



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 18 June

Tuesday 19 June

Wednesday 20 June

Thursday 21 June

Saturday 23 June

Non-Uniform Day (see Page 13 for details)

9.00 Nursery Photograph

1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming

2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming

2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics

10.30 School Photograph

2.00 Cricket v Widford Lodge Prep (Beccles Cricket Club)

1.35 New Pupils' Afternoon with Parents' Tea at 3.00 (See Page 14 for details.)

9.45 Open Morning (Half day school with programme of activities)

2.00 Henstead Golf Day (See Mr Hunter to sign up - all welcome. See Page 13.)

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27 June

Wednesday 4 July

Thursday 5 July

Friday 6 July

Saturday 7-Sunday 8 July

1.30 Sports Day & Summer Fayre

4.00 Tea followed by Parents/Pupils Cricket & Rounders

Summer Shows (see page 14 for details of performances)

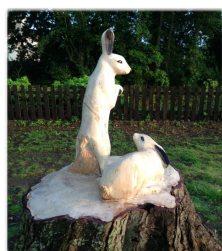
Summer Shows

Speech Day

Henstock (See Page 9 for details.)

Message from the Headmaster

We look forward to welcoming our visitors from Widford Lodge again this week- they always provide the sternest cricketing test of the year and we must be on our mettle. They will be followed by all of our families, friends and guests to end the week with our Open Morning. There will be something for all to see, from science experiments usually only the preserve of senior schools, to equestrian skills and preparation for the grass court season. *Mr McKinney*



Open Morning Saturday 23 June.


Our next Open Morning (half day school) will be held on Saturday 23 June. We would be grateful if you would consider who to invite. If you are able to display a poster (or electronic poster) at your organisation, please request this from the office.

Pupils should arrive in full uniform (including blazers) for 9:30

registration. We encourage visitors to arrive between 9:45 and 10:00, so that they may choose which activities they wish to view.

The sports element of the programme will include a tennis session with our tennis pro Ben Thompson and our Thursday group of players. We appreciate your help in spreading the word.



 **The Old School Henstead**
An independent prep school & nursery
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Open Morning

Give your child a confident start.

Saturday 23 JUNE Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
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Dinosaur.



Year 1 and Year 6 had a fantastic day out together at Roarr! Dinosaur Adventure Park. The aim of the trip for the Year 6 children was to develop their leadership skills with younger children during their transition week. They were partnered up with either one or two Year 1 children and were responsible for holding their hands, reading difficult words and general acts of kindness. The aim for the Year 1 children was to experience the dimensions and identify characteristics of different dinosaurs.

On the journey back to school, the previous excitement and energy of the Year 1 children had metamorphosed to calmness and sleep. Year 6 returned to school completely exhausted but happy after their Jurassic trip of responsibility. What a great day!

Mrs Loader



Following the dinosaur trail, we explored the woods and released our inner dinosaurs. We came face to face with lifesize dinosaurs, both big, like the Brachiosaurus, and small, like the Raptors.



Spotting the camouflaged Tyranasaurus Rex resulted with excited squeals and frantic gesticulating. Do you think he saw us?



On the dinosaur trail the children collected stamps from the following dinosaur exhibits: Woolly Mammoth, Ankylosaurus, Triceratops, Brachiosaurus, Pterodactyl and a variety of field stations.



Year 6 thoroughly deserved their dinosaur medals for exploring and surviving Roarr! Dinosaur adventure park with their Year 1 buddies.



After lunch we visited the fossil centre and discovered a range of ammonites and dinosaur bones whilst digging and brushing in the soft sand. Next we headed to Dippy's Splash Zone to cool off and enjoy the squirting tubes, bubbling spouts, water slide and tipping water bucket.



Un, deux, trois.



Nursery and Reception have been studying the names of colours and numbers to ten during their weekly French lessons.

To enhance their learning they have learnt to sing numbers in French with actions and also sing *The Rainbow Song* or *arc-en-ciel!*

With confidence growing, the children were keen to show the rest of the school their French accents and singing voices.

Bravo Nursery and Reception. We were all very proud of you!

Madame Dakin



Fantastic Gymnastics.



Our Year 2 and 3 gymnasts continue to enjoy their training sessions, making excellent progress.

Here are some pictures showing some of the apparatus and skills they have been working on this week.





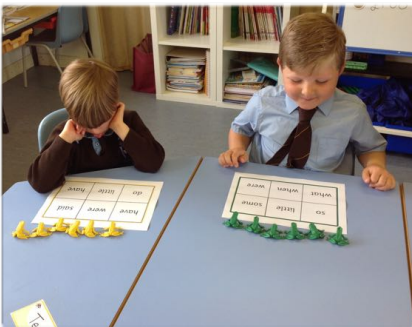
Reception Roundup.



We continue to stretch our maths and our growing sunflowers are perfect for measuring. The smallest member of the class is very pleased to see her sunflower becoming the tallest. We have enjoyed looking at different coins and their value. To help us familiarise ourselves with money we have been using stamps and rubbing coins using wax crayons.



