



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Wednesday 28 September Year 5 Assembly
10.50 School Council Meeting
2.30 U9 & U11 Football v Crowfoot (A)
Friday 30 September 8.00 Gresham's Cross Country

Dates for your diary

Saturday 15 October 9.45 Open Morning (Half Day School)
Monday 24 - Friday 28 October Holiday Club (booking forms will be available soon)
Friday 11 November 8.50 Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead

Message from the Headmaster



The beginning of term has not only seen a boost in confidence for our young learners here at Old School, but has also allowed them to demonstrate a good measure of resilience. The Leadership programme for our Year Five and Six pupils was conducted in torrential rain and the lessons of clear communication, focus on the task in hand, timing and planning were rapidly learnt as we all got soaked! The boys and girls rose to the challenge magnificently and were keen to improve their skills, especially as regards looking out for the needs of the younger members of the school. They can be justly proud of their achievements.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning.



Kindly save the date for our next Open Morning on Saturday 15 October. As a result of the three Saturday Open Mornings over the course of the year we have been able to extend the length of our Autumn half term break. Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to spend the morning with us and it is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning. 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.**

Silver Darlings in Great Yarmouth.



Year Two is learning all about the seaside this term. Being fortunate enough to live where we do, the children know well all the things we can do at the seaside for fun. We have also been looking at all the jobs that exist at the seaside as a result of leisure and tourism, and we have been thinking about this in a historical context too. And that is what Tuesday's trip was all about: when Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft were at their height in terms of job creation during the 1930's herring fishing industry.

Our day started with a tour on the *Lydia Eva*, an 86 year old steam drifter capable of catching 200,000 herring in one go. (It was their record catch!) The children were given a tour of the deck, the engine room, the galley, the sleeping quarters and wheel room and had great fun winding up the fog horn, speaking through pipes to communicate and learning about how steam from coal powered the enormous engine. The children saw how all the fish were stored in the hull and brought to the quay in baskets ready to be sold, gutted, stored and smoked ready for consumption.

We then went over to the *Time and Tide Museum* for a fishing workshop with Polly Ward, which was sensational. The *Time and Tide* is a converted Victorian herring curing works and is really worth a visit if you haven't been. Polly the Fisher Girl gave all the children a costume and a job within the fishing industry:

dressed in smocks, Sou'westers and a fisherman's coat made of oilskin, James, George, Marli, Phillip and Johnny were responsible for catching the fish. Caleb was the boat owner and was dressed in fancy tailoring as he perused his catch from the quayside before selling it on. Bertie was employed in the smokehouse, climbing the beams to hang up all the herring for smoking. Charlotte was working hard spearing the fish on the wooden stakes and passing them up to Bertie, as well as doubling as a Scottish Fisher Girl with "Georgina" and Polly to work in a team of three gutting the herrings, covering them in salt and then packing them into barrels of brine. The children even saw how to gut a herring, quite a bloody process which took Polly nineteen seconds to complete and then were amazed to learn that the Fisher Girls could gut a herring in one second - yes, that's sixty per minute!

A huge thank you to Fran, Les and Bob at the *Lydia Eva* and Polly and her team at the *Time and Tide Museum* as we had an excellent, fun and fact-filled day.

Also, don't forget to come and see our fantastic Silver Darlings herring collage the children have been working on in Art with Mr Butcher.

Miss Kay and Mr Butcher



Reception Roars Ahead.



We have been continuing with our traditional tales theme in reception this week and have been acting out *The Enormous Turnip* through drama as well as tasting roasted turnip.

With the Harvest Festival being our first visit to St Mary's Church we have learnt why we celebrate Harvest time and embraced an autumnal theme within in our classroom, whilst still enjoying some outside learning in the lovely warm weather.

We used leaves, in art, to make leaf rubbings and hedgehogs.

Our ICT lesson involved using the interactive white board to learn how to protect and care for hedgehogs.

We continue to develop our phonics and numbers on a daily basis through topic based provision that supports the children's fine motor control.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Computer Confidence.

