



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 14 May  
Tuesday 15 May

Book Fair Begins This Week  
1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year I Swimming  
1.30 Parent & Toddler Group  
2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming  
2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics  
2.15 U11 Girls Rounders at The Abbey  
Mixed Rounders fixture (*cancelled by Hethersett Old Hall School*)

Wednesday 16 May  
Friday 18 May

### Dates for your diary

Friday 25 May  
Saturday 23 June

The Henstead Hike  
9.45 Open Morning (Half day school with programme of activities)  
2.00 Henstead Golf Day (save the date!)

### Message from the Headmaster



Teamwork is the value and the boys and girls have well and truly embraced the concept. As I write, the strains of our younger actors combining to produce some very convincing piratical singing drift through my study door and a full morning of auditions for *Joseph* took place earlier in the week. Plans for choreography and sets are already afoot. Teamwork will also be key as the whole Henstead community joins together for our annual *Henstead Hike* and for the parental challenge of the *Wales 3000ers*. Please take a look at the fundraising page - <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OldSchoolHenstead>.

Mr McKinney

## Wales 3000ers Fundraising Challenge.



In order to raise funds for a new school minibus we have set two challenges for this term: our annual *Henstead Hike* plus a new parent/teacher challenge of completing the *Wales 3000ers* - a challenge to complete 14 Peaks (above 3000 feet) in Snowdonia, in a journey travelling North to South. Highlights along the way include climbing to the summit of Snowdon, the highest mountain in Wales.

Our small team of parents, led by Mr McKinney, will set off for Snowdonia on Sunday 20 May 2018, with the aim of completing the challenge and returning by Wednesday 23 May. On the Friday of the same week the children and any parents free to join us, will undertake the *Henstead Hike*. Please visit our fundraising page <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OldSchoolHenstead>. Sponsorship forms for the *Henstead Hike* will be available soon. We appreciate your support.



## Science Curriculum Development

Ever seeking to develop the quality of our teaching, five of our teachers attended an INSET day at Dame Bradbury's School - part of the Stephen Perse Foundation, Cambridge. The purpose of our visit was to see the school's science teaching in action and to brainstorm ideas for the development of our integrated curriculum.

During our time at Dame Bradbury's, we were able to speak with a number of teachers about the delivery of science lessons, the range of resources used for their science teaching, and the integration of technology in lessons. Seeing new spaces and

the way that other schools facilitate learning is crucially important as it helps us to assess what we do, and to find ways to improve our practice.

Another important part of the day was speaking with the Head of Science at Dame Bradbury's about successful ways to plan across the curriculum. We came away with some interesting ideas about moving the curriculum forward, some robust discussion, and confidence in the work that we are already doing at The Old School Henstead.

We are looking forward to the challenges and rewards of our curriculum next year. *Mr Jensen*

## Teamwork Matters.



The ability to work as a team is an essential life skill. As with many other skills, children need to be given the opportunity to work effectively as team members. Teamwork Day on Wednesday allowed the freedom for teachers to migrate from their individual timetables to share learning with pupils both younger and older than their familiar teaching groups. Together they shared a new learning experiences with a range of activities taking place across the school. With School Council poster production to promote the upcoming fundraising, tadpole observational study, parachute games, outdoor sporting activities and Summer Show auditions, the school buzzed with positive and purposeful direction.

Working as a team is a social activity that necessitates and

generates the exchanging of actions and ideas, which undeniably helps to build self-esteem and confidence. Pupils of all ages worked cooperatively towards a purpose that they shared, learning that every member of a team must respect each other's opinions and abilities for the team to work effectively.

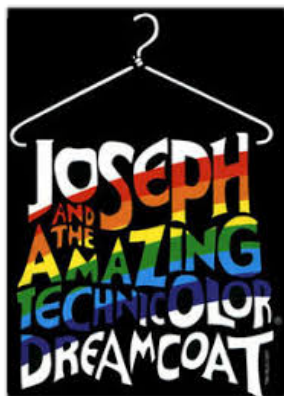
From the youngest child in Nursery to the oldest in Year 6 they departed school having learnt more about interpersonal ways of thinking and with an improved ability to communicate with others. Communication, social, and emotional skills were brought to the fore and strengthened.

An excellent day was had by all.

