have enjoyed dressing up in our new fancy dress costumes as the characters. We have been busy planting runner beans in the hope to grow our very own bean stalk, but we are waiting to see if our beans turn out to be magic too!

The children were very excited to come back to a new and improved mud kitchen - thanks to Mr Raven and his family who very kindly gave us enough mud to keep the children messy for the next few years! If anyone fancies a mud pie, Nursery is open for business!



## Star of the Week Award ★

The Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Annabelle for having a fantastic first half of the term and settling into her new Nursery.

*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*





# Science in Action.

In science, Year One has been busy sorting out different materials. We looked carefully at the different objects and tried to match them with similar items. We asked lots of questions:

Is it waterproof? Is it transparent? Is it flexible? Is it strong? We talked about how a glass chair might not be a good idea!

*Ms Thomson*



## Diwali Celebrations.



This week in Reception we have been learning about Diwali - the Festival of Light. We found out that each year, Hindus around the world celebrate for five days during October or November.

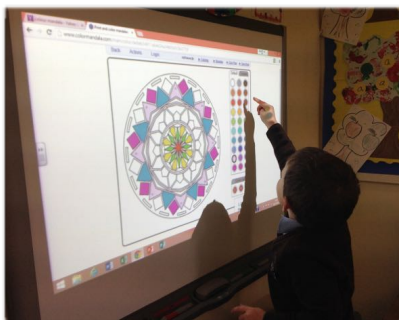
They play games, dress in special clothes and give colourful coconut sweets called barfi to friends and family. They also light decorated candles and lamps called diyas to put in their windows and even on their roof! They celebrate with exciting firework displays too.



The children enjoyed making their very own diya lamps using glass jars and coloured tissue paper and they decorated rangoli patterns using bright colours on the Interactive White Board.

We also shared the famous Indian story Rama, Sita and the Demon-King. We finished off our celebrations with Indian dancing using scarves and ankle bells whilst wearing a Bindi.

*Miss Coxon*



# Inter-House Quiz



The children were put through their paces in this year's Inter-House Quiz. The houses chose a member from each year group to participate in their team. There were several rounds to test the children, including general knowledge, music, spelling or number and a picture round.

Orwell were victorious ending Yare's winning streak over the last few years. Well done to Orwell!

Mrs Dakin



## Operation Christmas Child

Once again we will be supporting *Operation Christmas Child* - the world's largest children's Christmas project - by filling shoe boxes full of gifts for those children not as fortunate as ours. A short 3-minute film showing children receiving their shoeboxes in Ukraine and Liberia may be watched by clicking on the following link: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIC\\_sHK4mjs](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FIC_sHK4mjs)

Leaflets were sent out before half term, but in summary...

- Please wrap an empty medium-sized shoe box and lid separately.
- Fill it with new gifts\* (see ideas on leaflet)
- You may include a greetings card/photo of you and your family (optional).
- Please do not seal the box, but use an elastic band to keep the lid and box together.
- Affix a label from the leaflet (to indicate the age range and if your box is intended for a boy or girl).

Each box also requires a **£3.00 shipping donation**. You can pay this by cash or cheque (using the envelope attached to the leaflet) and place it in your shoebox, or pay online at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk).

If you do pay online, the website will automatically generate a barcode for you to print off and place inside your shoebox. Paying online also means that the charity will send you an email to let you know exactly where your gift was sent.

Stuck for ideas? **Southwold Post Office is generously offering a 10% discount on all purchases for your shoeboxes** and is happy to help with suggestions from their range of toys, puzzles, pens, stickers, notebooks, tennis balls and other small sports toys, skipping ropes, hats, gloves and more.

Your shoeboxes should be brought to school **first thing on Monday 17 November**. We hope you enjoy filling your gift boxes with Christmas cheer!

\*No food, clothing (other than hats, gloves, caps or scarves), fragile items, liquids, sharp objects, anything of a political, racial or religious nature, medicines, books with many words or hand made or knitted stuffed toys. See leaflet for full exclusions.



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football & Hockey



### FOOTBALL

With the game in doubt due to some heavy rainfall, the Under 11 football team managed to stay focused and produce their best all round game this season.

