



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

10-18 February

Half Term

Calendar for week after half term

Tuesday 20 February

1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming

1.30 Parent & Toddler Group

2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics

Thursday 22 February

9.15 Year 3 visit to Foxburrow Farm

Friday 23 February

8.45 Year 2 Assembly

Year 2 Open Classroom (for parents)

10.00 U11 Netball Tournament v Framlingham (A)

Dates for your diary

Friday 23 March

7pm Concert at United Reformed Church, Southwold

Tuesday 27 March

2.30 Spring Concert (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)

Thursday 29 March

8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead



Message from the Headmaster

It has been an extremely busy week to finish this half of term and I am sure that the boys and girls are looking forward to a well-earned rest with their families. The inter-house drama competition was a fitting highlight and illustrated just how well our senior pupils work with the younger years. The panel of judges was chosen for lack of house allegiance and you can read their deliberations in this letter. We look forward to an adventurous second half of term - plans for the *Henstead Hike* are already ripening! Mr McKinney

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow.



Ecosystem Broadcast.



The children in Year 3 demonstrated their passion for looking after the environment in their assembly this morning.

They talked about the Earth's ecosystems, reminded us of how important they are to all life, and gave some good advice about what we can do to protect them for our benefit and that of future generations.

The children articulated their points most eloquently, and we were treated to a news broadcast from the 'Henstead Studios' and an interview live on location from a litter-strewn beach.

To top it all off they sang a moving rendition of *I am The Earth*, a song which reminds us of how truly precious our planet is.

A sterling effort Year 3 - bravo!

Mrs Sonn



Shrove Tuesday Celebrations.



As Shrove Tuesday will fall during our half term break next week, we studied the significance of this event in our RE lessons this week. The day is traditionally marked by feasting and celebration, preceding the observance of the Lenten fast in the weeks leading up to Easter.



As a special treat we concluded our studies with cooking lessons in year groups, making our own pancakes from scratch. We followed a recipe to weigh and measure the fresh ingredients and perfected our whisking techniques.



As each pancake was cooked, pupils enjoyed the opportunity to toss their pancake before selecting their toppings and eating the delicious results while warm.



Perhaps you will mark next week's Shrove Tuesday with more pancakes at home.

Miss Coxon





Reception Roundup.



Thank you to all the visitors who came to see us on our open morning. We were all amazed by the sticky ice experiment and loved showing off our classroom.

We welcomed the snowy weather on Tuesday, although we were disappointed we couldn't make a snowman. We were treated to hot chocolate and marshmallows nonetheless! This was also a special day for our New Zealand teachers and we enjoyed a story from Mr Jensen all about Waitangi Day.



We continue to develop our sentence writing, digraph and tricky words during our daily phonics and enjoy using this knowledge while we explore new things.

During maths lessons we have been talking about money, measuring and using language such as short and tall. We especially enjoyed using cubes to measure penguins and polar bears and then measuring things using different methods around the school.

In games lessons we have been learning the skills and rules to play netball and practising for cross country. We enjoy running and are all getting really fast!



The end of this half term was finished with a trip to Great Yarmouth Sea Life Centre where we had the opportunity to see penguins being fed, as well as many other animals that live in the sea. We also had the opportunity to practise using money in the shop and show off our Henstead confidence.

Have a lovely half term rest, and don't forget pancake day! We had ours early in Reception....

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin





**Safer
Internet
Day 2018** | Tuesday
6 February

Create, connect and share respect:
A better internet starts with you

Safer internet.



The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge.

Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. Potential online risks can be categorised into 4 main groups:

Conduct: children may be at risk because of their own behaviour, for example, by sharing too much information

Content: age-inappropriate or unreliable content can be available to children

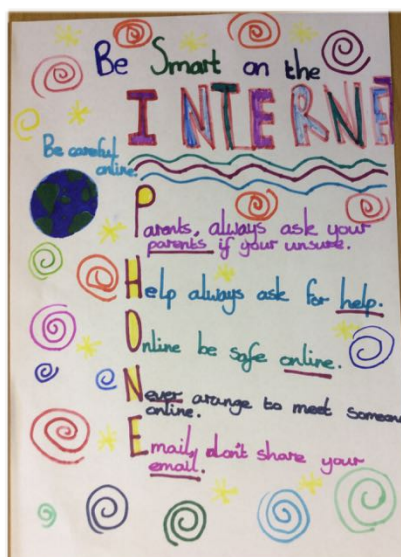
Contact: children can be contacted by bullies or people who groom or seek to abuse them

Commercialism: young people can be unaware of hidden costs and advertising in apps, games and websites

In relation to these risks, the role of both the school and parents is to educate children in identifying, understanding and avoiding the risks.

During the week, Year 6 delivered an assembly to Key Stage 1, Year 2 delivered a thoughtful piece for Key Stage 1 and Reception and we had an insightful seminar with parents on Tuesday evening.

Mr M Hunt and Mr E Hunter



Lighthouse Explorers.

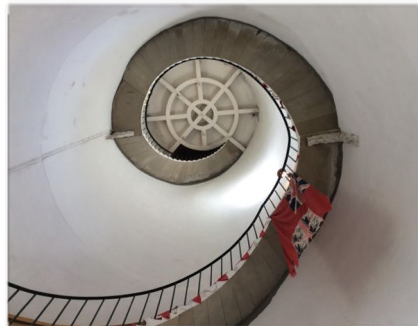


The Year 1 children set off in the snow to Happisburgh Lighthouse to learn about how a lighthouse works and to support our recent studies in science and literacy. We were greeted by the Lighthouse Warden who explained he was a local volunteer. Carefully holding onto the hand rail, the Year 1 children scaled the spiral stair case to find out about the history and workings of the lighthouse.



Happisburgh Lighthouse has guided sailors safely around the treacherous Haisborough Sands since 1791. There were originally two lighthouses built: a lower one and the current high one. By keeping the lights in line above one another, mariners were kept clear of the southern end of the sands. The lower lighthouse was discontinued and demolished due to cliff erosion in the 1880s.

Lighthouses keepers lived on site using candles until 1929. With the introduction of acetylene, automatic light control became possible and a part time attendant was appointed for routine maintenance.



In 1988 the lighthouse was scheduled for closure after almost 200 years. A campaign by the local community led to the operational lighthouse being transferred to the Happisburgh Lighthouse Trust in 1990. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and HRH Princess Royal have both visited the lighthouse as Patron of the Friends of Happisburgh Lighthouse.



Lunch followed by fun in the park ended a wonderful day! Mrs Loader



Greek Myth House Drama.



Had you wandered into the hall on Thursday morning you might have believed you were time travelling. A landscape of ancient Greece complete with temple, numerous togas, golden trumpets, helmets, swords, masks, monsters, gods and heroes were all excitedly gathered to compete for the house drama prize.....and what a super morning of entertainment it was!

At the beginning of term the houses selected an envelope at random each of which contained the title of a Greek myth, with the following results.

Orwell - Theseus and The Minotaur

Waveney - Medusa

Yare - King Midas

Deben - Daedalus and Icarus.

Their task was to develop the story into a play and perform it to the rest of the school.

The judges, who looked at how each house managed to involve all the children, their enjoyment in telling the story, use of clear audible diction and awareness of the audience as well as the choice and use of props and costumes, had the unenviable job of selecting a winner. And what a difficult task it was! There were so many fine individual performances and colourful moments. Every house showed strengths in particular areas. For Waveney it was the excellent stage management with well rehearsed exits and entrances as well as some amazingly authentic-looking Greek masks. Deben's costumes were a delight, (not least the wings of Icarus and Daedalus!) the story was acted out very clearly and they allowed their audience to decide the fate of their characters. Orwell's story was full of action and there was great involvement from the whole house while Yare showed a strong sense of performance with an excellent announcement at the beginning and much audience participation.