On Friday afternoon Year Two shared their ICT expertise with Year One by showing them how to use the Dance Mat Typing programme, which is on the ICT curriculum this term for KS1.

Dance Mat Typing is a fun way to learn to touch type and encourages the children to use both hands from the very beginning. Year Two pupils were confidently explaining how to use the programme and by the end of the session the Year One children were working independently.

Bertie was keen to give out a gold star to Oliver as he was "really getting the hang of this". It was lovely to see the children interacting, the Year Two children, cementing their learning (by explaining how to do it to somebody else) and for them to encourage the Year One children on their ICT journey for this year. Well done everybody!

Miss Kay and Ms Thomson





Rude, Mean or Bullying?

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*When someone says or does something **unintentionally** hurtful and they do it once, that's RUDE.

*When someone says or does something **intentionally** hurtful and they do it once, that's MEAN.

*When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it, even when you tell them to stop or show them you are upset, that's BULLYING.

At The Old School Henstead we are committed to zero tolerance of any type or degree of bullying behaviour. It is of the utmost importance that all pupils feel safe and are consequently able to develop to their full potential.

Year Six delivered a powerful assembly to all pupils across the age range. The message was clear to all – if at any time you feel that you are being treated unkindly by another pupil, you must speak to someone and share your worries. That someone may be a parent, a friend or a teacher. Should any of you feel that

talking directly to someone else will be too difficult for you, the School Council suggestion box may be used to post confidential notes to any member of staff. These will then be acted upon and support provided.

Remember we want every one of you to be Happy at Henstead.

Miss Clifton



School Council News.

A new academic year and the opportunity for a new School Council. We value the voice of our pupils and the contribution that their participation as elected members provides.

Our PSHEE syllabus allows time for all pupils to understand the democratic process and the benefits to all that can arise.

Voting at our Monday Election was brisk and enthusiastically completed. Head of School Council Jack McTavish took on the administrative responsibility, ably counted and verified the result. The mechanics of the Polling Station were professionally handled by all members of Year Six.

Thank you to all those who stood and congratulations to the newly elected members. Jack and I look very much towards working with you as representatives of your peers.

The results of Monday's School Council Election are as follows:

Year 1 - Amelie and Tom

Year 2 - James and George

Year 3 - Darcey and Isabelle

Year 4 - Daisy and Charlie

Year 5 - Tabatha and Alex

Year 6 - Louis and Bethany

Our first meeting will take place at 10.50am on Wednesday 28 September.

Miss Clifton

Gymnastics Gallery.

We thought you might like a glimpse of some of this week's gymnastics action.

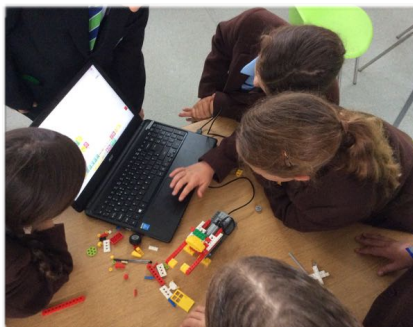
Great enthusiasm and progress is evident already.





Lego Innovation.

Our budding engineers in Year Six enjoyed an excellent workshop this week at the Lego Innovation Suite at East Point Academy, learning how to programme and build electronically-controlled objects.



Mascot Awards



The mascot winners, for best demonstrating Confidence this week, are as follows:

Reception	Elliot
Year One	Tom
Year Two	Bertie
Year Three	Harry S
Year Four	Rosie
Year Five	Alex
Year Six	Bethany

Thank you

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**



Thank you to everyone who so kindly baked for and donated to this morning's event in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We are most grateful for your generosity. The final total will be reported in next week's newsletter.

Twitter



To keep up with school news, events and sports results between newsletters, do follow us on twitter: <https://twitter.com/OldSchoolHstead>

Reluctant twitterers need only open a (free) twitter account and follow us, without posting any of their own tweets.

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 7-9pm 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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