



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 29 January

1.30 Nursery Pre-School, Reception & Year 1 Swimming

2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics

Wednesday 30 January

9.00 Reception visits Africa Alive

3.30 Year 6 Basketball v Pakefield HS (A)

Thursday 31 January

9.00 Year 2 visits Ringsfield Hall

Friday 1 February

8.50 Candlemas Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead
(parents & grandparents welcome)

Open Morning (half day school; registration 9:30)

Saturday 2 February

Dates for your diary

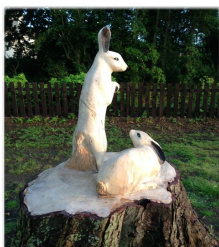
Tuesday 5 February

4.15 Safer Internet Day - Parent's Seminar - *thinkuknow?*

Saturday 9 February

LAMDA Examinations

Message from the Headmaster



The boys and girls have really embraced the School values this term. We have empathised with the shepherds and been grateful that the Good News of the infant king was and is for all, no matter how lowly. We have made time to think about the miracle of the Star that led the questing Magi to the stable. No shortage of experimentation either - the Year Five heart dissections took resolve as well as scientific curiosity! Special congratulations to Francis for qualifying for the ISA national cross country finals, to Kate our county champion show jumper and to Year 6 who won the inter-school Indoor Athletics Competition yesterday. *Mr McKinney*

Open Morning.

Our next Open Morning takes place on Saturday 2 February. 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.

Pupils should arrive in usual full uniform, including blazers for registration at 9.30.

We appreciate your support in spreading the word. If you are able to display a poster or would like a postcard invitation to pass to a friend or colleague, please ask at the office.



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 2 FEBRUARY Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
Toad Row, Henstead, Nr Beccles NR34 7LG www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk

Financial Planning.



Year Two's study of money led to a trip to a supermarket this week. The intention was to provide the children with a real-world situation to explore the purchasing, budgeting and finding of items in a large store. Handling money, selecting the appropriate coins, and perhaps most importantly, calculating the correct amount of change went extremely well.



The items the children were looking for were ingredients for a meal the children will be making later this term, adding further meaning to our visit.



The children's polite and courteous manner working in public received plenty of smiles from the shoppers as we progressed through the aisles. A credit to the school, as usual.



Well done, Year Two.

"Who knew finding passata would take so long?" said Aydin, after searching for quite some time with his team.



Mr M Hunt



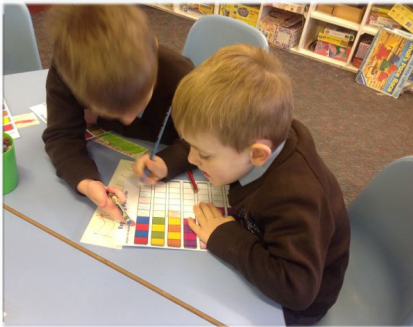


Reception Roundup.



It has been a cold and icy week. This has added to the children's curiosity and eagerness to develop their understanding of our environment. Fun has been had holding, melting and smashing ice as well as playing with play water beads that absorb water and grow.

We showed great resilience and emotional strength as Mr Hunter and Miss Coxon put us through our paces in games and has us running the cross-country circuit.



Madame Dakin continues to support our learning of French colours and numbers through music and games around our classroom.

Confidence is flourishing in swimming as we practise floating on our front, back and blowing bubbles. Some of us were even brave enough to put our faces in the water.

Our literacy, art, music and numeracy lessons remain focused on different types of animals. We have enjoyed learning all about dogs and birds this week. We have also signed up to the 'big garden bird watch' supported by the RSPB.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Project Ice.



This week, in Early Years, our learning has been led by the cold, icy weather. We have spent a lot of time wrapped up and outdoors playing in the snow showers and finding different ways to melt the ice that had formed in our water trays and bowls in the garden. We have used salt, warm water, tools and the sunshine. The children were disappointed that the snow didn't settle on Wednesday and were delighted to receive a letter from Elsa and Jack Frost. The characters apologised for the lack of snow and explained that they had forgotten their snow and ice spells. The children got to work, eager to help out. They made their own magic wands, brainstormed good words to use in these sorts of spells, wrote their individual spells and made ice potions. It was a wonderful, spontaneous afternoon in Early Years. The children were motivated and engaged and led the learning through their interests.



Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Congratulations Louiza. Tilly loves to see you coming into Nursery with a great big smile in the mornings. You are always ready to learn. Enjoy your sleepover.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Athletics & Show Jumping



ATHLETICS

On arrival we had to face the challenge of tricky car park navigation - it sounds easier than it actually was, but this was the day on which every hurdle was to be overcome.

The girls led the way with the track events - paarlauf was up first with Kate and Emily dominating the race from start to finish and this set the tone for the girls events for the afternoon. From a total of 12 events, the Henstead girls won nine and finished in the top three in the others. Sprint relays, team relays and obstacle relays involved participation by the whole team.

The boys tackled the field events first: vertical jumps, long jump, triple jump, javelin, speed bounce and a chest push were the events. We were first in triple jump, followed by two second place finishes in both the chest push and the long jump. Team Henstead was in a strong position at the half way point.

A switch over and the boys now took to the track, the girls to the field. The boys were victorious in four of their relay races and finished second in the other two - a special mention must go to the two lap relay team of Harvey and Harry, having hit the rebound wall

at such speed whilst fighting for the lead, Harry took an almighty tumble. However he got himself up and got back in the race before handing over to Harvey, who ran like never before and managed to clinch victory for the boys.

The girls continued in similar vein with their field events, winning four of the six events on offer.

A whopping 140 points were scored by the girls with the boys winning 116 - a total of 256 points and almost 40 points ahead of the second placed school.

A fantastic afternoons work from Year 6 with some excellent performances from all involved.

Mr Hunter

SHOW JUMPING

A huge congratulations to Kate who won the 70cm show jumping at the National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) qualifying event at Bury St Edmunds. This means that she is now through to the NSEA National County Show Jumping Championships representing Suffolk and The Old School Henstead.



Mascot Awards.



Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - **Empathy and Experiment:**

Reception: Rohan for showing empathy with his peers and his teachers.

Year 1: Jude for being kind and considerate to his friends.

Year 2: Aydin for showing extreme kindness, opening doors and helping others.

Year 3: Jack for showing empathy with his peers, making sure nobody is left out of a game.

Year 4: Wills for an experimenting mindset working out fractions with Smarties.

Year 5: Olivia for empathy and her achievement in being elected to the School Council.

Year 6: Thomas for experimenting with his percentage calculations.

School Council



School Council Representatives

Year 1 Autumn and Sebastian

Year 2 Christabel and Isabella

Year 3 Lolah and Jude

Year 4 Gabriel and Marli

Year 5 Olivia, Ayla and Bonnie

Year 6 Harry and Honor



Winter Uniform



May we ask parents of children in Reception to Year 6 to ensure their children remember to bring in their school duffle coats as the weather is now very cold and we need the children to be wrapped up well for break times and school trips, to help prevent colds and other seasonal illnesses. Only uniform coats, hats, scarves and gloves are permitted to be worn at school and on trips. These items are all available from our Uniform Shop. Kindly ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled, so that any mislaid items may be reunited quickly with their correct owners. Thank you.

Emergency



Emergency Closure Procedures

In the event of the school being closed owing to bad weather (or any other cause, for that matter) the following procedure will be followed:

The Headmaster or his representative will contact staff and parents as soon as possible (ideally before 7.30 a.m.)

This procedure will operate on each and every day the school is closed.

If any of your contact numbers have changed recently, please email your new details to the office as soon as possible.



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