



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 8 October

Britten Pears Foundation Talk: Mr Joe Carr
12.30 EYFS Forest School

Tuesday 9 October

8.15 Years 5 & 6 Crumble Robot Workshop, Ipswich
1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4 Swimming
2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics

Wednesday 10 October

2.00 U11 Hockey v The Abbey (A)

Thursday 11 October

9.15 Year 1 Visits Britten Pears Foundation

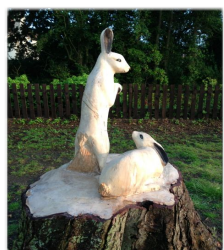
Friday 12 October

9.15 Year 3 Visits Britten Pears Foundation

Dates for your diary

Friday 9 November

PTFA Bonfire Night and Fireworks



Message from the Headmaster

We look forward to welcoming all the members of The Old School Henstead community to the school for our Open Morning. Governors, parents, families and friends join me in extending a warm welcome to our guests and visitors. We trust that you will enjoy the programme of events that the boys and girls have prepared.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning.

Our Open Morning takes place this Saturday 6 October. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.30. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning.

It is also an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

We appreciate your support in spreading the word and do let the office know if you are able to display a poster.



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

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Saturday 6 OCTOBER Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
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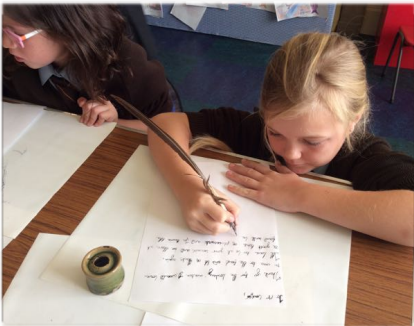
Elizabethan House.



What does the Elizabethan House, Great Yarmouth, have in common with Forest Gump's mother? No, we didn't encounter Tom Hanks in doublet and hose (although that would indeed have been quite unexpected). It's something about boxes of chocolates and the surprises therein - all of the good kind. Unbeknown to our Year Five group we had two new actors performing on our visit - the initially forbidding Mistress Agnes and Master Scrivener, employed by the wealthy Cowper family circa 1595.



After identifying some curious domestic objects in the pantry we were taken to the dining room to be schooled in Tudor decorum, particularly at the dinner table where our reversing skills were tested, backing away from the high table with dishes which did not meet with mine host's approval. Performing courtesies and reverences to those we encounter seemed reminiscent of the Far East today (ref: Year Five's assembly on the culture of Japan). Alas for life in the Sixteenth Century! From there we proceeded to practise our penmanship with a Tudor RSVP, debating the merits of the different quills with Master Scrivener - pheasant tails are good for drawing it seems.



Some Tudor dancing is a regular feature of our visits to the Elizabethan House, an immersive experience with the setting, music and costumes. I am always impressed by how rapidly our children grasp these manoeuvres. (Please note a 'brawle' is a Tudor dance, not a nightclub incident involving England cricketers). The bed chamber as ever was popular for its opportunities for dressing up, photo calls and finding out the origins of such sayings as "sleep tight". There is nothing quite like history brought to life and an entertaining day was had by all.



Mr Butcher





Early Years News.

Nursery.



The boys and girls have been working very hard in their Tuesday gymnastics session. We are pleased to say they have all made a huge amount of progress since the beginning of term, particularly with balancing on the high beams.



This week the children enjoyed using the ribbons to explore different way of moving. Some of the children moved very gracefully making circular motions with the ribbons whilst others enjoyed running along and wiggling the ribbon on the floor like a snake. The children also practised doing roly-polys down the soft play ramps finishing upright with their arms above their heads. Very impressive!



Keep up the fantastic work Nursery!

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

This week Tilly the mascot has chosen to go home with Wilfred. Since recently becoming a big brother Wilfred has been very kind and considerate towards others and is taking turns and sharing whilst at Nursery. What a fantastic week. Well done Wilf!



Reception Roundup.



