



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Tuesday 20 March

1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year I Swimming

1.30 Parent & Toddler Group

2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.30 Years 4,5 & 6 Gymnastics

Wednesday 21 March

1.00 Year 3 Kwik Cricket at Sir John Leman

Thursday 22 March

9.00 EYFS visit Jurassic Journey, Great Yarmouth

Friday 23 March

7.00 Concert at United Reformed Church Southwold

### Dates for your diary

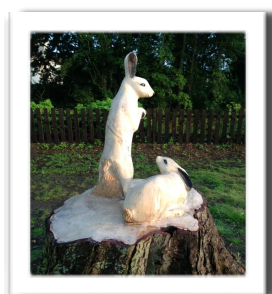
Tuesday 27 March

2.30 Spring Concert (Nursery, Reception & Year I)

Thursday 29 March

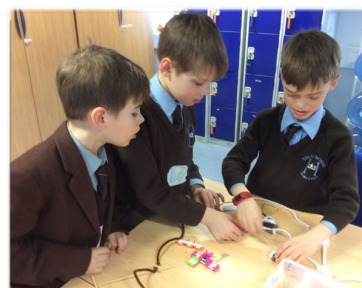
8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead

### Message from the Headmaster



It is a week in which to celebrate service. That of the children who have been working so hard in preparation for the concerts in the last two weeks, in particular the senior pupils who will perform in Southwold next week. The service of our hard-working PTFA has organised a splendid evening entertainment which is about to commence as I write. Serving as fundraisers will also be a focus for the coming term with the children keen to tackle the Henstead Hike once again and the parents getting ready for the challenge of the Welsh mountains. It is in serving that our boys and girls make a difference for others, often less fortunate than themselves, but in so doing realise that their efforts count. We have good reason to be proud of them all.... Mr McKinney

## Celebrating Science Week.





# British Science Week.

This week we celebrated British Science Week 2018. The week kicked off with an assembly led by Year 4 and Year 1 explaining the work of Jane Goodall and her research into the habitats and lives of chimpanzees in Tanzania. Following this, on Monday, we had an architectural science visitor who led workshops, looking at constructions. Reception and Nursery used wooden dowel rods to construct giant pyramids, Year 1 and 2 worked together to build bridges, and the Upper School had a workshop on creating skyscrapers. On Wednesday, Mr Hunt and

Mrs Sonn took an assembly looking at the life and work of Elon Musk and his work with Space-X and Tesla. Each day during the week, our individual classes also took part in mini science experiments led by our teachers. Finally this week, Year 3 and 4 had the opportunity to take part in science workshops at Sizewell B power station. Here they were able to look at how nuclear energy is created, and how scientific factors such as friction can be used to generate electricity for our homes.

*Mr Jensen*



We started British Science Week with a guest speaker, scientist Jane Goodall (in the form of Kitty and Isobel). Year 4 and Year 1 pupils interviewed Jane and asked her to share her story of becoming a scientist with us.

At the age of 10 years old, Jane had a dream to move to Africa and work with wild animals, mainly chimpanzees. As expected, many people laughed at the 10 year old and said it would never happen; everyone except her mother. Instead Jane's mother encouraged her by saying "Work hard, take opportunities and never give up!" Jane held on to this encouragement and saved every last penny until she could make her dream become a reality. At age 23, Jane moved to Tanzania and worked alongside scientist Louis Leaky at Gombe Stream Chimpanzee Reserve. Together they observed the chimpanzees and discovered many great things about these mammals including, that they all had very different

personalities and that the chimpanzees were very family orientated. She discovered that chimps hunted and ate meat. Previously it was thought they were vegetarians. And something Jane is well known for is her discovery of the chimpanzees making and using tools to help them in everyday activities.

The boys and girls were intrigued by our interview with Jane and we hope it has encouraged them to start dreaming about their future goals.

Please take the time to talk to your child(ren) about Jane and discuss precautions you can take to help save the decreasing population of chimpanzees.

