



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 11 October	9.15 Year 2 visits Southwold Beach
Wednesday 12 October	2.15 U11 Hockey v The Abbey (A)
Thursday 13 October	9.15 Year 5 visits Elizabethan House, Great Yarmouth
Saturday 15 October	9.45 Open Morning (Half Day School)

Dates for your diary

Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Holiday Club (booking forms will be sent out soon)
Friday 11 November	8.50 Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead

Message from the Headmaster



Here at The Old School we give thanks every day for the blessings that we have been given at this wonderful school. I welcome a steady stream of boys and girls into my study, keen to tell me about the work that their teachers have asked me to consider for an AI - it is one of the great pleasures of Headship and reinforces the confident, innovative and inspiring teaching and learning that is reflected in the pages of this newsletter. The renovation of the Hall has added hugely to its use as both a teaching space and where we can enjoy Mrs Guildea's delicious lunches together. The laying of the foundation of the new sports pavilion has provoked great curiosity and the temptation to record a hand or footprint for concrete posterity has been avoided - thus far! These are exciting times.

Mr McKinney



Open Morning.

We are looking forward to our next Open Morning on Saturday 15 October. Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to spend the morning with us. Children are always keen to show what they achieve at school. Please encourage guests to arrive between 9.45 and 10am, so that they may choose the options most suited to their interests. (Pupils should arrive for registration at 9.45 - wearing blazers as usual.) Please consider who to invite. **If you are able to put up a poster at your place of work or leisure, we would be very grateful if you would pick one up from the office.**



Nursery News.

Early Years have been bringing fairy tales to life through story telling, acting out, dressing up and role playing. We have enjoyed learning about the following traditional tales:

Jack and the Bean Stalk

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

The Enormous Turnip

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Three Little Pigs.

We were incredibly fortunate to have Suzanne the story weaver come and tell us all five fairy tales. The children listened in suspense as Suzanne acted out the tales and everyone joined in and became characters such as the hairy troll and the big bad wolf!

Too keep us on our toes not all stories ended as we thought. In fact the big bad wolf from the *Three Little Pigs* became a vegetarian after being out smarted by the pigs!

We would like to thank Suzanne for coming in to tell such wonderful stories that captured all our imaginations!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Jack S, who has made tremendous progress over the summer and has returned to Nursery with lots of enthusiasm to learn. Have a wonderful weekend with Sparky Jack!

Reception Roundup.



We have had a very busy week in reception as Goldilocks' three bears came to visit and help us with our learning. We even went on a bear hunt and found a bear in our playground.

In Maths we created a bar chart using information we collected from tasting foods that were sweet, sour and salty. Salted popcorn was the favourite. We also had the opportunity to play with porridge and explore big, medium and small capacities. We liked wet porridge and making cakes!



In Literacy we started to learn some tricky and high frequency words. This is also helping us to practise our writing. We enjoyed looking in story books to see if we could find some of our new words. On Wednesday we had a visiting story teller come and tell us her versions of traditional tales. This was fun because we got to have a go at some acting while she was telling the stories.

Next week the Three Little Pigs will be visiting. Look out for the Big, Bad Wolf!

Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin



Turbulent Times.

Green Britain Centre Visit.

It's always satisfying when an educational visit snugly fits into the learning jigsaw we educationalists endeavour to construct for the children.

Hands-on always beats 'Right... I've done you this worksheet ...' especially if hands-on means hands on the steering wheel of 'Nemesis' the world's coolest electric car. Hands were also useful gripping the rail as we ascended 307 steps to the top of the only wind turbine in Europe with a viewing platform, designed by Sir Norman Foster. Ironically, having just done a workshop on the angles of pitch of model turbine blades we found that the real thing had its angles all wrong and wasn't turning that day. The view was spectacular nevertheless. Back in the Humanities department our debates on climate change should gain a renewable energy of their own.

Mr Butcher



Crafty Movers.

Arts & Crafts Club update

In the Lower School Arts and Crafts club we have been really busy creating already this term.

We made paper collages of our Class Mascots and then spent a couple of sessions making scary decorations for Halloween - ghosts, pumpkins and bats - out of coloured felt.

Last week we made 'Fantastic



Mr Fox' book marks for our Class Reader. It's lots of fun and in the next couple of weeks will be making finger puppets and carving out an actual pumpkin!

Why don't you come and join us? Also, a huge thanks to Nanny Pat, the creative force behind the club.



Pedagogical Ponderings

Three ways help your child develop a love of learning.

Learning is something that excites me, particularly in my role as an educator. Obviously I'm firstly excited about our pupils' learning, but I'm also excited about my own learning. I'm continually on the search for researched and documented methods for developing my practice to ensure that the quality of the education that I deliver can't be beaten.

But... How can we instill a love of learning in our children so that they too will be satisfied on their own quest for knowledge? How can we help children develop a love of learning?

Develop a sense of inquiry and curiosity.

In a knowledge economy, the strongest and most influential people are those who ask questions and try new things. By developing a curiosity, children will engage with real-life scenarios that help them to make their own sense of the world and will

encourage them to ask further questions. As I say to my classes, we should always be asking why?

