



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 15 November
Thursday 17 November

Year 2 visits Gressenhall Museum
Non-uniform day in aid of *Children in Need*
9.15 Beccles Librarian visits Nursery
'Flu Vaccination for Years 1-3 (for those who submitted consent forms)
Craft Afternoon
10.30 Choir sings for *Children in Need*, Beccles town centre (adjacent to HSBC)

Friday 18 November

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22 November
Wednesday 23 November
Saturday 26 November
Friday 9 December
Wednesday 14 December
Thursday 15 December
Friday 16 December

3.50 & 4.20 Junior & Senior Concerts
Book Fair Begins
12-3 PTFA Christmas Fayre
PTFA Christmas Parties
9.15 Nursery Nativity
2.00 School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead
School Christmas Lunch
7pm Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead

Message from the Headmaster

There has been no lack of resilience as the boys and girls have returned to school for one of the busiest seasons of the School year. It is also very much a time when we think of others. Our Remembrance service today and the poppies that the children made helped us to focus on the supreme sacrifice made by so many so that we can enjoy freedom to lead our lives in peace. The numerous conflicts that continue to plague our world have given us one of our chosen charities for this year in *Christian Aid*. We will try to raise enough to buy a "Bethlehem stable" - full of animals and essentials for those in need. More details will follow shortly. May I congratulate our swimming team which acquitted itself so commendably at the ISA East Championships. Next up the national finals at the London Aquatics Centre at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London. *Mr McKinney*



Field of Poppies.

In honour of and to remember those who sacrificed their lives in conflict, pupils created their own individual poppies which were collectively assembled to create this wonderful piece of collage art, under the expert direction of Mr Butcher.



Nursery News.



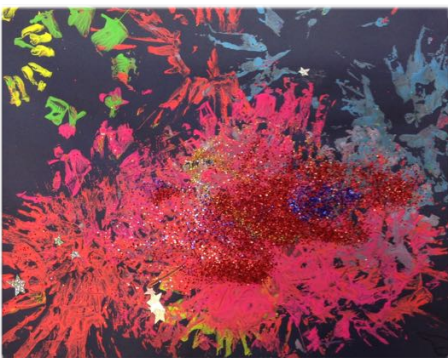
Nursery's first AI

Mia E has been awarded Nursery's first AI for an exceptional piece of artwork. Mia's use of layering the paint on her firework picture and keeping the paint separate was very impressive. Well done Mia for some amazing work!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

Fireworks go

Whizz, bang.
There goes another one,
Whizz, bang.
It's such tremendous fun
Fireworks go up and down,
And round and round and round.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Robin, who has been a kind and caring friend and been looking after the new children. Well done Robin. Have a great weekend with Sparky!

Reception Roundup.



Welcome back to Reception after a lovely half term break. We came back to find a campsite in our classroom to help us explore our topic of *light and dark* through play.

The focus of our literacy lessons this week has been learning our alphabet. We have practised with puzzles, songs and writing.

In Maths we started to use our numbers to ten and how we can add numbers and everyday objects together.

During Art we made bonfire pictures and made our very own Guy Fawkes to put on the bonfire.

A thought provoking end to our week was when we went to church for our Remembrance Day service where we wore our poppies with pride!

Enjoy the school fireworks tonight.

Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin



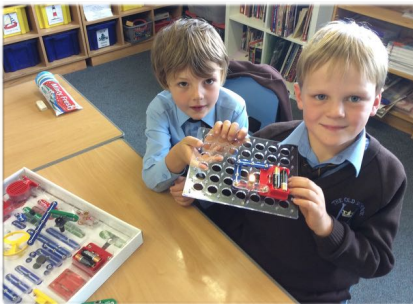
We will remember them.



Some reflective moments from this morning's Remembrance Service and Roll of Honour.



Science Space.



The science programme at The Old School Henstead got off to a great start this year. Year 6 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to use the Lego Mindstorms suite at East Point Academy. Here, they learned the basics of mechanical robotics, using computer programmed instructions to tell a robot to do something. While for most of us robotics seems like a futuristic educational development, it is becoming more and more popular as a means to teaching computer programming in schools. Indeed, we are told that many of the jobs that our children may take up in the future are roles that don't even exist at this point in time. This is yet another piece of evidence that The Old School Henstead is preparing its pupils for the future.

Year 5 have completed their first scientific unit on forces, with a particular focus on Sir Isaac Newton's Three Laws of Motion. The pupils experimented with different objects to test and see the laws of motion in action. This learning culminated in an end-of-unit presentation on the three laws, much of which comprised of very entertaining video clips by our budding scientists.

Year 4 have studied materials. In studying this, they looked at the properties of all different types of materials and how they can be used for different purposes. Ultimately, this unit will culminate in the pupils selecting the best materials for creating a sail boat that they will float on the pond in Southwold. Through the unit, they have also studied conductors and states of matter (solid, liquid, gas).