After much debate and consultation it was decided that first place should be shared between Yare and Deben with Waveney and Orwell as joint runners up.

Deben House would like to thank Mrs Speed-Andrews for the wonderful costumes which added so much to their performance.



Nursery News.



There was a science focus in Nursery this week. We used *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to initiate discussions about healthy eating, how our bodies work and how things change. The children investigated what would happen to their bodies when Mr Hunter took them on a "cross-country run" and they enjoyed looking at the internal organs in the anatomy model. We made our healthy lunches so we could focus on protein, vitamins, fruit and vegetables and talked about how when we cook, the taste, texture and appearance of the food changes. The children enjoyed turn taking whilst playing a game about healthy packed lunches. The highlight for most of us was watching a volcanic demonstration by Miss Butcher and we talked about the reaction that happens when vinegar and bicarbonate of soda are mixed together. The children have been motivated, engaged, actively learning, and thinking critically this week. What Nursery teacher could ask for more?



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Violette. Priscilla will be going for a sleepover with Violette this weekend because she has seen how kind she is and always lets children join in her games.

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Football



ANOTHER WIN FOR GIRLS' FOOTBALL

This week the Girls Football team were back in action, playing their second leg but this time hosting Beccles Primary Academy.

With a large crowd gathered, full of cheer and 'On the ball Henstead' being sung, the girls put on an impressive performance. A slow but steady start was made, with the attacking formation of Olivia, Rebecca, Kate, Daisy and Ebony causing problems in the final third, but with no luck in breaking the deadlock. At the other end we saw Emily nullifying any break away attacks from the visitors and if they did make it passed her we had Ayla in defence trying out her new slide tackle technique on anyone who dared to come close enough.

With 10 minutes played and with constant pressure, the girls finally took the lead - a lovely breakaway move saw Kate score from the edge of the box. This opened the floodgates, with Olivia, Daisy, Ebony and Rebecca all scoring before half time. Down the other end Imogen found herself a spectator for much of the first half, however she

had everyone applauding a truly amazing save, showing speed, agility and bravery to run backwards and tip the ball around the post, undaunted by colliding with it.

At the interval, the girls were told to keep the work rate up, not only to win the game, but to stay warm in the bitterly cold conditions! The second half mirrored the first, with Henstead scoring at will with everyone adding to the tally for the afternoon, including a hat trick from Ebony and four from Olivia. As always when required Beccles found Imogen and Ayla in inspired form and determined to keep a clean sheet for the afternoon.

A clear margin of victory, 14-0 and one which the Henstead girls really deserved for individually and collectively they were superb all game.

Mr Hunter



Science Prize.



The winner of the science prize for building the best water filter was awarded to Kate in Year Five.

Kate was presented with book tokens, having designed and built an effective filter, after testing a range of possible materials. Her classmates produced a wide range of filters, some, like Kate's winning entry, in tower format, others as unusual as a tripod with cloth filters suspended at different levels.

We are looking forward to the whole school science investigation during the second half of term, together with a return to the education department at Sizewell.

Well done Kate!

New Lunch Menus



Our new menus starting after half term will be posted on our website after the holiday:

<https://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

Favourite dishes will include:

Blythburgh Pork Sausages

Chicken Korma

Shepherd's Pie

Roast Pork

Deep Pan Pizza

Braised Brisket of Beef

Breaded Cod

Roast Turkey

Spaghetti Bolognaise

Barbecue Chicken and more.

Table Tennis Gift



We would like to thank the Aylward family for their generous gift of a table tennis table and equipment. The Aylward children, now grown up, were educated at The Old School Henstead.

Mascots on Holiday



Our mascots are off skiing next week and will return after half term, when our focus will be on our next school value - Adventure.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA News Extra

Easter Bingo Friday 16
March 1800

Next PTFA Meeting Friday
Friday 27 April 2018 at
1430. All welcome.



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