



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 11 May

Book Fair Begins

9.30 Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

4.10 Parents' Seminar - Healthy, Happy Learning

9.00 Year 2 visits Africa Alive

Tuesday 12 May

2.00 U11 Cricket v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)

Wednesday 13 May

Pool closed for refurbishment. Gymnastics as normal.

Thursday 14 May

2.00 U9 Cricket v Thorpe House Langley Prep (H)

Friday 15 May

2.00 U9 Rounders v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)

Saturday 16 May

Open Morning (for parents, grandparents, friends and family)

Dates for your diary

Friday 22 May

Henstead Hike in aid of *CLIC Sargent* (whole school event)

Message from the Headmaster



We have returned from a week of outdoor learning and all hands have been to the pumps in preparation for our concert in aid of *CLIC Sargent*. It promises to be a most enjoyable evening and I am most grateful to the Reverend Charles Croll and our friends at The United Reformed Church in Southwold for their warm welcome and support. It is always heartening to see how hard the boys, girls and staff are prepared to work for those who deserve our support. My thanks to everyone involved. We are also looking forward to the Open Morning at the close of next week - the school is certainly blooming and there is talk that juvenile woolly visitors may again be in attendance!

Mr McKinney

Open Morning Saturday 16 May 2015

We will throw open the doors to parents, grandparents and visitors once again at our Open Morning on Saturday 16 May, when we invite people to come into the school and see lessons in action. The children are always keen for family and friends to see what they get up to at school and it is a great opportunity to see the varied learning activities in progress across the entire school.

We would ask that visitors arrive at 10am on the day (pupils should arrive for registration at 9.45) as the programme of activities and tours is organised around a schedule that is explained at the start of the morning, so that visitors can select the options relevant to their children and/or particular interests. The Nursery will be open for any families wishing to bring children of Nursery age or are interested to look round and meet the Nursery team.

We would be grateful if you would start to consider who to invite, since this will be the last Open Morning during this academic year. (The next one will be in the Autumn.) Postcards will go out in bags at the beginning of the week. Please contact the office if you would like a poster for display. We do appreciate your help in spreading the word.

The Old School Henstead
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Open Morning

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Tonight's Concert.

Supporting

CLIC
Sargent



Tonight's concert promises to be a varied and interesting programme - there will be songs from the Junior and Senior Choirs, a Year Five recorder ensemble and the Year Six recorder consort. We shall also hear from the winners of the Inter-House choral speaking competition and various soloists. Tickets are not required, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of CLIC Sargent and refreshments will be served after the event.

The venue is the United Reformed Church (next to Barclays Bank on Southwold High Street).

Please invite family and friends to support the children's performances and help us raise lots of money for such a great charity.

PROGRAMME

THE INVENTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT - DEBEN HOUSE

The winners of our inter-house choral speaking competition present

The Inventor's Advertisement by Gerard Benson

Born in 1931 in London, Benson was evacuated to Norfolk in the Blitz. After a period in the Navy where he was stationed in Gibraltar as a teacher, acquiring the nickname 'Shakespeare', he published children's books and edited anthologies for Puffin, winning the Signal Award and being shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal. He is perhaps best known as a prime mover of the Poems on the Underground movement in 1986, which aimed to bring poetry to a wider audience.

WOULDN'T IT BE LOVERLY FROM MY FAIR LADY - TILLY DODDS

Lyrics: Lerner Music: Loewe

Tilly Dodds takes on the famous role of Eliza Doolittle as she longs for a more comfortable life.

ONCE UPON A DREAM FROM JEKYLL AND HYDE - SARAH HUBBARD

by Frank Wildhorn

The musical thriller, from the novel *The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* by Robert Louis Stevenson, opened on Broadway in 1997 winning much acclaim. Sarah Hubbard sings this lyrical song as the character Emma wonders why Dr Jekyll is so secretive.

WHEN I'M SIXTY FOUR - YEAR SIX RECORDER CONSORT

Lennon and McCartney arr. Pitts

Released in 1967 on the Beatles' album *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club*, the song is sung by a young man to his lover, and is about his plans for growing old together with her. Although the theme is ageing, it was one of the first songs McCartney wrote, when he was only 16.

THERE'S NO-ONE QUITE LIKE GRANDMA - JUNIOR CHOIR

Words and Music: Gordon Lorenz

A tribute to grannies everywhere!

THE BODY SONG - JUNIOR CHOIR

Words and Music: Mark and Helen Johnson

A lively action song celebrating individuality.

STREET BEAT - PIANO SOLO - ISABELLE ROUTLEDGE

by Alan Bullard

The challenges of this lively Grade Two piece include syncopated rhythms and a left hand melody section.