*Mrs Jensen*



# Nuclear Science.

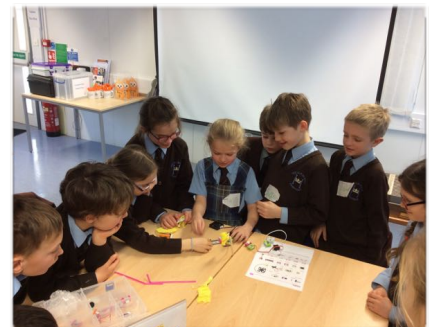


On Friday, Years 3 and 4 spent the day at Sizewell B nuclear plant, with the friendly and knowledgeable staff of EDF Energy. The trip nicely rounded off British Science Week for the pupils.

In the morning, the children were split into three rotations and took part in activities looking at friction and lubrication (relating to turbines) by moving dry jellies and oiled jellies from one container to another; electrical circuits by constructing series and parallel circuits from electricity packs; and a research and quiz about Sizewell plant itself and nuclear energy production.

In the afternoon the pupils used magnetic input and output components to create sensors, just like those which enable supermarket doors open and close automatically. They were then set the challenge of using the components to create different things that we might use every day. Our boys and girls did us proud, making alarm clocks, stopwatches, burglar alarms and fans. There was even an attempt to make a mini hot-air balloon!

The pupils asked intelligent questions and were able to think critically about the importance of energy production. They also learnt about how power is created and had the opportunity to explore the science behind the generation of electricity, something that we take for granted every day. Mrs Sonn

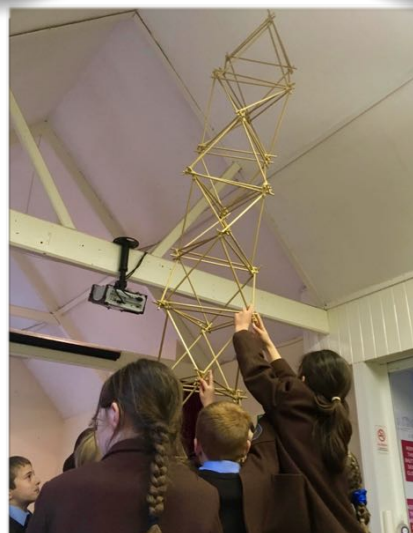
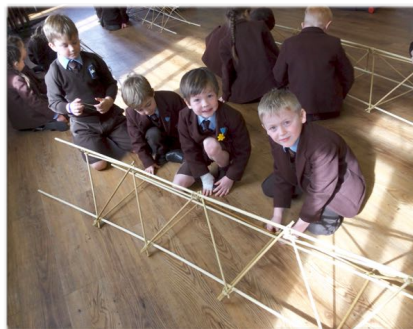




# Architectural Science.



Here are some scenes from Monday's Architecture Workshops that were held for all year groups in succession, from Nursery to Year 6.





# Norwich Castle.

*Year One*



We entered the building known as the Castle Keep, constructed over 900 years ago by two of the sons of William the Conqueror as a dramatic statement of their vast power. This stone keep replaced a previous temporary keep made of earth and wood and was completed in the 1120s. It stands on the largest castle mound in England which is entirely man made.



Inside the Castle we were greeted by three medieval characters from the past. The inhabitants were preparing for a knights' jousting competition and were busy preparing the Castle for this special event. A servant called Maud showed us around the Great Hall and explained the role of servants in medieval times. She was really excited about the jousting tournament but had a plethora of jobs to do first. A maid known as Francis showed us some of the objects that would of been used in daily Castle life, such as a cooking cauldron, candle holders, horse spurs, swords and shields. Both employees were very keen to please Lady Isabella so that she would allow them to watch the prestigious occasion.