Year 3 have begun the first part of their integrated science-outdoor education learning. Both Mr Hunt and Mr Hunter have enjoyed the opportunities for making connections between two independent learning areas, in doing so allowing the pupils to see the relevance of what they are learning in the two subjects. The completed dens that the pupils made were of formidable design. Perhaps an overnight stay should be on the cards?

Year 2 have studied electricity. They learned all about how electricity gets into our homes, including the difference between mains and battery. Of course, a real focus has to be becoming aware of the dangers of electricity, and Year 2 are now fully aware of why it is so important to be careful around circuits.

Year 1 have discussed all the different ways that they use water, from taking baths to watering flowers and plants. Afterwards, the pupils looked at all of the different states that water comes in: ice, (liquid) water, steam. They timed how long the frozen creature took to melt and they estimated how long a kettle would take to boil.

Mr Jensen

SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming



Success at ISA Regional Swimming Gala

Our swimming team travelled to Ipswich for the Independent Schools Association (ISA) regional swimming qualifiers on Wednesday. It was a fantastic opportunity for our swimmers to aim for places to represent the Eastern region at the national final which will be held at the Olympic pool in London. There was much excitement as the team prepared for the different races.

First up was Joey and what a way to start, cruising through his 50m Breaststroke to earn himself the first spot to race at the Olympic pool. He followed this up by earning himself another first place in his 50m Freestyle event. This set the tone for how well the Henstead pupils raced all day, with most gaining a top ten finish.

Louis managed to earn himself a heartbreaking second place in his Freestyle and a third in his Butterfly. Freddy managed a second place finish in his Backstroke event. Skye finished fourth in both Freestyle and Backstroke. Archie and George finished fourth and fifth in their races whilst

Matilda finished in an encouraging sixth in her Breaststroke event. Daisy, Lily, Alex and Rachael all performed strongly in their races.

In the final races Tilly earned herself a spot at the nationals when she finished first in her 50m Freestyle event, as well as finishing fourth in her Butterfly.

Team relays also ended on a high, with the Year 4 girls finishing second and the Year 5 boys finishing third.

An excellent morning of swimming from the entire Henstead team, who managed to finish an amazing fourth place overall, doing themselves and the school proud.

We wish both Joey and Tilly the very best when racing at the national championships at the London Aquatics Centre at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in London on Saturday 21 January.

Mr Hunter





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Saturday

NOVEMBER 26th
12-3pm

SANTAS GROTTO, RAFFIE, TEDDY TOMBOLA

CHRISTMAS CAFE,

SPLAT THE SNOWMAN,

GUESS THE REINDEERS NAME,

BOTTLE STALL,

FACE PAINTING,

SWEET JARS

AMAZING WREATHS

AND MUCH MORE...!

Mascot Merits.

This week's mascots have been awarded to the following pupils for best demonstrating our new value for this half term - **RESILIENCE**:



Reception: Edward, for showing confidence and resilience in all areas of school life, especially swimming.

Year 1: Chase, for being resilient in handwriting.

Year 2: Caleb, who just keeps going and going in maths.

Year 3: Harry D, for resilience in the understanding that mistakes lead to learning.

Year 4: Kate, for making a resilient effort to follow instructions.

Year 5: Matthew, for bouncing back into school and making the most of the first week back.

Year 6: Alex, for resiliently working through problems.

Thank you



Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed to our collection at this morning's Remembrance Service. In addition to the donations made via the British Legion collection tins, £124.80 will be divided equally between The Royal British Legion and St Mary's Church Henstead.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(term time)

Tuesdays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Children in Need



Next Friday morning 18 November our choir will perform in Beccles town centre (outside HSBC/Boots area) from 10:30 to raise money for *Children in Need*. At the same time and place the PTFA will also be selling cakes for the same cause. All cake donations are welcome - drop off at school by first thing Friday morning. Please come along and support the children as they help to raise money for less fortunate children. Thank you.

'Flu Vaccination Date

The 'flu vaccination session for children in Years 1-3, whose parents have submitted consent forms, is scheduled to take place on Thursday 17 November in the morning.

Bags2School



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent *Bags2School* collection, which raised £72 for our school PTFA funds.

PTFA News Extra

Bonfire Night & Fireworks
Tonight Friday 11 November.
Tickets on sale from the office.
Adult £5 Child £3

Christmas Craft Afternoon
Thursday 17 November. See letter sent out in book bags.

Children in Need Friday 18 November. Any cake donations most welcome at the office on the Friday morning. (For cake stall alongside choir singing from 10:30 in Beccles).

Christmas Fayre Saturday 26 November 12-3pm. Please invite your family and friends.



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