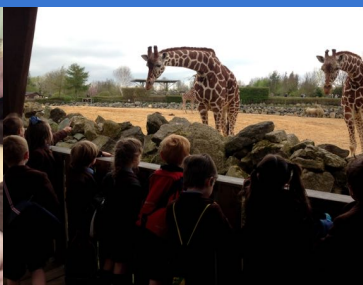




The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 3-Friday 7 April

Holiday Club (bookable via the office)

Dates for your diary

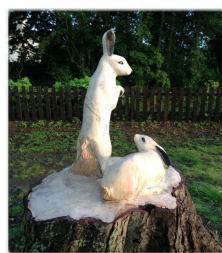
Monday 24 April

Summer Term Begins

Message from the Headmaster

The term has ended as it began - on a strong note of optimism, faith in the wonderful community we have here and the skills and learning of the children in our care. Wonderful singing in St Mary's Church, confident reading from our Year Six pupils, who have, for yet another year, distinguished themselves in the entrance examinations to their senior schools of choice and can hold their heads high as they deservedly enter senior independent education. It was pleasing to note that the Head of English at Norwich School rated our poetry declamations on a par with those he judges at his own establishment. May I wish all members of The Old School Community a peaceful and blessed Easter.

Mr McKinney



Zoologists get hands-on experience.



Our zoological studies took us to Colchester Zoo on the last day of term, with a host of scientific workshops and the opportunity to get up close to hundreds of animals under study.

The zoo is home to over 260 rare species, with many part of breeding programmes. Read all about the visit on pages 4 and 5.



Nursery News.

Big Day In.

Nursery enjoyed their big day in on Friday. We had a special visit from Dave Doughnut, even though we had already named him 'Dave the Doughnut!' Dave performed some really special magic tricks and our magic word was 'dizzy doughnuts'.

We were treated to a Punch and Judy show which we thought was really funny. Edith and Jacob were fortunate enough to be chosen to be volunteers on stage and had to help Dave perform his magic tricks.

Then in the afternoon we put on our pyjamas and cosied up with our blankets and pillows to watch *Trolls* (thank you for bringing it in Mrs Dakin!) We ate our treat snack of popcorn during the interval.

What a lovely day Nursery. Happy Easter everyone!

Miss O'Mara & Miss Butcher



Nuclear Science.



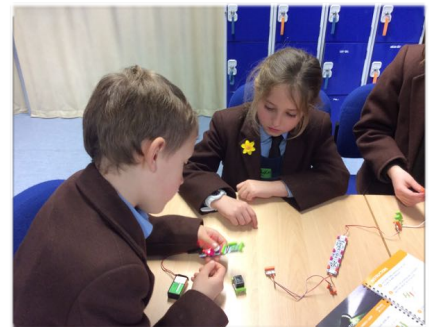
Thanks to Mr Jensen's Science Week programme and Mr and Mrs McDonough, the Upper School was fortunate to be invited to Sizewell as the guests of EDF, to learn more about the energy industry.

We began with our important safety briefing and how two types of alarm were used at the power station.

We split into groups and one set of teams embarked on an energy quiz to earn building materials for a stable structure of their own design. The other teams had a design challenge, to construct a device that would enhance their own room, using circuitry and other crafting materials. A break for lunch and some fresh air and the teams reversed their roles.

We are most grateful to the EDF education staff for a fascinating insight into their work at Sizewell - and for Zingy, the much prized keyring, generously given to all of the boys and girls as a memento of the visit.

Mr McKinney



Zoological Studies.

Lower School



Reception, Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time at Colchester Zoo.

We started the visit by watching the glorious sun bears wrestling each other. The children found this hilarious. Next up were the resting lions, dozing in the sun. The children found it hard to believe that they were real - they were so still. Sticking to the Africa area, we were all able to enjoy a bit of giraffe spotting, the children standing in silence watching these magnificent animals. The elephants, zebras and rhinos were a sight to behold. After sharing our lunch with some nosey giraffes, we made our way to the sea lion tunnel. Gasps of delight could be heard everywhere as the sea lions swam above our heads; we watched as they came hurtling towards us at great speed, changing direction at the last moment.