In preparation for our beach trip on 29 June we have our own mini beach. We enjoy playing in this and using our imagination to influence our learning through play. Another great inspiration is the exciting preparation of our summer show and how we can link *Treasure Island* to our role play.



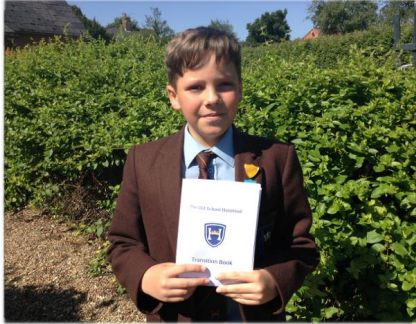
Excellence continues to be the value this term and there are many of examples of this in EYFS classrooms at the moment. Something that has earned the children AI's this week is our fantastic French performance in assembly and our knowledge of the French language when we are looking at colours and numbers.

Linking all our areas of learning together we have been discussing; routines, independence and time. We have compared home and school routines and how differently we behave within different communities. We discovered that time affects a lot of what we do. We had a go at creating our own routines and sequencing the activities we do using the internet and a computer to create a poster that we can use at home to help us become more independent and responsible for ourselves.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Ready to Fly!



The importance of the Year Six experience at The Old School Henstead should not be understated. It is a culmination of an important stage in the educational journey of our boys and girls. Throughout the academic year opportunities are offered to develop independence and, most importantly, the discovery of and awareness of who they are as both learners and as young adults. Leadership training and challenges such as those faced in Snowdonia are just some examples.

For our Year 6 pupils this truly unique and special Henstead journey is nearing an end. The preparation to promote a seamless transition to senior school is supported through Transition Week.

On Monday The Old School Henstead Transition Handbook was issued to all Year 6 pupils and formed the central core of the focus for the week.

Work began with the Year Six pupils independently conducting internet-based research about their new schools. A short presentation of their research to their peers provided stimulus for discussion of shared expectation and anticipation.

Further activities included:

Friendship (role play) – how to introduce themselves, what to say and what not to say.

Scenarios – what should they do if they find themselves in a difficult, frightening or challenging situation where a moral judgement has to be made?

Internet Safety – CEOP

Staying Healthy – diet, smoking, drugs

Keeping Themselves Safe from Others - how to be aware and think safety. Exploring situations that might make them feel uneasy, what to do if they are worried someone is

following them, responsibilities when left home alone, safety in the home and general personal safety.

How to Travel Safely - waiting sensibly for the school bus or train, behaviour whilst travelling, getting on and off. How to show respect towards the driver and other passengers.

How to use a Mobile Phone – positives and negatives, how to be a responsible phone user, inappropriate use, awareness of safety.

Rights and Responsibilities – what are their fundamental rights, what are their responsibilities and what happens if they misuse them.

On Wednesday Year Six accompanied Year 1 to the Roarr Dinosaur Park. Their objective was to lead and accept responsibility for the success of the day. This provided an opportunity to be a senior role model for the younger pupils. To experience the logistics, the health and safety awareness encompassed within a safeguarding responsibility and the need to work as a team with the accompanying members of staff.

First Aid training, a new and valuable addition to the Year 6 transition preparation took place on Thursday. Our thanks go to Dr Hardman who very kindly shared her expertise and instilled the confidence needed should any of Year 6 find themselves in a situation where they or another individual need basic medical assistance.

To conclude the transition preparation, Year 6 will have an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss the next stage of their journey with a senior school pupil who has very kindly offered to visit us next week.

Finally, a message for Year 6: *Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.* - Albert Einstein



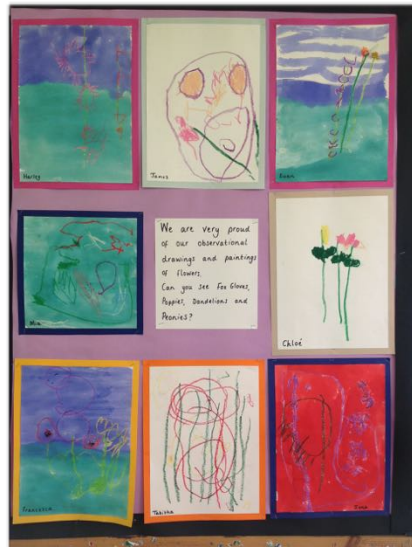
Nursery News.



Following on from last week's fairy theme, the children have continued their interest in the natural resources available to them.

They have produced some beautiful observational pastel pictures of wild flowers and peonies.

All year the children have been developing their observation skills, and by looking closely at the shapes and colours of the flowers, created some stunning pieces. They have also made some lovely hanging display pieces, using paper plates, sticky back plastic and natural resources. The children enjoyed hunting outside for grass, petals, sand, stones and sticks.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Fred. Priscilla has enjoyed watching you learn and play this week. She is very impressed with your segmenting and blending in phonics and the way that you have been so focused during carpet time. She has also seen you playing well with the other children, taking turns and joining in.