Develop resilience. Failure is good. With the right mind-set, it doesn't mean that you haven't learned anything; it means that you've found a way not to do something. But sometimes, when children fail, they don't know how to handle it and they give up. Instead of giving up, we should develop a resilience in them that will help them to bounce back and try again. By doing so, they will eventually find that there are new areas of knowledge that they are exploring that the never thought they would.

Show them yourself that you love to learn. Without even realising, the adults in a child's life become, by default, accidental teachers. By looking at our own behaviour, children model themselves on us whether we like it or not. By demonstrating a love of leaning ourselves, we can develop this same nature in them.

Mr Jensen

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cross Country



This years Gresham's Cross Country was the biggest yet, with almost 1,000 competitors across the four races, making for some very closely-fought races.

The races began with the Under 9 Boys team. A good mixture of Year 3 and 4 boys found the going tough. They all had to run to their full potential. Louis returned home first in 20th position with Joey only five places behind him. The remainder of the boys ran strongly to finish in mid-field positions.

Second up were the under 9 girls, possibly our strongest year group on show for the cross country. They all knew what they were capable of and they did not disappoint. Addison was leading for most of the way before falling in the woods, picking herself up and finishing a fantastic 3rd position. The other girls were quickly home with Kate, Emily, Skye, Daisy and Darcey all finishing in the top 50 positions.

The Under 11 races were a little longer and tougher going. Savile found himself near the front at he start. He also took a tumble in the woods, but managed to pick himself up to finish a respectable 40th position. Louis was next home in 63rd as Freddy and Archie

crossed the line almost arm in arm as did Matthew and Alex.

The final race of the day, after a lot of waiting around, was the Under 11 girls, who all gave their very best and no one could be faulted on effort levels. All of our runners came home in the top 200 - a fabulous achievement, with Daisy McDowell finishing a superb 74th position.

Each race contributed to a team event and the final team positions are listed below. Mention must be made, however, of the truly remarkable effort from our Under 9 girls, who managed to finish 2nd out of 45 teams overall.

Many thanks to all parents who supported the event on the day.

Team Results:

U9 Girls	2nd (out of 45 competing schools)
U9 Boys	4th " " " " "
U11 Boys	10th " " " " "

Mr Hunter & Mrs Jensen



Outdoor Education



Year 3 achieved some excellent results in their shelter building during their Outdoor Education lesson this week.

They demonstrated some sound engineering skills, as well as good communication and teamwork skills.

They are now looking forward to learning about the three elements of heat, oxygen and fuel and how they assist in field survival skills.

We look forward to welcoming parents to the Outdoor Learning Area during our Open Morning.



Mascot Winners



This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating the school value Confidence, were awarded to:

Reception: Samuel (For showing confidence in making new friends and breaking barriers.)

Year 1: Lola (Continuing to show super confidence when making new friends.)

Year 2: Marli (For giving such a confident show and tell.)

Year 3: Isabelle N (For hard work in maths and developing confident times table knowledge.)

Year 4: Honor (For confidently contributing to classroom discussions.)

Year 5: Sophia (For confidently approaching difficult maths problems and working hard to overcome them.)

Year 6: Tilly (For confidently jumping into her role as Head of School and performing the job with gusto.)

Last week's mascot winners (awarded at the beginning of this week owing to the cross country fixture last Friday) were:

Reception: Amelia
Year 1: Lola
Year 2: George
Year 3: Penelope
Year 4: Emily
Year 5: Tabatha
Year 6: Lily

Well done all.

LAMDA Success



We are delighted to report the latest LAMDA examinations success. Tilly achieved a Merit award and Tabatha a Distinction. Both pupils studied hard for their examinations, under the wonderful direction of their LAMDA teacher Mrs Camplin. Well done all.

We are also pleased to announce that the school has been awarded an Examinations Centre status by LAMDA, with the first examinations taking place at the school next month.

Humanities Studies



This week Year 6 pupils were introduced to the Touareg way of life and customs as part of their discussion about conflict resolution in their Humanities Studies. They were welcomed into their lesson held in a tent by a Touareg teacher!



Circuits Breakers.

Our Year Two engineers enjoyed a science lessons building circuits this week, with some spectacular results.



Golf Day



Calling all golf enthusiasts. We are holding a **Golf Day after the Open Morning next Saturday 15 October**, at 2pm at Rookery Park Golf Club (a Par 3 course). All parents and friends are invited to join this event. For further details or to sign up, please see Mr Hunter.

School Photos



If any parents forgot to drop their school photograph orders in today, please ensure that you drop them into the office by first thing Monday morning. Thank you.

Beckham Bike



Pupils were delighted to have the opportunity to get up close to a Harley Davidson bike that once belonged to David Beckham. The gleaming bike was proudly displayed on our playing fields for all to see.

Bags2School



Collection sacks have gone out in pupils' bags for the Bags2School collection on Friday 21 October (last day before half term). We appreciate your support in fundraising for our school PTFA.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(term time)

Tuesdays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA

News Extra

Cheese & Wine Evening followed by PTFA AGM

Monday 10 October 6.30pm in the school hall. Everyone welcome. Please come along and support the PTFA, share ideas and make new friends.

Bonfire Night & Fireworks
Friday 11 November. Watch this space for more information and ticket details.



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