



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Sunday 20 May
Tuesday 22 May

Wales 3000ers Challenge Team Departs
1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming
1.30 Parent & Toddler Group
2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming
2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics

Wednesday 23 May
Thursday 24 May

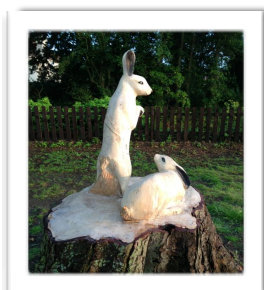
Wales 3000ers Challenge Team Returns
9.00 Bags2School Collection
1.00 Subject and Class Teacher/Parents Meetings
The Henstead Hike
Half Term Begins

Friday 25 May

Dates for your diary

Saturday 23 June

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



Message from the Headmaster

As this week's newsletter goes to press, the Wales 3000ers team is preparing to set off for Snowdonia to tackle the Carneddws, the Glyders and the Snowdon horseshoe. Please take a look at our fundraising page for this challenge and for the *Henstead Hike*. Sponsorship forms have also been issued to the boys and girls. Your support is much appreciated.

<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>. Please spread the word. We appreciate your support.



Year 1 is currently learning about plants in science.

The botanists have made observational drawings of wild flowers in the field and identified their names. With magnifying glasses, we looked closely at the parts of flowers and were able to identify the male and female parts of a flower.



Outside in the garden poppies, beans, tomatoes and most recently potatoes have all been planted.

We are now learning how to care for our seedlings and young plants. Our class garden watering rota is up and running and includes the new fabulous orchard fruit trees.

Mrs Loader



Music Exam Success.

Trinity College London

The Trinity College London music examinations took place on Friday 11 and Saturday 12 May. The examiner was Anne Clark.

Congratulations to the following pupils:

SINGING

Grade 2

Harry D PASS
Harry S PASS

Grade 4

George D PASS

Grade 5

Emily B MERIT

TRUMPET Grade 1

Louis M MERIT
Matthew H PASS

Also taking exams were former Henstead pupils (who still have private lessons with Mrs. Clayton) and succeeded in their Grade 6 and 8 singing examinations.

Many thanks to pupils for all your hard work and to parents for their support.

The next examination date for Trinity College London is 14 July and ABRSM 21 July 2018.

Mrs Clayton



Movie Matters.

George and his older sister Tilly (our former Head of School) enjoyed an exciting day filming this week, as part of the new Richard Curtis / Danny Boyle production, which was being filmed locally.

The title of the film has not yet been revealed, but stars Lily James (of *Cinderella* and *Downton Abbey* fame) and Himesh Patel (*EastEnders*). The film is expected to be released in autumn 2019.

The *Look East News* team was also on site on Wednesday, so you may have spotted George and Tilly as part of the footage that was screened.

It was a thrilling experience for the Henstead pupils - not least to see behind the scenes, to get a glimpse all the logistics and time that goes into making a film, but also to meet many of the actors. We look forward to watching the finished result.



George & Tilly on set with Danny Boyle

Book Fair News.



The footfall in the Book Fair this week has been tremendous, with our young readers queuing with enthusiasm ahead of the daily opening time during lunch breaks and taking advantage of the 'three for the price of two' offer from the whole range of titles. Surprisingly some of the runaway successes of most recent fairs have done less well than diehard titles like *Captain Underpants*. Could David Walliams be on the wane? Academic perhaps, as long as those pages are turning in the magical absorption of a good read! Sales passed the £520 mark, earning the school 52 books in commission for our class libraries. Thank you all for your wonderful support.

Mr Butcher

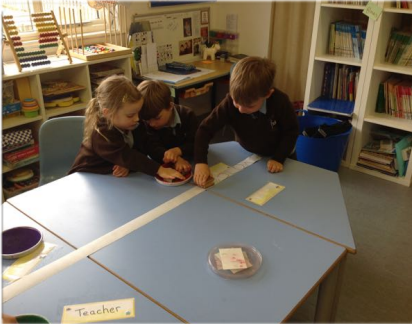
Theatrical Play.



We are fortunate to enjoy such extensive grounds, with varied plants, trees and shrubs around in which to enjoy fresh air and exercise during break times. A group of Year 1 and 2 girls were spotted creating a mini play during break time, using botanical props they wove quickly for the key royal roles.



Reception Roundup.



This week we have been focusing on our maths skills. We have learnt how to count in 2s, sharing and doubling.

We used printing stamps to create our own repeating 2D shape patterns. We enjoyed the story *Super Worm* by Julia Donaldson and had a go at creating our own worms out of playdough. We decorated them using sequences and beads to practise our repeating patterns and enhance our fine motor control. We then cut our worms in half!