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Athletics



ATHLETICS

All of Year 4 along with some members of Year 3 headed over to East Point Academy for an Athletics competition. Up first were our 75m skipping duo of Harry S and Penelope, both showing off their expertise in this event. Harry finished third and Penelope totally smashed the field and won the event.

100m sprints followed with Francis and Kitty both running their hardest and finishing fourth and sixth.

Standing Long Jump was our strongest event of the day, with Marli and Imogen both pushing for the victory - sadly Marli just missed out, finishing second

whereas Imogen managed to eek out a huge jump on her final attempt to be victorious.

Vortex Howler throw into a head wind was always going to be difficult. Isabelle managed superbly finishing in second position, with George improving with every throw, finishing fourth overall.

Team Tug of War gave everyone great entertainment. However, with a sand based pitch it didn't allow for much grip! Some excellent team work and tactical play with James making sure everyone had suitable footwear, gave us a fighting chance. We ended up finishing in a creditable sixth position.

Last up were the team relays and a steady start from Kitty and Harry, backed up well by Francis and Isabelle, had us just behind the leading pack. Immy, Marli and Wills managed to claw us back into contention with Imogen just being pipped for first place in an entertaining race.

An overall finish of third place and only a few points shy of first was a great finish to the afternoon.

Mr Hunter





The Old School Henstead



Saturday 7th July 2018
Campsite opens 1pm

HENSTOCK

Children's Entertainers 3-5pm

Disco and Karaoke

6.30 'til late

Barbeque and Camping

Auction of Promises

Sign up in the office now for tickets:

Adults £5, Children £3.

WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE
FOLLOWING SPORTS DAY



SUMMER FAYRE



THE GREAT HENSTEAD BAKE OFF,
ARENA GAMES, CRICKET, BBQ
REFRESHMENTS, PRIZE DRAW
TALLEST SUNFLOWER CONTEST

SUMMER FAYRE

Wednesday 27th June 2018

Children's Competitions

Junior Baking

Up to Year 2: 6 biscuits or fairy cakes.

Senior Baking

Years 3-6: a cake with more than one layer

Tallest Sunflower

As supplied by the school council

Construction

A model using any type of material (lego, wood, junk modelling) Not from a kit.

Art or Craft

Any picture or craft project.

All entries 50p. Please bring to the hall on the morning of the fayre.



WEDNESDAY 27TH JUNE 2018

THE GREAT HENSTEAD BAKE OFF

Calling all parents and grandparents!
Enter your bake for one of the following
categories:

Signature Bake:

6 scones, sweet or savoury
with your personal twist.

Technical Challenge:

8 Chocolate brownies

Showstopper:

A celebration cake.



£1 per entry.

All entries to be handed in on the
morning of the fayre

NON- UNIFORM DAY

Monday 18th June 2018

The PTFA are holding a world-cup themed non-uniform day. Wear your favourite sports kit to school in exchange for items for the Summer Fayre.

Nursery to Year 2

Please donate hamper gifts. Each class has a country competing in the World Cup as the theme for its hamper.

Nursery: France

Reception: England

Year 1: Italy

Year 2: Spain

A list of suggestions will be posted on classlist and left in classrooms.

Years 3 -6

Please donate a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Mascot Awards.

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



Reception: Raef for showing excellence in French speaking and learning.
Year 1: Aydin for showing excellent knowledge of dinosaurs
Year 2: Isla for continuing to excel in learning her times tables.
Year 3: Phillip for showing an excellent attitude to assessments in class.
Year 4: Isobel R for presenting an excellent project about the moon.
Year 5: Charlie for showing excellence in his handwriting, vastly improving the legibility of his writing.
Year 6: Olivia for excellent preparation for, and use of, her future school induction.

Golf Day



Our next Golf Day will take place after the Open Morning next Saturday 23 June at 2pm. The venue will be Rookery Park, Par 3 Course. All are welcome to join us for an enjoyable afternoon. Please see Mr Hunter or register your interest at the office.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(Term Time)

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Show Schedule



Wednesday 4 July

2.00pm *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Years 4-6)

6.30pm *Treasure Island* (Years R-3)

Thursday 5 July

2.00pm Nursery Song followed by *Treasure Island* (Years R-3)

7.00pm *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Years 4-6)

Tickets:

£6 adult £4 child

Booking forms will be sent out this week.

New Pupils' Afternoon



Our New Pupils' Afternoon will be held next Thursday 21 June. Some new pupils will join us for the whole day and others will arrive after lunch to join their new form from 1:35pm. All pupils will move up a year for the afternoon, to spend time with their new form teachers and hear more about the year ahead. They will also undertake the important task of choosing a class (animal) mascot for September!

The Uniform Shop will be open and will be happy to arrange private appointments for new pupils.

Tea will be served for new parents at 3pm.



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