



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 13 May

Book Fair Begins

9.00 Nursery visits Thetford Forest

Lunch break tennis lessons (free) - see Page 7

Tuesday 14 May

9.00 Nursery visits Reydon Woods

1.30 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Swimming

2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming

2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics

Thursday 16 May

Bag2School drop off (before 9am)

Friday 17 May

PTFA Non-Uniform Day in return for Summer Fayre & Auction Prizes

Saturday 18 May

Open Morning (9.30 Pupil Registration, for Reception to Year 6)

Dates for your diary

Friday 24 May

The Henstead Hike (whole school charity sponsored walk)

Saturday 22 June

Henstead Golf Day (note change of date)

Message from the Headmaster



Outdoor education continues to provide a focus for our thinking and teamwork this week, with the boys and girls reflecting on the considerable challenges already achieved and giving accounts of their exploits verbally and in writing in class and assemblies. Year Four is heading out as I write and we look forward to hearing of their adventures on the Suffolk Coast. Speaking of which, the *Henstead Hike* is also looming and all of the children will undertake the coastal challenge as we make our way back to school. We look forward to welcoming our guests and all members of the Old School Community to our Open Morning next Saturday morning. Exciting times! *Mr McKinney*



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An independent prep school & nursery
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Open Morning

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Saturday 18 MAY Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
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Open Morning.

Our Open Morning takes place next Saturday 18 May.

Pupils should arrive in usual full uniform, including blazers for registration 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. If anyone would like a postcard to invite a family, please ask at the school office.

Happy Campers.

Year 4

Our excited Year Fours were ready for their first residential trip away with The Old School Henstead. The trip began with a visit to a supermarket to complete the food shop, which had already been planned and priced up by the children themselves. The class was divided into three groups: The Snack Soldiers, The Meal Men and The Lunch Lads to collect items on their shopping list.

The Journey to Sizewell went smoothly and the weather appeared to be on our side... little did we know what was heading our way. Once there, tents went up with no issues and bags and shopping were unpacked.

Next came orienteering in the woods along with the torrential rain! The children put up a good fight to continue, despite the persistent downpour. We dried off back at the Wardens Centre and the children had time to relax and play before dinner. After a feast of burgers, chicken nuggets, fish fingers, chips and salad we headed for an evening beach walk before bed. Head torches were on, stones were skimmed and feet were once again wet!

The children were tucked up in their tents by 9.30pm and not a sound was heard after 11pm.

James and Johnny decided that 4.45am was a reasonable time to get up and were shortly followed by several others, much to the delight of their fellow campmates.

Day 2 may have started earlier than expected but the children were in good spirits and ready for a boat trip on Thorpeness Mere. With a cooked breakfast in their tummies, the children packed, cleaned and tidied ready for our departure. The weather this time was on our side and we had an enjoyable time rowing our boats, followed by lunch at the beach and an afternoon ice-cream.

The children impressed us with their team spirit and perseverance. Well done Year 4. Have a restful weekend.

Miss Coxon & Mr Hunter



Endangered Species.



The dark skies tempting the Earth with rain may have been a concern for some, but they failed to dampen the spirits of Reception, Years One and Two as we set off to Thrigby Wildlife Gardens for our trip. Aboard a fancy new coach, the children excitedly awaited their visit.

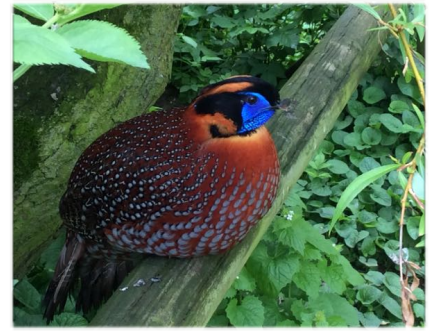
At home in the landscaped grounds of Thrigby Hall is a special collection of rare animals from Asia. We found endangered tigers, crocodiles, alligators, noisy gibbons and many more exciting animals. A unique network of raised walkways allowed us to get up close and personal with these magnificent creatures.

As is customary with the children of Henstead, the conduct and manners on display were exemplary. Indeed, the care given by the older children to the younger children was just another example of how well the Lower School has responded to the challenge of our pastoral value this term, teamwork.

The inspired talk from one of the team at Thrigby Wildlife Gardens aroused much curiosity and interest, particularly the discussions regarding habitats and how well certain animals have adapted to the various contemporary needs. Of course, a lively Q & A session gave answers to an abundance of questions from the boys and girls.

A lovely trip indeed.

Mr MW Hunt





Nursery News.