YOU RAISE ME UP - CHOIR

Words: Brendan Graham Music: Rolf Løvland

Composed by and for Løvland himself in 2002, parts of the melody resemble the traditional Irish tune, *The Londonderry Air*. It was performed for the very first time at the funeral of his mother. Here he noted "there's something about the song people are embracing - which becomes emotionally strong". He approached the Irish novelist and songwriter, Brendan Graham, to write lyrics after reading his novels. The Irish band *Westlife* then popularized the song in the United Kingdom two years later.

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL - CHOIR

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander Music: Rutter

John Rutter (b1945) has been described as the greatest living choral composer and certainly no carol service is complete without at least one of his festive arrangements. This piece is typical of Rutter's lyrical style, an inspired melody beautifully written for the voice.

JOSHUA FIT THE BATTLE OF JERICO - CHOIR

Words: Traditional Music: Traditional, arranged Dorsey

An energetic arrangement of this ever popular African-American spiritual, believed to have been composed by slaves in the early 19th century and performed by numerous artists ranging from Paul Robeson (1925) to Hugh Laurie (2011).

SPRING ASSEMBLY - SONNY DAKIN-BUTLER

Poem by Gerard Benson

presented by the Year Six winner of the individual poetry recitation competition.

WHO'S THERE - ISABELLE ROUTLEDGE

Poem by James Kirkup

James Kirkup (1918 - 2009) began writing simple verses and rhymes from the age of six, becoming a prolific poet, translator and travel writer. *Who's there* is an evocative poem, full of mystery and is performed for us by the Year Five winner of the poetry competition.

WALKING TOGETHER - PIANO SOLO - NICHOLAS SAUNDERS

A sprightly jazz piece by the ever popular Christopher Norton.

TANGO ARGENTINE - YEAR FIVE RECORDER ENSEMBLE

Shades of Strictly and a hint of things to come!

SKIMBLESHANKS FROM CATS - CHOIR

Words: T S Eliot Music: Andrew Lloyd Webber

Cats opened in 1981 and continued for twenty-one years, making it the fourth longest running West End musical. Eliot's *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* provided the inspiration and Skimbleshanks is the Cat who is unofficially in charge of the night train to Glasgow.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY FROM STEAM! - CHOIR

Words and Music: Alan Simmonds

The Great Western Railway (GWR) was a British railway company that linked London with the south-west and west of England and most of Wales. The company was founded at a public meeting in Bristol in 1833 and Isambard Kingdom Brunel, then aged twenty-nine, was appointed engineer. This intricate three-part song details the courage and foresight of all those involved.



Down on the farm!

Reception



The Reception children were treated to a fabulous trip to The Blois' pig farm on Wednesday morning. Dressed for the occasion in our raincoats and wellies, we set off to see the pigs.



We began our visit with the youngest pigs and were fortunate enough to hold or stroke a piglet which had been born the previous day. We found out that a massive 750 piglets are born every week on their farm and Mr and Mrs Blois are responsible for 22,000 pigs!



We then went on to visit slightly older pigs in their 'piggy school'. The children said it looked like they were having their playtime as they were all chasing about and enjoying the fresh air! The children were particularly fond of the ginger pig and Bertie informed us that its name is Gingie!



Next came the grown up pigs, who were very pleased to see us and came running over to welcome their new visitors. The children loved being so close and a few of the children wanted to touch and feed them. George even said that one of them nibbled him on the bottom!



We finished off by climbing up and down a huge tractor and sitting in the driver's seat.

A huge thank you goes out to Mr and Mrs Blois for giving us such a wonderful experience that we'll never forget.
Miss Coxon



Caring for our Animals.

Year Two



The long-awaited Year Two animal projects are well under way. We have all chosen an animal, shared with our classmates why we chose it, and have looked at which of the five animal classifications our animals fall into: Bird, Fish, Mammal, Mini Beast or Reptile.

While we are busy gathering information and facts about our own individual animals, we had a trip to Redwings to help us to start to look at Health, Care, Protection and Conservation of our own animals.



Redwings is the UK's largest horse sanctuary, caring for over 1,500 horses, ponies, donkeys and mules every day. Their good work is funded solely by donations and they give their animals the best possible care so they can eventually be rehomed or enjoy a home for life at the Sanctuary.

The children had a tour of all the animals in their paddocks – they enjoyed hearing the back-story (mostly very sad) of the animals but especially enjoyed feeding Ginger Snaps to the braying donkeys!



Each child participated in a grooming session of the Shetland ponies and learnt at least one horse/pony/donkey-related fact over lunch to share with the rest of the group.

A democratic vote followed and the class decided to adopt Esther, a small brown donkey who had a horrible start to life on a Buckinghamshire farm.

Thanks to all the wonderful staff at Redwings for a super day, and special thanks to Mrs Warnes for being our parent-helper on this trip.



Miss Kay & Mrs Dakin

Pedal power.



