



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 6 February  
Tuesday 7 February

Wednesday 8 February  
Thursday 9 February

Friday 10 February

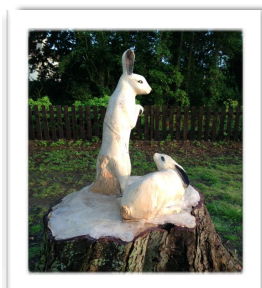
8.45 E-Safety Assemblies  
Safer Internet Day  
4.15 Parents' E-Safety Seminar  
9.15 Year 4 visits Norwich Castle  
8.45 Inter-House Drama Competition  
2.00 Nursery Stay & Play  
8.45 Year 2 Assembly  
3.30/4.10 Half Term Begins

### Dates for your diary

Monday 20 February

Term resumes

### Message from the Headmaster



It was a great pleasure to welcome so many visitors to the Open Morning last Saturday and to see current parents, grandparents, former pupils and visitors joining in the activities. Wire sculpture and papier mâché were real highlights, as was the celebration of the Chinese New Year, with some remarkable accurate use of kanji. The house outdoor challenges were keenly contested. Fine weather and hotdogs finished off the day in style. I am particularly grateful to our Year Six pupils, who took time to share their experiences of being in our top year, in spite of the pressures of the senior school entrance season being in full swing. Well done to all!

*Mr McKinney*

## Newly elected School Council.



We are delighted to present our recently elected School Council members for this term.

We wish them well in their positions of responsibility, representing their years and generating new and interesting ideas around the school.

# Nursery News.



## Jambo from Africa!

This week Nursery reached the continent of Africa.

We printed pictures using animal footprints, created African collar necklaces, explored traditional African instruments and moved like different animals.



Which part of the world are we off to next?!

*Miss O'Mara & Miss Butcher*



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Yvie, who has made lots of progress in all areas of her development and learning at Nursery. Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher are really pleased to see this!



# Reception Roundup.

Thank you for all your support on Open Morning. It was lovely to see new faces and to see the children sharing their learning with their families.

We have moved on from China and are now in Africa. This has prompted much conversation about animals, weather and different landscapes, such as deserts and jungles. We have also been looking at the story "Handa's Surprise" and joined with Nursery to make banana bread.

During literacy we have been using our digraph sounds to improve our writing and forming sentences linked to our topic.

We have enjoyed using our new number carpet during maths lessons to practise our number bonds to 10 and to recognise numbers to 24.

In art we created silhouette pictures inspired by African landscapes.

*Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin*



# Poetry in Motion.



The children have worked really hard this term with their poetry topic.

Reading lots of famous poets to begin, we started to build a nice repertoire of our favourite poets and poems ranging from William Blake, through Michael Rosen to Roger McGough.

We started to notice that poetry has such a vast range and we struggled to identify key similarities. Where rhyming seemed dominant in some poems, other poems simply had four lines, none of which rhymed! Listening to Michael Rosen, too, introduced us to a completely different style of poetry where performance and repetition were key to the message. A quote we found in our study, however, summarised it for us nicely:

*"poetry: the best words in the best order."* – Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Our assembly, therefore, focussed on both showcasing our own unique verses of the Sound Collector poem, which we had written and performed to one another during the week. Also, the assembly allowed Year 3 to act out a short play, giving an opportunity to continue to build upon their growing confidence with public speaking and acting. To say I am proud of them would be an understatement.

Thanks to all that joined us (and apologies for the slightly weak coffee).

*Mr Hunt*

## Creature Factory.

### Mum's the word in the Creature Factory!

Year Three mums (and dads) joined in enthusiastically as their children produced 3D versions of the hybrid animals they had designed in Science. A six legged shark, an elephantish scorpalion and a flamingo winged tigraffe were just some of the amazing mutations modelled in papier mache and wire on Saturday morning. 'Another three heads there please...' Cerberus will be feeling distinctly under engineered from now on...