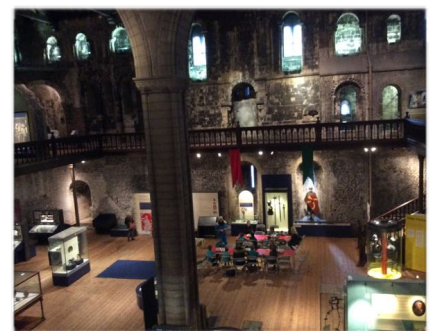


The character of Isabella stressed the importance of organising a successful jousting event and all the preparation that needed to be organised in advance of her guests. She also ably directed us to make pennants to celebrate the jousting tournament and all the knights who would travel from far away.



The informative session ended with a wish, as we trickled coins into the well and headed off to the swimming pool.

*Mrs Loader*





# Reception Roundup.



Well we certainly embraced Science Week in Reception and we all enjoyed focusing our love of learning and thirst for knowledge as we faced numerous different activities throughout the week.

The week started with us learning about change. We planted cress in egg shell heads using cotton wool. We tested popping candy to see how it changed when we ate it and we also watched it dissolve in a cup of water. We loved seeing the bubbles rising because of the gasses. Finally, we joined with Nursery to watch exploding capsules made using Alka Seltzers and warm water.



Tuesday was all about colour and discussions. We had great fun making slime with Nursery using washing up liquid and corn flour. Then we did a sorting activity where we had to identify what is living, non-living and never lived. We did three experiments using water, food colouring, flowers, celery, skittles and kitchen roll. Did you have a chance to see what happened? They are on display in the classroom.

Wednesday was bread making day! The process took most of the day and we were able to see how the ingredients changed consistency, how the bread doubled in size as it was proving and of course we got to eat it once it was cooked!

The week finished with us writing our own set of instructions on how to make toast.

What a fun week, what will next week bring I wonder!

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*





# A Day in the Life.

*Year One*

Have you ever asked your child "What did you do at school today?"

Well the answer to that question was suitably covered in detail in our 'A Day In The Life Of Year One' assembly.

An excited class entered the hall buzzing with the anticipation of performing in front of their parents. Lines had been practised at home and at school. Stage directions had been followed and choral responses rehearsed.

The assembly, introduced by Ted, began with the upbeat and abridged version of the hymn 'This Little Light of Mine' with our lighthouses made in Art showing the way. Our assembly revealed the daily busy life of Year One. The day started with Registration with Ruby, followed by a Phonics lesson with Jackson (and Magic E!), a Maths lesson with Christabel on fractions, a French lesson with Ariane as Madame Dakin, a Topic slideshow on castles with Samuel, a Science lesson with Oscar on shadow puppets, an Art lesson with Robyn as Miss Coxon and the final lesson was PE with Elliot as Mr Hunter and Bella as Mrs Jensen. The final prayer closed the assembly with Ted's careful reading.

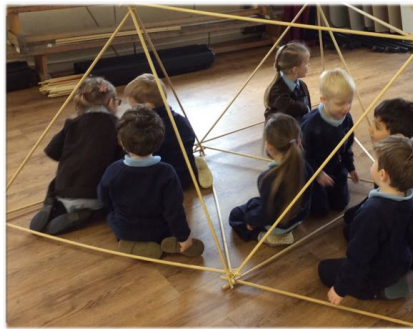
After a chocolate treat in the hall we returned to class for Open Classrooms where we briefly reviewed our knowledge on castle features. Our morning task was to create a junk model castle with the following features: a drawbridge, a walkway, a tower, a gatehouse, a portcullis, arrow slits and a keep. Parents and children threw themselves into the task, producing fantastically designed castles.

A big thank you to all parents who came to watch our assembly and to enjoy learning with their children.

*Mrs Loader*



# Nursery News.



It's been a week of whizz, pop, bang and all in the name of science. We have been thinking about what will happen when we put different ingredients together. Will they mix, make bubbles, fizz, dissolve, rise or change their texture.

We have investigated with vinegar, bicarbonate of soda, Alka-Seltzer, corn flour, washing up liquid and yeast.



We think the photos show the awe, wonder and excitement that the children experienced this week.

We had a special treat at the end of this week when Mr Butcher came in and illustrated a story that a Mrs Vorster was telling. The enormous crocodile by Ronald Dahl.