Mrs Suffolk taught us how to make origami cats and then we made our own. We also made paper aeroplanes and measured how far we could make them travel.

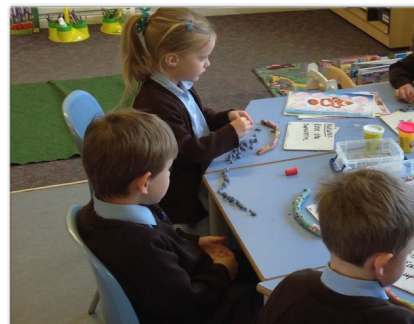
To continue with our Maths theme, we measured ourselves again, to compare our growth since starting in Reception. We calculated our total class growth through addition, learning about centimetres and counting in 10s. We have grown 21cm and our tallest person is 126cm.



In French we have been sharing the story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We used our French vocabulary to count to five and learn the different names of the fruit that he ate. We then got to enjoy tasting the fruit as we shared it with Nursery. Mrs Vorster also showed us the Nursery caterpillars which have now almost transformed into cocoons.

Our weeks are now getting extremely busy with summer show rehearsals and sports day practices, which are preparing us for the *Henstead Hike* on Friday. See you there. Please don't forget to sponsor us please. We are aiming to walk over two miles!

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Nursery News.



This week the children have shown an interest in robots. Inspired by books about robots they decided to make their own from recycling, construction toys and two-dimensional coloured shapes. All the children had their own ideas about how their robots should look, what parts they needed, what the different functions were and how they would work.



In phonics we have been perfecting our skills in segmenting and blending words. We have found that speaking like a robot really helps us with the syllables in words.



We have also been observing the caterpillars very closely this week. There are exciting developments. They have doubled in size again and have attached themselves to the lid in preparation for making their cocoons.



The Hungry Caterpillar theme flowed into French with Madame Dakin this week as we practised counting in French and learned the names of fruits.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Wilfred. Priscilla has been really impressed with how you have been remembering to use the toilet during your busy days at Nursery. Enjoy the sleepover.

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Rounders



ROUNDERS

On Wednesday, Year 6 and Year 4 girls braced up for the windy weather and travelled to The Abbey for a friendly rounders fixture. The girls from both schools were mixed together and split into three teams (Pegasus, Unicorns and Zebras) for a mini tournament. Although we do enjoy the competitiveness of playing against another school, mixing the girls together allows the girls to practise their skills without the added pressure.

Imogen F-T shone during this fixture and volunteered to bowl for her team. She did a fantastic job considering she has only just learnt how to bowl in the past few weeks! I was proud to see her adjust her technique in order to bowl accurately and to not give away any extra points to the other team. She also had quick reactions and successfully caught the opposition out, as did Ayla

– who achieved the only two catches of the day! Isabelle N also had a very successful fixture and was one of the more confident fielders on the day. Not only did she successfully stump numerous players out, she also managed to get a full rounder when batting for her team. Olivia W was the only other Henstead girl to get a full rounder for her team. A very proud moment!

The girls had such a fun time playing that they were not interested in who won – the delicious match tea may have also distracted them. Well done to all of the girls who participated in the fixture. It is a lovely feeling for a teacher to see all the skill taught being used and come to fruition.

Mrs Jensen



Mascot Awards.



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

Reception: Reuben for demonstrating good teamwork during maths.

Year 1: Ariane for supporting her class in their botanical learning.

Year 2: Tom for demonstrating teamwork skills, helping people settle into school.

Year 3: Phillip for playing well with every member of the class.

Year 4: Immy for showing initiative and teamwork completing her science project ahead of schedule.

Year 5: Harvey for using his teamwork skills to solve conflicts.

Year 6: Matthew for collaborating when working to prepare the PTFA sunflowers.

Learning in the Sun



Year 3 pupils spotted studying in a lesson outdoors, taking advantage of some wonderful windows of sunshine this week.

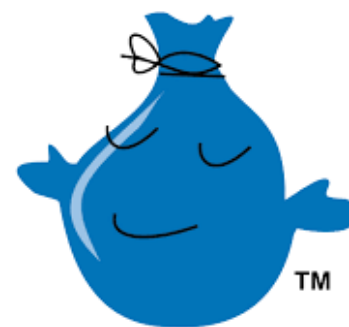
Maypole Dancing



Under the direction of Miss Sindall, Lower School pupils have been learning the mechanics and choreography of Maypole dancing, using the school's Maypole.



Bag2School



Bags have been sent home 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. Extra bags are available from the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(Term Time)

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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