



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Wednesday 17 May

Friday 19 May

2.15 U11 Cricket & Rounders v The Abbey (A)

10.00 Reception visit to Pig Farm

Dates for your diary

Friday 26 May

Saturday 24 June

The Henstead Hike in aid of a Defibrillator for the School & Henstead Village

9.45 Open Morning, followed by the Summer Fayre

Message from the Headmaster

We have enjoyed a hugely successful week, much of it spent learning in the outdoors, as the sun has finally arrived, allowing outdoor lunches, field study mathematics and even the first outing for the Maypole! It has given us the opportunity to appreciate just how blessed we are to be here at this school, surrounded by the wonders of the natural world wherever you look. We have had a number of guests and visitors during the week also and the manner in which our boys and girls make everyone feel so welcome is a source of genuine pride. We were delighted to welcome so many parents to our open classroom sessions this morning, where there was plenty of learning for mums, dads and children of all ages.

Mr McKinney



Green Fingers.

Some photographs from today's lunchtime Gardening Club in the glorious sunshine, taken by Marli and Charlotte.



Pony Club



The Old School Henstead Pony Club got off to a great start last Friday.

Pupils were split into three groups and spent blocks of time between riding, grooming and learning the points (parts) of a horse. They did so well that they succeeded in passing their first Pony Club badge - for grooming!

We are most grateful to Mrs Freeland and Annabelle for creating such a wonderful club, and to the many parents supporting it and bringing ponies.





Reception Roundup.



This week in Reception we have enjoyed reading *Mister Seahorse*. The boys and girls did well writing their own sentences about seahorses.

In keeping with our seaside topic, we also read *The Rainbow Fish* and enjoyed sequencing the story in our Reception garden. We added our octopus to our under the sea display.



We have been measuring ourselves and were surprised to see how much we have all grown during our Reception year. We used tape measures and cubes to help us. We have also been working very hard at counting in twos and counting beyond 20.

Great progress was evident in swimming this week. We used floats to swim on our backs as well as woggles to help us with our leg strokes.

Miss Sindall delighted us with an outside music lesson using the school Maypole.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the open classroom morning.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



The Lighthouse Keeper.



The Lighthouse Keeper goes 3D!

As a finale to their work on *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* Year One pupils have been making their own lighthouses out of a variety of materials, complete with cottage and, of course, flashing light! It's been a tricky job combining the architecture with the electronics, but passing oil tankers can rest assured that business has been taken care of. Thank you Year One!

Mr Butcher

Field to Fork.



The Field to Fork After School Club has now completed its first two weeks.

Having planted carrots and runner beans in the school's polytunnel last week, we had a go this week at making our own salad with runner beans and carrots.

This was enjoyed by all the children as they got a chance to demonstrate their peeling and cutting skills.

Mrs Scriven



A Juggling Act.



Thus far in Juggling Club the children have started slowly mastering the height, pace and rhythm of the initial steps to learn the 3-ball cascade, the commonly known juggling pattern.

Despite being only one week in, some of the group have confidently began to grasp the concepts enthusiastically. It has been very fun indeed.

Mr Hunt



Book Club Buzz.



Book Club started off in a warm and relaxed style as we cosied up onto comfortable bean bags to hear the lovely *Little Bear* stories from Martin Waddell in our first session, and the infectious rhymes of Dr Seuss in our second session.

A special feature of our little club is the mysterious, masked and caped secret storyteller, who can appear at any time! Our first secret storyteller was Mr Hunt, who shared one of his favourite books with us - *A Series of Unfortunate Events* by Lemony Snickett. In our second session, Olivia from Year Three shared a fantastic 'Whodunnit' crime mystery pop-up book.

Who will be our secret storyteller next week?

We all left buzzing for more books!

Mrs Loader

Run, Marble Run.



In a departure from some of the past art-based clubs and activities, we introduced something with a more technical and constructional flavour this half term. *Mad Marble Runs* provides an opportunity to improvise, use tools and structural principles to keep the ball rolling.

We already have some perilous structures reminiscent of the classic wooden roller coasters in their dips and loops. Feel free to scream and wave your arms in the air!

Mr Butcher

Throwing Clay.

We now have an exciting addition to our Art Room resources.

Due to the generosity of a local professional potter, we have the long term loan of a classic kick wheel on which our Year Five and Six pupils can begin to learn the basics of 'throwing' and experience the distinctive challenge and enjoyment of making a lump of clay turn into a bowl, a jug or a beaker.

We also have the opportunity to fire our wares off site. New additions to your china cupboard are on the way!



Mr Butcher

Nursery News.



Under the Sea.

Nursery is diving deep this term down under the sea.

We have been making lots of under the sea crafts. We have made toilet roll fish, brusho fish pictures and sand pictures and they look lovely on our display.



We have also been playing under the sea bingo, where we matched pictures with the words. We have also enjoyed using our language to describe lots of different shells.



See you soon sea explorers!



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Sebastian, who has settled in really well in Nursery and is making lots of friends.

Miss O'Mara & Miss Butcher



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Summer Fayre

**Traditional Games
Live Music
Raffle & Prize Draw**

**Craft Stalls ♦ Barista
Arena Displays ♦ Bouncy Castle
Sweet Sunrise Crepes ♦ Bar**

And Much More!
Saturday 24th June 2017
12pm - 3pm
Toad Row NR34 7LG

Mascot Awards.



Mascots were awarded to the pupils best demonstrating our school value Teamwork:

Year 6: Bethany for all round teamwork and solidarity.

Year 5: Sophia for confidently helping others in the classroom working together as a team.

Year 4: Charlie for showing how to be a team player by being able to support and respect other people's ideas and options.

Year 3: Imogen F-T for showing supportive team encouragement on the games pitch.

Year 2: George for superb team work both on and off the field.

Year 1: Isla for demonstrating super teamwork during science.

Reception: Jackson for great teamwork in maths measuring activities the week.

Violin Lessons



If anyone wishes to start or resume violin lessons, please contact Miss Sindall or the office, as we have spaces available with our new violin teacher Miss Bullen.

Book Fair Success



The eternal allure of the 'pointy stick'!

It has been great to see a busy book fair once again.

The popular genres come and go and there will always be the sparkly covers with their kittens and ponies and the 'Minecraft' guides, but it is very encouraging to see our children sifting through them to find the Michael Morpurgos and the classics of the future making their debut. Who can begrudge them a novelty eraser or two when they leave with a challenging read! We have chosen almost £300 worth of books earned in commission for our class libraries, made possible by your generous support. *Mr Butcher*

Open Classrooms



Thank you to all the families who joined our open classroom sessions this morning. The children so enjoy sharing lessons with you.

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News Extra

Next Meeting Friday 9 June
7pm Three Horse Shoes

Summer Fayre Saturday 24 June 12:00-3:00pm, following the Open Morning. Posters have gone out in bags. Please help spread the word.

Summer Party Saturday 8 July. Book your Early Bird tickets now. Forms have gone out in bags this week.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesday 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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