*Miss Clifton*



# Summer Show News.



## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Some most enthusiastic actors and singers took part in the auditions this week. It was wonderful to see so much talent and many of the roles could have been filled several times over! Well done to everyone who put so much effort and thought into their performances. Announcements will be made very soon.

## Treasure Island

Shiver me timbers ..... its becoming very piratical in the Lower School...cutlasses waving, treasure being sought, disappearing parrots in the music room. There is even a giant pirate flag on the wall. What is going on?

*Miss Sindall*



# Happy Summer Days.



The children have been making the most of the sunshine during their break times, exploring our wonderful grounds with all its botanical treasures, and learning new gymnastic manoeuvres! Happy Days.



# Our Very Young Farmers.



Through the nurturing of our orphan lambs and hatching our silkie chickens, the children have been learning about how to look after these animals - everything from best feeding practice and techniques for the lambs, to checking over the chickens to ensure their continued good health.

The silkie chicks have been named Gandolph, Blackbeard and Yokey.





# Tree Planting.

We are most grateful to the Webster family, for so generously gifting some fruit trees for our orchard garden.

This morning Mr Webster arrived with the trees - apple and pear varieties - and pupils from Years 1 and 4 helped to plant them.

The children have been given instructions on how to care for the trees as they settle in, and already Year 1 has drawn up a watering roster.

As some of the trees are already in flower, we may even see some fruit this year and certainly over the time that each pupil spends at The Old School Henstead.

The trees are a wonderful addition to the grounds, and we extend our sincere thanks to the Websters. Year 1 pupils insisted on giving Mr Webster a warm group hug, as the picture below shows.







# Reception Roundup.



We are full steam ahead in Reception now and embracing our more structured learning opportunities as we prepare for our transition to Year One.

In literacy we continue to develop our sentence writing and are all becoming emergent writers with fantastic ideas, thanks to our lovely sunny and picturesque environment.



In maths we have been looking at doubling, halving and sharing. This has tested our addition and subtraction knowledge and we are even learning how to count in twos.

Making links with everyday life we have had some interesting discussions about our bodies and how they work as well as comparing ourselves to different types of animals.



We are enjoying our daily reading and phonics lessons and are all getting very good with our digraph, trigraph and split digraph reading and recognition.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*



# Nursery News.



This week we have been observing the change in our tadpoles and caterpillars. We are excited about them changing into frogs and butterflies in the next few weeks.

The children have used paints to create beautiful, vibrant pond pictures. They have thought hard about what colours to use and the shape of tadpoles, lily pads and lily flowers.

We have also been working hard on our letter formation. The children have enjoyed painting their names all over the Nursery fence and path and have written lots of signs to be placed round the setting giving instructions about how to use the equipment.



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Euan. Well done. Priscilla is very proud of you because you are so helpful at tidy up time. You have even included anything that you find on the big field! Thank you for taking care of the environment. Enjoy the sleepover!

*Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher*



# Mascot Awards.



This week's Mascot Awards, presented to pupils most demonstrating this half term's value Teamwork, were awarded to:

Year 6: Rachael, for demonstrating teamwork and courage on the Year 6 Snowdonia Trip.

Year 5: Rebecca, for showing teamwork and confidence.

Year 4: Francis, for showing teamwork and helping others.

Year 3: George, for teamwork on the Rugby field.

Year 2: Jack D, for teamwork on the Rugby field.

Year 1: Ted, for teamwork in PE.

Reception: Chloe, for working with others in mathematics.

## Thank you



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Family Quiz Night, which raised £130 for the school's PTFA funds.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
(Term Time)

Mondays 8.15-9.15  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## Book Fair



Just as we begin to believe that balmy weather be a real possibility, curling up in the shade with a really good book seems the perfect accompaniment to lazy summer days. From Monday, our Summer Book Fair will be with us for a week with the opportunity for lunchtime browsing and visits after school. A 'three for two' deal is a real temptation and as ever our commission will provide welcome new titles for our classroom libraries. All welcome!

*Mr Butcher*

## Bag2School



Bags have been sent home today for our Bag2School collection. Please note a change in the date for collection: **9am Thursday 24 May**. For details of which type of items are accepted - particularly good quality adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys - check the list on [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com). Extra bags are available from the office.

## Trinity College Music

We wish everyone well taking their Trinity College Music Examinations this weekend.



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