



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 11 June

Tuesday 12 June

Wednesday 13 June

Thursday 14 June

Year 6 Transition Week

1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming

2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming

2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics

8.45 Years 1 & 6 visit ROARR! Dinosaur Park

1.00 Year 4 Athletics at East Point Academy

2.00-4.00 Year 6 First Aid Training (Swim Meet Cancelled)

Dates for your diary

Saturday 23 June

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

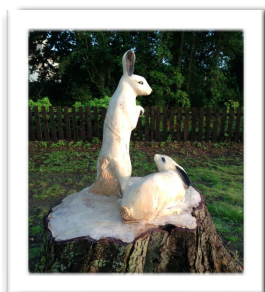
2.00 Henstead Golf Day (See Mr Hunter to sign up - all welcome. See Page 13.)

Message from the Headmaster

To excel is within the reach of every boy and girl - and that has been our focus during this hectic first week of this last half term of the school year. Excellence has been shown in preparation for the Outdoor Education overnight camp for our senior pupils, whilst our Receptioners have shown excellent knowledge of porcine production. AIs are still brought regularly to my study and certificates for excellent work are still being won. As for the shows...

May we kindly ask you to gather your sponsorship funds for the *Henstead Hike* or *Wales 3000ers Challenge* and either hand them in to the office or donate via our fundraising page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OldSchoolHenstead>. Thank you.

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 the Thursday group of players. We appreciate your help in spreading the word.



 **The Old School Henstead**
An independent prep school & nursery
for boys & girls aged 2½ to 11.

Open Morning

Give your child a confident start.

Saturday 23 JUNE Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
Toad Row, Henstead, Nr Beccles NR34 7UG www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk

Outdoor Education Camp.



Our Outdoor Education Camp started yesterday afternoon after our After School Clubs ended.

Years 3-6 were split into teams and given a variety of interesting challenges: den building, spider's web, art attack and rescue poor Pedro (the nursery donkey).

Then it was time for us to erect the tents - some pupils even overcame a challenge set by parents! We chose our "room" mates and tackled a delicious BBQ supper.



While the light persisted, a time of playing games replaced the ready for bed routine at home and it was then time to create our campfire, toasting marshmallows for smores, which were a big hit.

As light faded we changed into pyjamas and cosied up in our sleeping bags in front of our outdoor screen to watch our movie - the community singing was top class....



Bedtime and some sleep before dawn broke - the Headmaster claims to have overheard two intrepid drama students discussing the school pantomime camel at about 5 a.m., but he may have been dreaming...

The sunny morning created ideal conditions for an outdoor breakfast, which included cereals and crêpes.

A quick wash and cleaning of teeth, followed by a change into uniform and we were ready for the school day.

Mr McKinney



Down on the Farm.



We are most grateful to the Blois family for inviting our Reception children to their farm in Blythburgh to learn about rearing pigs.

The pupils were delighted to meet some piglets that had been born that morning - one which was quiet and one which was quite noisy! We learnt about how they interact with each other and what interests them.



The children were also given the opportunity to feed some older pigs and to see some of the amazing farm vehicles which are required to help look after the land.

What an amazing morning.





Reception Roundup.



Welcome back to the last and most exciting part of the year. The anticipation of summer shows, speech day and sports day are creating much discussion in Reception this week.

We continue to count in 2s, 5s, and 10s as well as reflect on our learning about doubling, halving, shapes and time. We have enjoyed putting together a display to show what we know. Our next focus will be around money and we are looking forward to creating our own shop.



Our reading, writing and spelling continues to be a daily exercise as we prepare for the structured learning of Year One that awaits us. It is important we understand how to write sentences and we enjoy using our everyday experiences to help us with our developing vocabulary and knowledge of the world around us.



Discussions about how farms help to feed us has been supported by some resources from the Suffolk show that Mrs Scriven visited last Thursday. We got to see how you can make a candle out of beeswax. This inspired us to talk about fire and how to keep ourselves safe. Mr McKinney showed us how to make a fire. We enjoyed testing different materials to see how they burn and even got to toast marshmallows!

We have learnt a lot about different animals this year and enjoyed the opportunity to visit Blythburgh pigs on Thursday. We look forward to sharing this with you on Open Morning.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Nursery News.



This week we have continued our interest in the life cycle of the caterpillar by looking at pictures and video of our class cocoons emerging as butterflies. We have Mia and Iona to thank because they took them home for the half term. We looked at the symmetrical colours and patterns on butterfly wings and had a go at making our own symmetrical patterns with objects and paints.

The fairies have been to visit this week. They sent letters requesting help to collect natural resources for potions and fairy gardens. The boys and girls have been very interested in this theme. They have been inspired to write about their work, make up group stories and look carefully outside for fairy clues.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to William. You have been using your words to tell us how you feel and what you need. Priscilla is very proud of you. Enjoy the sleepover.