Next up was our Explore session with Andy, an education officer. We were able to handle lots of different skulls, skins, insects and various other animals. Andy explained how the animals could be sorted into different categories, so we came across lots of science vocabulary.

There were lots of animals that we spotted, too many to mention. As we left, a child from Year 1 said that they wished that every school trip could be to visit Colchester Zoo.

Ms Thomson



Zoological Science.

Upper School



The Upper School pupils stepped into the role of habitat ecologists and African wildlife park rangers.

There was a chance to evaluate how and why certain creatures live where they do and train as trackers, using browse damage, tracks and even scat (ranger-speak for poo) as a means of identifying different species.

Years Three and Four kept Messrs Hunt and Butcher on track, whilst Years Five and Six managed to find the lunch spot overlooked by elephants on one side and giraffes on the other.

Everyone had their own favourite - sun bears featuring strongly, hot on the heels of the red pandas.

Mr McKinney & Mrs Jensen





Reception Roundup.

Here we are at the end of the Spring Term and enjoying some lovely warm weather to start the Easter holidays.

Monday was our final session at the gymnasium where we had a chance to show off all the new skills we had learned. We now look forward to returning to our weekly swimming lessons, on a Tuesday.

Tuesday was the highlight of the week when we had the chance to perform to our families the annual Spring concert *Little Red Hen* and show off our increasing confidence, drama and music skills.

Wednesday was a creative day in Reception. We were busy making Easter cards and Easter baskets. This was a good opportunity to practise our writing, cutting skills and following instructions. The Easter Bunny even made a surprise visit overnight and left us some chocolate eggs!

Thursday introduced us to some fantastic poetry reading by the older children and we had the opportunity to perform our own poetry along with our house groups. We had a second opportunity to perform *Little Red Hen* to the whole school. We then finished the day off with an Easter egg hunt around the school.

Friday brought the term to an end with a whole school Big Day Out to Colchester Zoo.

Well done Reception on a super Spring Term, Happy Easter!

Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin



Dragon Makers.



...Mums and Dads who are G.O.T. (Game of Thrones) enthusiasts might be pleased to have these additions to their empires, courtesy of the Wednesday afternoon Dragon Makers Club.

Our not-so-mythical-beasts come in a range of colours and sizes to suit all pockets, from bijou dragonets which would grace the fragments of any Fabergé egg, to marauding monsters able to lay waste to a landscape of your choice. Damsels beware!

Mr Butcher

Roman Coins.



Salutem civium Romani! Just a warning to members of the Senate and other wealthy Romans that false coinage is now in circulation in the city. As we speak our Centurions are on patrol to track down the source of some highly convincing Aureus which have been cunningly handed over in the Forum by Barbarian children, some as young as seven.

Be on the alert! They are merely clay imitations pressed into plaster moulds and painted gold!

Mr Butcher





Little Red Hen.

The Junior Spring Concert this year featured the story of *The Little Red Hen* and what fun it was! The Reception class, a group of colourful and noisy farm animals, projected a great sense of enjoyment as well as maintaining excellent rhythm and confidence on stage.

Year One pupils were individually excellent in their roles.

Red Hen (Lola) showed great stage presence and bustled around being suitably busy, the lazy animals (Chase, Amelie and Lucas) also sang with much confidence and clarity. The farmer (Jack W), with help from his wife (Isla) did his best to keep his rather unruly animals under control. Mr Wheatley (Jack D) told us most tunelessly the reasons for his windmill being high on a hill, while the mice (Oliver and Tom) enjoyed being chased by the cat and also proved most capable stage hands. Amelie must also be commended for accompanying some of the singing on triangle and wind chimes.

Year Two took the part of narrators, a role they took very seriously, leading the story competently and musically.

All in all a thoroughly entertaining afternoon. At times it was hard to believe that these young performers were aged between 4 and 6 years old. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Miss Sindall



Poet's Corner.

School and Inter-House Poetry Competition

One of the most eagerly prepared and awaited event in The Old School Henstead calendar certainly did not disappoint this year. We were most grateful that Mr Andrew Murray, Head of English at Norwich School, agreed to judge the competition for the third year. The standard was high and our judge complimented the children on the standard of the individual performances, covering a wide range of poets and styles, with nerves conquered and memory fully engaged. The House competition followed with all age groups contributing to a closely fought event, won by Deben. The individual winners were:-

Year 4	Skye
Year 5	Tabatha
Year 6	Bethany
Overall Winner	Tilly

Huge congratulations to all of the competitors and special thanks to Mr Butcher for his organisation and compèring of the event.