Outdoor Learning has been central to Year 5 and Year 6 activities this week. Bikes of all shapes and sizes invaded the school and eager cyclists clad in an array of designer headgear. Bikeability is providing our children with cycling proficiency for the 21st century.

Confidence and skill building form the core of intensive training. Kick starting with Level 1, the children were assessed and able to develop their basic skills in a safe environment away from traffic and road hazards.



Moving on to Level 2 and out on to the roads, the opportunities for learning elevated as the children experience 'real' cycling. Led by fully-qualified Cycle Training Instructors, pupils grappled with junctions, rights of way and moving obstacles that must be avoided.

What the pupils had to say –

'I think it is a good opportunity for us to be safe on a bike. We all like biking and this will help us to improve.'



'We learnt how to ride on the road safely. We had the right clothing and were taught to do the M check.'

'The M check is really important. We check the front wheels, the handle bars, the pedals, the seat, the back wheels, the spool and the brakes. It is called the M test because if you do it in the correct order it will look like an M'.

Outdoor Learning at its best.





Nursery News.

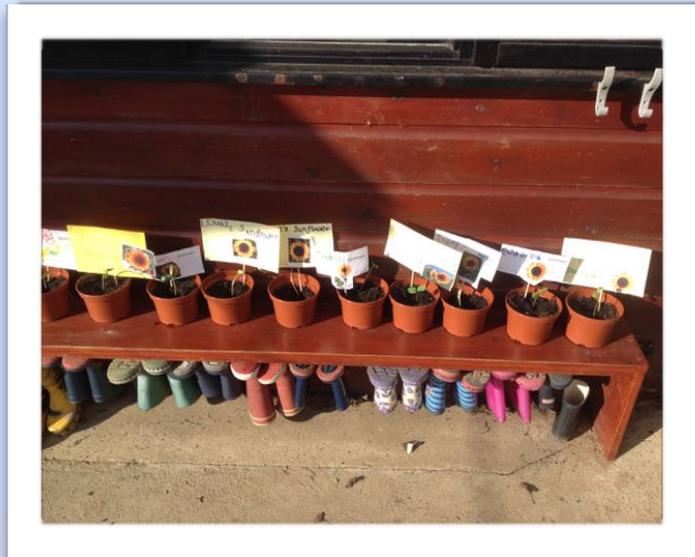


Sunflower Update.

There has been a lot of change over the past week as shoots have started to make an appearance. The children were very excited to see the sudden growth after the long weekend.

We watched a time lapse video of how a sunflower grows. It was quite fascinating. We found out that once the sunflower has bloomed and is ready to die, the seeds fall from the head and the process starts again.

The children have taken their sunflowers home to keep a close eye on them. We would love to have photo updates of their growth on Tapestry!



Nursery Star of the Week

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Theo for making good overall progress and for his super name writing.

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher





School Council News.

In response to the pupils' voice, The School Council is holding a fundraising event during next week. The goal is to equip the play shed with a variety of fun resources, specifically for the benefit of the younger children during break times.

All pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Two will complete in three specific circuit activities, each activity lasting one minute.

Sponsorship forms have been issued and we hope that you will feel able to support the School Council.

Parents' Seminars



We will be holding two seminars for parents this term, where we will share developments to the Henstead curriculum:

Healthy, Happy Learning
Monday 11 May 4.10pm

Year Three 2015/16
Monday 18 May 4.10pm.

Please save the dates. All parents are welcome to attend.

PTFA
News Extra

Summer Fayre Wednesday
1 July, following Sports Day.

Henstock Festival Saturday
11 July 2pm. Save the date!

Henstead Hike



Registered Charity 1107328

Following tradition, our annual Henstead Hike on Friday 22 May will be a whole school charity fundraising event - this year in aid of *CLIC Sargent*. Children from Nursery through Year 6 will take part in this sponsored walk, starting at age-appropriate points along the route.

Parents are also invited to join us for a great day in aid of a fantastic charity. Sponsorship forms and further details will be issued soon, but in the meantime an online fundraising page has been set up on Virgin Money Giving: www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike2015

14 days to go. Will you be our first sponsor?

T20 Cricket Trip



We have 10 tickets available for the Natwest T20 blast match between Northamptonshire Steelbacks and Lancashire. The match is on Friday 19 June starting at 6.30pm. We will leave school at 3pm. As with previous trips we will be offering overnight stay at school. The cost is £25.00 and open to all children in Years 3-6. Should you be interested or wish more information, please see Miss Goddard or Mr Hunter.

Mascot Winners

This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating our school value Teamwork, are:

- Reception - Charlotte
- Year One - Francis
- Year Two - Louis
- Year Three - Nathan
- Year Four - Daniel
- Year Five - Theo
- Year Six - Sonny

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