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

Bookworms.



Our pupils' passion for books is evident all around the school. Once again this week the Year One pupils spent time reading books aloud to the Nursery children. Groups of children were found in a variety of corners all around our grounds in the sunshine, and even in one of our small tents!



It is a great way for the children to build their confidence in reading out loud and to build friendships with the Nursery children as they prepare to move up through the school.



SPORTS ROUND UP

Cricket



CRICKET FESTIVAL & RIDDLESWORTH HALL

We began our cricketing day down at a sunny Denes Oval. It was pleasing to see the Henstead pupils taking it upon themselves to warm up for the morning matches.

A smaller format of 8 overs per innings meant for some big hitting. We found our first game tough against the eventual winners Albert Pye. Some slack fielding and with 5 dropped catches meant we faced an uphill battle when batting. Although runs were scored, we were unable to maintain the high run rate required and came up short by 30 runs.

Our second game saw us dominate Woods Loke from start to finish: some deadly bowling took the wickets and catches were taken, along with a couple of run outs. This was backed up emphatically by some long handle hitting from the whole team, giving us a sizeable margin of victory of 40 runs.

Next up Blundeston - this game followed in the same pattern as the first with strong bowling

restricting our opponents to just 28 runs. We were growing in confidence and scored a huge 55 runs.

With time against us, a limited overs game was played against Elm Tree, with Captain Lark choosing his bowlers wisely. Our opponents ended on a negative score whilst we batted freely, leading to a comfortable victory.

A superb second placed finish overall and we hopped on the bus ready to head to Riddlesworth Hall.

On arrival at Riddlesworth we found ourselves put into bat first. Captain Jack leading the way, backed up by Alex, some good calling and singles scored before Jack smashed a ball towards the boundary rope only to be caught just before it went for 6! Louis arrived in bat ready to go on the attack, however his innings was short lived and he soon followed Jack on the long walk. Steadying the ship were Alex and Harry. Scoring quick singles they managed to bat for a impressive 8 overs before retiring. Archie and Francis arrived at the crease and put on a performance. Both eager to run quick singles at any point

and some big hitting entertained the crowd, both finishing not out, Archie on 40 and Francis on 22. Daisy and Charlie came and went in quick succession due to some excellent fielding and Harvey was freakishly run out. That left us with Tom, who against batted confidently and helped us post 110/6 after 20 overs.

Jack and Daisy opened the bowling and found the first couple of overs against the older boys difficult. Nevertheless they quickly got down to business with Daisy keeping line and length to take a well-deserved wicket. Archie and Louis bowled with pace and accuracy, Louis ploughing through the batting order taking 3 for not many and Archie chipping in. Francis changed the tempo of the bowling with some excellent spin - working his magic, he claimed 2 wickets.

An excellent team effort kept our opponents down to 98/8 after 20 overs.

A great day cricket with some excellent performances.

Mr Hunter

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cricket



CRICKET FESTIVAL

The girls joined the boys in their own Cricket festival, with 3 limited over fixtures. It was a tense start with some accurate bowling and some big hitting from both teams leading to a narrow defeat against Woods Loke.

Our girls improved significantly in the second match against Blundeston, all improving their bowling accuracy and all running quicker between the wickets. They worked hard to reach the run chase set by our opponents, just falling short at the close.

Our third game against Albert Pye was by far our best performance - the girls were really up for the battle. Daisy and Honor produced some classy bowling, deservedly taking wickets. Everyone was in the runs and working hard on their fielding.

A great morning's play from the girls with all of them improving throughout their games and growing their knowledge of the game.

Mr Hunter



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: Sebastian for demonstrating excellence in all areas of the curriculum with a smile.

Year 1: Jackson for excellent writing.

Year 2: Oliver for excelling in personal confidence.

Year 3: Johnny for working consistently in maths and showing excellence.

Year 4: Brayden for going above and beyond when writing a challenging newspaper article.

Year 5: Daisy for showing excellence and setting high expectations in her handwriting script.

Year 6: Tabatha for an excellent attitude and for enthusiasm with ratios and proportions in maths.

Golf Day



Our next Golf Day will take place after the Open Morning on 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

School Council



The School Council is working hard this term to fundraise. *Ice Cream Friday* and the *Sunflower Competition* are both gathering pace generating a healthy profit.

Class representatives meet weekly to discuss ideas for future purchases that will benefit all members of the school community and to identify further opportunities to increase School Council funds. Such an opportunity has recently arisen with the generous donation of a horse riding saddle and permission to sell it. The actual saddle can be viewed in the Year Six classroom. The highest offer secures the purchase. Please feel free to visit Year Six and make us an offer.

Nest Building



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