*Mr Butcher*





# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football



### FOOTBALL

On Wednesday the Under 11 Henstead football team headed over to St Felix for a Football Tournament. With many illnesses and the transfer window shut, two teams had to be shaped into one.

On arrival it was clear it was going to be a tough afternoon, with the heavens opening up on us and the pitches resembling ones from the 60's. The Henstead boys couldn't get their usual free flowing footballing game off the ground, try as they might.

Up first were a very strong Beeston Hall side, although a promising start to the game with numerous chances, some excellent goalkeeping kept us at bay for then only to suffer a sucker punch as three quick goals went in. A quick turn around at half time and it was much the same Henstead dominating the early encounters and scoring a goal through Louis, only to be pinned back again by Beeston. A plucky defeat in the first game.

Up next were a Carlton Colville team lacking in tournament experience. This gave a chance for others to shine. With Francis very much a spectator in goal, Louis and Savile were able to pull the strings in defence, allowing Louis M, Jack L, Harvey, Alex L, Matthew, Harry and Thomas the chance to express themselves going forward – constant Henstead

pressure ended in a 6-0 victory and a second place finish.

As the boys headed in for a much needed warming up session, the quarter finals were worked out and we found ourselves against a Beeston Hall team.

The phrase, 'we could have played all night and not scored' came to mind, total and utter Henstead domination, with constant shots on target only to find them either blocked, saved or hitting the woodwork. Time after time, Louis, Savile, Francis and Jack tried their luck but to no avail. Archie suddenly had mother nature calling him as he sprinted for a comfort break, so did the Beeston hall forward and with their only shot all game managed to place the ball under a diving Alex in goal.

The Henstead team can be very proud of their hard work and efforts in such difficult conditions and they really did deserve more than they got during the afternoon.

Many thanks to the hardy parents for supporting the team. *Mr Hunter*

### NETBALL

This afternoon's fixture versus Hethersett Old Hall School will be reported in next week's newsletter.





# Cooking up a storm.



Week 4 of the Junior Cookery After School Club took place yesterday.

This week, our little chefs made some flapjacks.

They followed the recipe and measured out all the ingredients, using scales, independently.

Some children couldn't wait and started munching immediately. Something savoury next week.....

*Ms Thomson*

## A Challenging Business.

Scenes from some of Saturday's House Challenges.





# Mascot Awards.

This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating the school's value Empathy, are:

Reception: Amelia - showing empathy and consideration to others

Year 1 Amelie - always ready to help others

Year 2 James - kind, courteous and considerate at all times

Year 3 Francis - showing empathy to classmates, demonstrating good behaviour and confidence

Year 4 Ebony - empathy to peers and empathy to characters in story writing/reading

Year 5 Tabatha - empathy with her classmates and others, always sporting a cheery smile

Year 6 Louis - kindness and being supportive to the hard-working Year 6 pupils.



## Nursery Stay & Play



We hope lots of Nursery parents will be able to join their children on Thursday 9 February for a Stay & Play morning. Lots of exciting activities are planned!

## e-Safety Week



We're looking forward to next week's assemblies and seminars - all helping to keep pupils safe online. We hope lots of parents will be able to attend the parents' seminar on Tuesday at 4:15, to learn some of the latest tricks in operation online, so that you may help protect your children at home too.

## Roller Skating Report



"I was really excited to go roller skating on Saturday. We played two really fun games, which were Sharks and Dolphins and also a Jail Break game. The instructors coned off a third of the rink whilst we were playing the games, so if you didn't want to play you could skate. There was also a green mat so you could practise. It was my brother's first time skating and the green mat boosted his confidence as it was soft when he fell. I loved skating with my friends and it was great fun." Addison



## PTFA News Extra

**Next PTFA Meeting**  
Monday 27 February 3:30pm at school.

**Family Bingo** Friday 24 March 6:30pm

**Summer Ball** Saturday 8 July.  
Save the date!

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Opening Times**  
Tuesday 8.15-9.15  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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