Eggceptional!



There was a huge response to the Easter Egg art competition organised by the PTFA. Eggs poured in, displaying an amazing range of creative executions.

It was a tough call selecting the winners from such a strong field, but after much consideration of the artistic merits of the different age categories, the judge - Chairman of Governors, Mr Lawrence - selected a winner for each of the year groups:

Nursery	Iona
Reception	Robyn
Year One	Isla
Year Two	George
Year Three	Kitty
Year Four	Skye
Year Five	Matthew
Year Six	Daisy.

Congratulations to the winners and special commendation to all the entrants who utilised a huge range of techniques and materials to produce an impressive range of creative pieces.

The winners were awarded their Easter prizes during the end of term assembly.



SPORTS ROUND UP

Football & Netball



FOOTBALL

Under 11 Football Fixture

The final fixture of this busy term saw the Under 11 Boys face a rematch against Beccles Primary Academy. We saw a bright start to the game from both sides with Beccles enjoying the majority of possession, but unable to break through the Henstead defence and goalkeeper. However they were kept on their toes by some breakaway play from Louis, Savile, Archie and Louis M. Beccles broke the deadlock in fantastic style, a wonderful team goal finished with a half volley in the far top corner, and an almost identical goal followed quickly after. This did not stop the enthusiasm and determination of the Henstead boys, with Louis D and Savile the driving forces in the team - indeed, it was Louis's mazy run down the right wing and cross which found Savile in the box and able to poke home to half the scoreline. Henstead kept plugging away, but a fluke goal from the oppositions goalkeeper before half time took the wind out of their sails.

The second half was a very open game with both teams wanting more goals. It was going to be one of those days for the home side however, with numerous chances when through on goal either being saved by

the goalkeeper or just missing the target. It was a valiant effort from the whole team and a wonderfully enjoyable game to watch.

Mr Hunter

INTERHOUSE FOOTBALL RESULTS

1st Yare

2nd Deben

3rd Orwell

4th Waveney

INTERHOUSE NETBALL RESULTS

1st Orwell

2nd Deben

3rd Yare

4th Waveney

Mr Hunter & Mrs Jensen



Brass Tacks.



Assembly on Wednesday this week featured Mr Paul Beer and his pupils. Mr Beer told us a little of his career as a brass player playing mainly trombone in all the leading orchestras, including the Royal Philharmonic, BBC Symphony and Covent Garden. One of his more exciting experiences was being involved in the much acclaimed John Williams soundtrack for some of the first *Star Wars* films.

We heard flawless trumpet solos from Matthew, Charlie and Louis M and then the three boys were joined by Mr Beer on the tuba for some entertaining ensemble pieces. Many thanks to Mr Beer and his pupils for a wonderful mini-concert!

Mr Beer has some spaces for next term - a few more players would mean we could start the Henstead Brass Band!

Summer Uniform



Summer uniform may be worn by girls after the Easter holidays. The winter uniform may be worn on colder days, as preferred, but the two must not be mixed. Girls must wear only white socks with the summer dress, and brown socks or tights with the winter pinafore or skirt. Blazers continue to be worn throughout the school year.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(Term Time)
Tuesday 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Good Manners Awards



Thursday's end of term assembly including the presentation of the Outstanding Good Manners Awards. The winners were:

Reception	Amelia
Year One	Lucas
Year Two	Bertie
Year Three	Penelope
Year Four	Tom
Year Five	Archie
Year Six	Beth.

The overall winners of the prestigious badges were:

Lower School: Bertie

Upper School: Beth.

Congratulations to all.

Music Examinations



Congratulations to all the pupils who passed their Trinity College Music Examinations with flying colours.

PTFA News Extra

Next Meeting Monday 8
May 7pm Three Horse Shoes

Summer Fayre Saturday 24
June 12:00-3:00pm

Summer Party Saturday 8
July. Save the date! Early Bird
tickets will be on sale after the
Easter holidays.



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