



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 12 February

1.30 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Swimming

2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics

Thursday 14 February

8.45 Inter-House Drama Competition

Friday 15 February

8.45 Year 3 Assembly

Years 3 & 5 Open Classrooms

9.00 IAPS Netball Tournament at Framlingham Prep

3.30/4.10 Half Term Begins

Dates for your diary

Monday 25 February

Term Resumes

Thursday 28 March

8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead

Friday 29 March

Big Day Out Cambridge

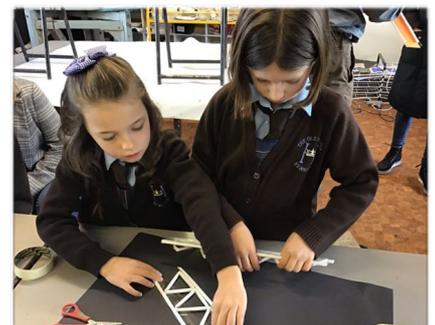
Message from the Headmaster



A week of thoughtful consideration of e-safety and the importance of consent and it has been one of intense preparations for our LAMDA candidates - we look forward to welcoming the examiners to school on Saturday. The boys and girls have been put them through their paces, as have the music grade performers and we shall celebrate their success in future editions of the newsletter. Open classrooms for Years One and Six finished the week - there was a Chinese secret waiting to be revealed in Assembly... *Mr McKinney*

Open Morning.

Thank you to all the families who attended our successful Open Morning last Saturday.



Chinese New Year.



It was Class Assembly Day, but where were Year 1? A colourful lucky dragon entered from the back of the hall to the front. As his head was lifted off, his body was revealed and a smiling, excited Year 1 pupils emerged from the scales. A Chinese New Year! Each speaker started with a resounding gong and the carefully rehearsed lines were spoken with growing confidence as the assembly progressed. Pigs and lanterns were showcased during the assembly as the children were proud of their work and learning. Mr McKinney was invited to the stage as the most respected member of the school to dot the eyes of our dragon to bring him to life. At the end of the assembly the children enjoyed the applause from the audience and AIs from Mr McKinney.



The Year of the Pig went off with bang and a gong!

After assembly we were treated to a LAMDA drama performance by the Year 6 pupils and several musical pieces by the school trumpeters and a wonderful exam piece piano recital. Coffee, tea and chocolate biscuits were eagerly munched on by parents and children alike.



Open classrooms started with a Chinese New Year style photo booth followed by Chinese calligraphy. The children learned how to write the Chinese character for Spring with great success. A busy morning ended with some tasty prawn crackers. Yum!



The only thing left to say is "Kung Hei Fat Choi!"

Mrs Loader



Safer Internet Day.



This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day focussed on how consent works in an online context and asked young people to explore how they ask, give, and receive consent online. This could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data.



The campaign encourages young people to explore how the internet works, who owns the information that is shared on it, and how they can actively take ownership of digital spaces.



The purpose is to empower young people to take control of their online lives and to feel that they can harness and use the positive power of the internet for good.



The activities in the school were met with an excellent level of participation. First, the digital leaders in Year Five delivered a presentation to Key Stage Two regarding consent. Key Stage One and EYFS enjoyed learning about Sid the Protector – keenly focussing on what the potential risks are when playing online gaming. Rounding off the day nicely, parents attended a seminar on how to support children online at home.



The success of the day was owed to the superb conversations which took place throughout the year groups.



Mr Hunt



What a Performance.

It was a real pleasure to see some of the Year 6 pupils performing in assembly this morning.

After a very successful Year 1 demonstration of Chinese culture over the Lunar New Year, we had a chance to see a LAMDA performance from Louis and Charlie. Both boys performed their act very well in advance of their examination tomorrow. Charlie's role as a policeman and Louis' role as criminal were very well assigned and both boys carried out their parts with gusto. Many thanks to Mrs Camplin for her assistance here.

Also pleasing to see were some musical items. Thomas performed his piano piece well and will soon be sitting his Grade 2 piano examination. Mr Beer assisted Louis and Rebecca with their trumpet pieces - all well received by the audience. Louis will be sitting his Grade 2 trumpet exam soon, and after only one term of trumpet lessons, Rebecca will soon be sitting her Grade 1 exam also.

Post-assembly, it was pleasing to have several parents join the Year 6s in their English lesson during periods 1 and 2. Here, whilst reading *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker, we were working on developing effective descriptive pieces based on the image of a winter-coated fox. Using the Year 6 writing criteria, we were seeking ways to improve the quality of our writing, looking to make it more interesting to the reader using techniques such as alliteration, simile and sentence type.

Mr Jensen





Reception Roundup.

Our animal topic continues to capture the children's imagination.

On Tuesday we celebrated Chinese New Year and the year of the pig. We enjoyed the story of how the 12 zodiac animals were chosen. Some of us had a go at making our own Chinese dragons and we enjoyed having dragons painted on our faces.

In maths we continue to focus on measurement, shapes and patterns. We particularly enjoyed going around the school measuring everyday objects. Using the speed stack cups, we made our own den. Excellent team work!

In literacy we are focusing on writing words using our sounds. Some of us are beginning to write sentences rather than single words and it is important we understand and are able to mark the sentence boundaries with punctuation. Through experiences such as shared reading and particularly shared writing, and the discussion of sentence punctuation, we are developing a sense of what sentences are.

Despite the disappointment of no swimming this week we enjoyed an informative and fun afternoon learning all about e-safety.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Nursery News.



Little Red Riding Hood

This week's projects were based around *Little Red Riding Hood*, with lots of tasks and challenges set all week.



Little Red Riding Hood asked us to cook something for the wolf, so that he wouldn't eat her! She also asked the children to collect red items (her favourite colour).



We went on a story walk, acting out the characters, drew pictures and had great fun making the Nursery shed secure for Grandma! The photographs below show how determined the children were to make sure that the shed was very, very secure, using lots of cardboard and tape to board it up! Great teamwork.



What a busy and exciting week it has been. We have been very impressed by the children's enthusiasm and ability to try new things to succeed in the various challenges.



Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week

Congratulations Wilfred. Tilly was impressed that you take your learning seriously in Nursery. You went home and told your mummy you had homework and came back the next day with pictures and writing about the story we have been reading.

Mascot Awards.

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



Reception: William for experimenting with his mark making and pencil grip (re-award).

Year 1: Sebastian for experimenting with the Chinese language.

Year 2: Samuel for his marvellous bridge building..

Year 3: Isaac G for experimenting with handwriting and making solid improvement.

Year 4: James for experimenting with, and creating, board games.

Year 5: Penelope for experimenting with ideas for paper flight.

Year 6: Jack for experimenting with his writing, trying different sonnet ideas.

PTFA Meeting



All parents are warmly invited to attend the next PTFA meeting on Monday evening, 11 February. Details were emailed earlier this week. Please come along to find out more, even if you can only help out occasionally or for certain events, or if you have any ideas or resources. It's also a great way to get to know more members of The Old School Henstead community.

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.

LAMDA Exams

LAMDA

We wish all our LAMDA pupils every success in their examinations at school tomorrow, Saturday 9 February.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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