Henstead got off to the best possible start, applying pressure high up the pitch and winning the ball back which allowed George to go close with two good efforts. After ten minutes of play we got the goal we deserved, with fine play from Nick and George allowing Nick to poke home into the far corner. Henstead managed to stay on top throughout the first half, with some solid goalkeeping when called upon from Sonny, Theo and Oscar ever solid in defence and the tireless running from George, Nick and Louis, matched by that of James and Jasper when used.

The second half began as the first with an early goal from Henstead. With the team mixed about George found himself through on goal and calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner. However the Thorpe House side bounced back with a goal of their own to half our advantage. However this was as good as it got for them as Henstead then ran them ragged, with some fantastic passing moves creating endless amounts of chances to score goals. It was George who grabbed his second of the match, a thunderbolt from Sonny from close to the half way line, with Theo scoring the fifth and final goal.

A fantastic team display with everyone contributing to a fine all-round performance and a 5-1 win. It was pleasing to see everyone listening and taking on board information - by doing this, matched by some superb hard work, the results and quality will shine through.

*Mr Hunter*

### HOCKEY

After what can only be described as a wet start to the day, the skies finally cleared in time for the Under 11 girls first competitive match of the season. Playing hosts to Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School, captain Honey won the toss and chose first pushback.

It was evident that our competitors were going to be a hard nut to break defensively. Although the girls played well, much like the English football team, they could not manage that final pass into the box. At the other end of the pitch, small errors were allowing our guests the opportunity to score, and they took each one, resulting in a 4-0 score at half time.

Sometimes it takes a while to get a grip on a game, and following a half time conflagration, the girls grasped the match firmly in both hands and started to show what they are capable of. Rather than stand back and wait for the ball, the girls battled and frequently won each and every tackle. The pace of the game was at times frantic, with, I am pleased to say, the ball being smacked all over the pitch. This resulted in some lovely runs down the wing.

The girls conceded only once during the second half, a testament to how much they had improved. Although the chance for a much deserved goal presented itself, it was not to be.

Although a 5-0 loss may look bad on paper, there were many positives to come out of this game and I hope the girls can use these in their next fixture.

*Miss Goddard*

# New lunchtime clubs.

Limited places - sign up now!

## Seniors

Starting next week, we will be offering the following (free) lunchtime clubs. To sign up and commit to attending your club until Christmas, give your name to Mrs Mills in the Office - first come, first served.

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| Monday   | STEM Club        |
| Tuesday  | Chess Club       |
| Thursday | Programming Club |

## Juniors

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| Monday   | Computer Club      |
| Thursday | Arts & Crafts Club |

## Mascot Winners



This week's mascot awards for the boy or girl in each year most demonstrating the school value of Resilience go to:

R - Sharpy Crocodile - James  
Y1 - Pete Penguin - Imogen  
Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Ebony  
Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Ewan  
Y4 - Oats Horse - Lily  
Y5 - Terry Turtle - Theo  
Y6 - Hector Hare - Ella

## Parents' Seminar



Monday's Seminar at 4.15pm, will focus on Safeguarding and Child Protection issues. We hope this will be useful to parents.

## Children in Need



This will be the seventh year that The Old School Henstead Choir has sung in Beccles in aid of Children in Need. The choir will again be singing opposite the HSBC bank in Beccles between 10 and 11 a.m. and a Pudsey Bear cake stall will run alongside. Please come along to hear the children sing, buy a Pudsey bun and support this incredibly worthwhile cause. Also a call to all bakers to get baking - Pudsey cases and bags will be available from the Office and any contributions will be most welcome on the afternoon of Thursday 13th and the morning of Friday 14th November. Many thanks. Mrs Taylor

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Mondays 0830-0930

## Chess Challenge



Would participants in the Mathematics Times Table Challenge on 13 November - to raise money for a giant chess set - please collect sponsors and bring completed sponsorship forms back to their form teacher by next Thursday morning. Thank you from the School Council.

## PTFA

### News Extra

**Bonfire Night & Fireworks**  
Tonight Friday 7 November at 6.30pm.

**Next Meeting** Monday 10th November 7pm - informal evening to start making the straw bases for the Christmas wreaths. We will discuss ideas and organisation for the Fayre whilst we are making them! All welcome from 7pm onwards.

**Christmas Fayre** Saturday 29 November 12.30

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