



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Sunday 28 April
Monday 29 April
Tuesday 30 April

7.30am Year 6 departs for Snowdonia
Year 5 departs for Kingswood
1.30 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics
3.30 Year 5 returns from Kingswood
School Council Elections
4.30 Year 6 returns from Snowdonia

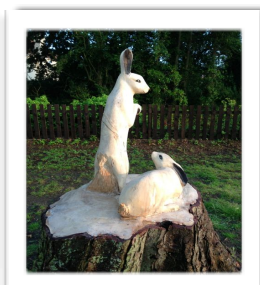
Wednesday 1 May
Thursday 2 May
Friday 3 May

Dates for your diary

Monday 6 May
Saturday 18 May
Saturday 22 June

Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Open Morning (9.30 Pupil Registration)
Henstead Golf Day (note change of date)

Message from the Headmaster



It has been a highly successful beginning to the summer term, with both teamwork and thinking much to the fore as we got straight back to work. Outside of the classroom, auditions for the summer production are well underway, as are all the necessary preparations for the residential trips to the Suffolk Coast, North Norfolk and Snowdonia. We celebrate the first award of a Gold AIs certificate also. A great start!

Mr McKinney

Good Manners Awards.



The termly Good Manners Awards, for most points, were given to the following pupils:

Year 6 - Rebecca (Upper School badge winner)

Year 5 - Harry D

Year 4 - Bertie

Year 3 - Jude W-K

Year 2 - Aydin

Year 1 - Jude E

Reception - Emily (Lower School badge winner)

Graduates.



The Scott Polar Research Institute is the smallest museum in Cambridge, yet still holds an enormous quantity of artefacts and research data - it serves in keeping the memory of the heroism and sacrifice of the polar explorers alive and works in conjunction with current research and exploration of the polar regions by the British Arctic and Antarctic Surveys and the geography department of the University itself.

We had divided our own explorers into two groups, morning and afternoon, to give a proper opportunity to appreciate the exhibits. Our first hour was guided by a fellow countryman of Shackleton and we viewed the small boats used to escape to Elephant island, the memorial to loyal sled dogs and (bizarrely) a whaling harpoon gun, overseen by the bust of the great Scott (hence the phrase). There was much to see - the ceiling maps made as the museum was constructed in 1934 - not as accurate as we expected, the amazing parka made of gut (yuk) and kayaking mitts with two thumbs - only Mr B really knew why. The indigenous peoples and their crafts, legends and lifestyles. On to the search for the Northwest passage and the ghost ships, before tackling the story of how Scott's final expedition to the Pole ended in tragedy. We then had to decide what we would pack on such an expedition of our own, who we would take on our team and how we would travel. There was so much to see that another visit may well be required.

Quaesivit arcana poli video dei - he sought the secret of the pole but found the hidden face of God.

Mr McKinney

The Year 4 - 6 pupils also enjoyed the opportunity to explore the Fitzwilliam Museum as part of the Big Day Out. Both sessions were extremely interesting and allowed the pupils to get in touch with the arts in more detail than they can at school. Being surrounded by so many priceless artworks and artefacts was a very humbling and awesome experience.

A highlight of the session was the opportunity to 'long look' over two very significant artworks: *Springtime* by Claude Monet and *Humana Fragilitas* by Salvador Rosa. The former is an impressionist artwork and the pupils were encouraged to scour the painting and identify every object that appears. Then, having found these objects, describe them and consider what the two characters at the front-of-stage would have been talking about. The latter is a renaissance artwork celebrating the fragility of life. The symbolism used in the painting would have been readily understood in renaissance times: bubbles and fireworks representing objects that exist only fleetingly, such as human life at times. (A very interesting fact that we learned was that, in renaissance art, baby Jesus is depicted with a baby's body but a man's face. In earlier times, Jesus was referred to as the Man Child.)

Each group finished their sessions with a free roam of the museum. Highlights were the ceramics, the armoury, Ancient Greek art and Ancient Egyptian art and society.

Mr Jensen



Undergraduates.

A bright and warm sunny day welcomed the junior school to Henstead. We headed off by coach with very excited children ready for their adventure in Cambridge and discoveries in the Zoology museum.

As we approached the Zoology museum via Silver Street, we crossed a bridge which was built in 1958–1959 to a 1932 design by Sir Edwin Lutyens and headed for Downing Street. We were welcomed by an array of the country's most beautiful historic and elegant buildings surrounded by green spaces and home to the University of Cambridge's world-famous colleges. We approached the museum through the famous Pembroke Arch.

Once inside the Whale Hall, designed especially to house a 21 metre Finn whale, which forms an impressive entrance. Everyone's eyes were on the ceiling! We were in awe of the museum's collections and saw animals such as the Asian elephant, which sits alongside the giant ground sloth, giraffe and African elephant. The museum is very much in the 21st century and is designed to engage and inspire our new generation of curious children. Our adventure around the museum helped us to understand evolution, exploration and conservation and the diversity of animal life.