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Eddie. Well done Eddie, Priscilla has been very busy impressed with how well you are getting on in Nursery. You have been more interested in what everybody else is doing and joining in at carpet time. Enjoy sleepover!

*Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher*



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football



### WEDNESDAY'S FIXTURE

A very busy sporting week began with the visit to Beccles Primary Academy for a Football fixture for both the Under 9's and Under 11's.

A strong first half from the Under 9's led to a commanding 5-1 lead at half time, with Francis bagging 4 goals and an impressive long range effort from goalkeeper Imogen, a tweak to the formation at half time meant we found ourselves unable to add to our goal tally, with Beccles managing to pull 4 goals back leading to a tense finish but a 5-5 draw was a fair reflection of the play.

The Under 11's found things a little tougher going, for it was a cagey first half with few chances. However we managed to find ourselves 1-0 up at the break through Louis' fine finish. In the second half we took our chances, with Louis completing a hat trick and Archie adding gloss to the scoreline. It was a fine defensive display from Charlie, Matthew and Harry supporting a 5-2 victory.

### FRIDAY'S FIXTURE

Finishing off the week with a Football tournament is always exciting. Arriving and finding so many teams taking part we found ourselves playing first up in both the boys and the girls events - the boys playing out a steady 0-0 draw to settle the nerves.

Next up we played Pakefield, dominating the game but just unable to find the back of the net enough times to make everyone relax, yet ending up 1-0 victors. Our final group game saw us a man down and unable to get to grips with our opponents losing the game 3-0. We found ourselves in a semi final play off against Elm Tree, going a goal down early, we battled back to score an equaliser through Jack. At 1-1 a penalty shoot out was needed, Louis saving two attempts with spot kicks from himself and Francis putting us through. In the semi final game against Red Oak we went a goal down early on and in spite of much huff and puff, we just could not break the deadlock. A final finish of third place was a great achievement.

The girls started the afternoon with a 5-1 victory, Daisy grabbing a couple along with Kate, Ebony and an own goal. In our second game we lost narrowly 1-0 to the eventual winners St Marys. So, in the final group game and needing a win, the girls hammered home four goals without reply with Kate scoring a stunning solo goal. A third and fourth place play off saw us dominate the game from start to finish, with Kate and Ebony giving us a 2-0 win. The girls matching the boys and finishing third in the tournament.

*Mr Hunter*



# Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school value for this half term - **Adventure**:

Reception: Autumn for showing enthusiasm and an adventurous spirit during science week.

Year 1: Ariane for an adventurous application of French in the Year 1 assembly.

Year 2: Amelie for venturing into the literary depths of Enid Blyton and displaying a wonderful attitude towards reading at home.

Year 3: Marli for adventurously throwing himself into the end-of-term maths test and not giving up when faced with difficult questions.

Year 4: Harry D for beginning to show perseverance during games lessons and pushing himself further in cross country.

Year 5: Emily for adventurously approaching her school work and asking good questions during science week.

Year 6: Rachael for adventuring forward positively with her maths revision.



## Thank You



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this evening's Easter Family Bingo event. We are especially grateful to our wonderful PTFA and the general school community for all their hard work and for the generosity of parents who donated prizes, their time or bought tickets. And a special thank you to all the pupils who encouraged their families to attend - particularly with the lure of Easter egg prizes. Thank you all.

## National Finals



We wish Francis well at this weekend's national finals of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Cross Country championships, which will take place on Sunday at Princethorpe College, Rugby.

## Holiday Club



Don't forget to submit your booking form to the office for the Easter Holiday Club as soon as possible to guarantee your child's place. Booking forms were sent out this week.

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Opening Times

**Mondays 8.15-9.15**  
**Thursdays 3.15-4.15**

## PTFA News Extra

**Next PTFA Meeting Friday**  
**Friday 27 April 2018 at**  
**1430. All welcome.**

**Family Quiz Thursday 10**  
**May (change of date)**



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