We have used our trip to the woods last week to come up with inspiring ideas to support our learning. It is especially lovely seeing the children sharing these ideas at home and bringing in things from home to show their friends. This is always an excellent way to further and reinforce their learning. The 'How to make a pizza' book has definitely been a big hit and we have now planned and made our own pizzas!



As we continue with our daily phonics and reading the children's confidence is going from strength to strength. It is lovely to see their enthusiasm as they put up their hands to read and sound out new words.



Using our inquisitive and inquiring minds we are focusing our learning on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and we are feeling very inspired and looking forward to showing off what we have been doing and our school to families and friends tomorrow.

See you there!



Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Maps, Maths & Masks.



It has been another busy, fun and productive week in Year 3.

Monday found the children writing about what it would be like to land on a deserted island and find a treasure map. Where would it lead them? There might be booty waiting to be found, or perhaps the treasure has been plundered by Hattie the Hammerhead shark and her band of marauding pirates - arrr! Talking of treasure, the boys and girls have also been developing their orienteering skills in Outdoor Education, making their own treasure maps and plotting a course to find where X marks the spot.

In art, they are beginning to design African-style masks using recycled materials. The children are encouraged to choose many different forms to decorate their creations to reflect the variety of tribes to be found on the African continent.



Preparations are underway for a rousing rendition of *When the Saints go Marching In* on Open Morning. The boys and girls are in fine voice and have been practising their marching skills for an impressive entrance.

Maths lessons have seen us tackling the demands of division and multiplication and how they are the inverse of each other. The children have risen to some tough challenges and are mastering this topic with aplomb. Well done Year 3. You are all shining examples of our school values of confidence and creativity.

Mrs Sonn

SPORTS ROUND UP

Rugby



U11 Rugby

There was great excitement as the Under 11 mixed team headed off for Lowestoft and Great Yarmouth RFC this week.

It was a well-supported event, with twenty teams taking part.

After the warm up and team talk from Mr Hunter, we were placed in the A pool. The format, however, was an unusual one, in that the overall winners would be decided not on results from each of the four pools, but on respect and sportsmanship during the course of the afternoon.

Our first outing was against a scratch side made up of two schools and we improved

steadily throughout, going down by the odd score in five.

The importance of running straight, keeping the ball in two hands, creating space and putting our quickest players into it was strengthened over the course of the next three games, in which a dozen tries were scored and only two conceded.

We were ably captained by Harry B, supported by the twinkling toes of Charlie and Louis, the wisdom of Tom, the pace of Kate, good hands and determined running from Emily and Rebecca (certificate well-deserved), game awareness from Daisy, Jack and Harvey.

Well done to all and to Mrs Wicks for her support, not least in thinking that the opposition in one game, in all red kit, but wearing green bibs and black tag belts, were dressed as elves. How many sleeps?

Mr McKinney



Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - **Confidence & Creativity:**

Reception: Rohan for confident number writing.

Year 1: Autumn for an artistic and creative collage.

Year 2: Edward for creative storytelling.

Year 3: Tom for confidence in creating imaginative writing about his horse.

Year 4: Evelyn for creativity in forming ideas in her acrostic poem.

Year 5: Francis for building confidence in others through team-teaching.

Year 6: Thomas for carrying out his School Council duties with confidence and reliability.



Cross Country Results



The results of today's successful participation in the inter-schools cross country event hosted by Gresham's School will be reported fully in next week's edition, by which time the official placings will be available.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

'Flu Immunisations



Forms will be sent out next week to parents of age eligible pupils (Reception to Year 5) to offer free nasal 'flu immunisations on Friday 23 November. If you wish your child to be immunised by the visiting nursing team, kindly return your form to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Christmas Cards & More



We have sent home details and order forms to enable pupils to design their own Christmas Cards, wrapping paper, gift cards, coasters, fridge magnets and more. Order forms (designs to be drawn/painted on the reverse blank side) should be handed into the office any time before half term break. All in aid of PTFA funds to benefit the school. We appreciate your support.



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