After the most excellent educational experience we headed back through the Cambridge streets to meet our coach driver and headed back to Henstead with much to think about and discuss about our day.

Mrs Scriven



Easter Egg Hunt.

We are most grateful to the PTFA for organising a superb Easter Egg Hunt. The pictures tell the story.



Poetry in Motion.



Our annual Poetry Recitation Competition had a classical flavour this year, with a wide selection from the canon of great English verse from Keats' Ode to Autumn (Olivia) to Rupert Brooke's plangent longing for the meadows of Cambridge (Rebecca).

It included possibly the shortest title of any English poem - Rudyard Kipling's 'If...' - a masterful recitation by Isobel to possibly the longest, Ode upon the Death of a Favourite Cat Drowned in a Tub of Goldfishes - which was delivered with great precision by Immy.

The house competition was predictably lively with Orwell presenting a flock (or is that a 'murder?') of crows to recite Ted Hughes' poem and a victory from Yare for their atmospheric rendition of the 'Invisible Beast' by Jack Prelutsky.

This event, enjoyable and challenging, is undeniably an opportunity for growth in confidence and performance skills for our

children and worth every bit of the considerable effort put in by staff, parents and the children themselves.

We are most grateful to our visiting judge, Mr Andrew Murray, Head of English at Norwich School.

The results were as follows:

Overall winner: Emily B

Year 6 winner: Louis

Year 5 winner: Isobel

Year 4 winner: Charlotte

House Choral Speaking Winners: Yare

Congratulations to all.

Mr Butcher



Nursery News.



In the lead up to the Easter break we used our maths skills to complete various egg hunts.

We had to find the Easter Bunnies in the correct number order, complete the number challenges and share the chocolate bounty fairly.

We were also matching pairs of patterned eggs and counting all the fluffy creatures that were hiding in the plastic eggs.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were inspired to set up their own Easter egg hunts and maths challenges for each other.

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Junior Benchball & Fencing



HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

Junior Benchball	
Joint 1st	Waveney
Joint 1st	Orwell
Joint 1st	Yare
4th	Deben



FENCING

Isobel and Isabelle both competed at the Norfolk Fencing Championships. Isobel secured a well deserved 4th place in the under 10 foil and showed great determination in the musketeer sabre. Isabelle secured 3rd place and the bronze medal in the musketeer sabre and followed on with a hard fought competition in the under 12 foil, securing 1st place and the gold medal. Congratulations to both girls for their dedication to this sport.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Cross Country



HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY INDIVIDUAL RACE RESULTS

Reception & Year 1 Race:

Rohan

Caitlin

Year 2-3:

Rafferty

Amelie

Year 4-5-6:

Louis

Kate

Cross Country	
1st	Waveney
2nd	Yare
3rd	Deben
4th	Orwell



NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the Easter break, Louis and Francis travelled to Rugby School to compete in the finals of the Independent Schools Association National Cross Country Championships 2019. Congratulations on a fantastic performance, representing East Anglia.



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Family*

Quiz

Night

Friday 10th May

6pm

£3 per person - teams of any size

Bar with snacks & drinks

available to purchase

*Suitable for children from reception upwards

Mascot Awards.



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

Reception: Freddie for forward thinking, continuing to read and write throughout the Easter holidays.

Year 1: Rex for being a caring member of the Year 1 team.

Year 2: Isabella for modelling excellent manners to the class team.

Year 3: Rafferty for a positive start to the term - thinking lots about his learning.

Year 4: Johnny and Wills for a paired team effort during the relay practice.

Year 5: Isabelle N for her teamwork during relay practice.

Year 6: Ebony for consistent forward thinking.

After School Clubs



Our After School Clubs for this term are:

Athletics
Tennis (starters & improvers)
Rounders/Cricket
Junk Box Modelling
Gardening and Pony Club.

Mr Thompson, our tennis pro, will also run some free lunchtime taster sessions for those keen to try tennis. Please return your booking forms for After School Clubs.



Easter Service



We gathered in St Mary's Church for our service to celebrate Easter, the greatest Christian festival of the year. Members of Year Six brought this story to life for us, interpreting it very effectively through readings, acting and mime. They are to be congratulated on their confident and thoughtful presentations. The choir gave a lovely performance of Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck singing with care and precision. The message of Easter was clearly explained by the Reverend Nelson - although death is part of life for all of us, yet as Christians we need not be afraid and we can believe that our present life, wonderful as life is, is not the whole story.

Miss Sindall

Gold Certificate



Congratulations to Charlotte, our first recipient of a Gold Certificate this year.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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