The children in Nursery have been their usual busy selves, which has made the week fly by again. The arrival of the caterpillars last week inspired them to learn about insects and creepy crawlies, which somehow developed into an insect ice cream parlour (shaving foam, cocoa powder, natural resources and imagination). The children have been making and selling a variety of flavours in our wild area outside. Do pop by if you feel you fancy a honey bee or blue caterpillar ice cream.



The rain has not put us off going outside at all and the children have been more than happy to put on wellies and wet suits to enjoy some very wet play. It is a pleasure to observe the children at play. The pre schoolers are great role models for the younger children and there is turn taking and sharing happening all the time. Thank you children for another happy week.



Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Congratulations to Araminta. Tilly is looking forward to a sleepover at your house because you are always so kind and have such good ideas for games. She likes the way you include everyone.



Reception Roundup.



Thinking about teamwork is definitely on everyone's mind in Reception this week. After a wonderful day out on Tuesday with Years One and Two, Reception you were amazing!

We returned to a very wet day on Wednesday. The rain, however, was welcomed by our flower garden, which is developing and growing just like us.

considerate we are to each other and of course the important preparations for our spectacular summer shows are well under way in music lessons.

Henstead children certainly are confident learners.

Oh, I nearly forgot - we also have two School Council members amongst us now too!

Mrs Scriven



During the course of this week we worked very closely with Year One and in preparation for our transition. We used this opportunity to share our writing, reading and maths skills. We also welcomed Nursery pre-school children into the Reception classroom, ready for their smooth transition into big school.



We continue to show enthusiasm and dedication in our learning about earth.

Golds are adding up to gain us points for our respective house groups, AIs demonstrate our excellence and we welcome commendations from Mr McKinney. Smiley awards show how caring and



Book Fair Week.



Book Fair Alert!

Can it be this time already? Yes, our Summer Book Fair will be here from Monday and all next week in Year Six with the usual collection of sparkly pencils and a 'three for two' offer on a great range of books.

We will be open at lunchtimes 1.00 - 1.20 and after school until 5.15 p.m.

See you there!

School Council



Here is our newly elected School Council, including the Year 4 members who were dressed for departure on their adventurous trip on Thursday. The full list of members for this term is as follows:

Reception – Rohan and Violette

Year 1 – Raef and Caitlin

Year 2 – Elliot, Sam and Ariane

Year 3 – Isaac M, Millie and Isaac G

Year 4 – George, James and Phillip

Year 5 – Imogen P and Penelope

Year 6 - Ebony & Rosie

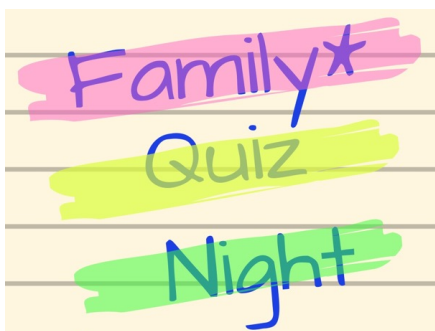
We look forward to another successful term of ideas and action.

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Isobel and Kitty on being awarded Gold Certificates. Well done.

Quiz Night



Thank you to everyone who attended the Family Quiz Night. It was a great success with a test of knowledge for all ages, a music quiz (very tricky), and a wonderful painting challenge!

Pony Club Jumpers



Pony Club sweatshirts are available from the Uniform Shop, if any new members of The Old School Henstead Pony Club are interested to purchase one for wearing at our Pony Club and for attaching their Pony Club badges earned during their lessons.



Mascot Awards.

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

Reception: James for continuing to think about his learning and being a happy member of the Reception team.

Year 1: Chloe for good team collaboration inside and outside the classroom.

Year 2: Ariane for fulfilling a key team role by photographing the animals at Thrigby.

Year 3: Jack for being focused and thoughtful in English, writing an excellent story.

Year 4: Gabriel for thinking carefully with his spelling practice.

Year 5: Olivia for thinking through her maths revision with depth and care.

Year 6: Honor for thinking about others and offering her assistance with extra duties.



Free Tennis Tasters



Mr Ben Thompson, our tennis pro, will run some further free lunchtime taster sessions for those keen to try tennis again on **Monday 13 May**. There will be two sessions: the first for beginners and the second for those who may have played previously. Those signed up for the tennis After School Clubs are also welcome. Any pupils may join in, by simply booking a free place at the office on the day and ensuring they have games kit with them. We have school racquets available for those who do not have their own.

Golf Day



We are holding a Golf Day for parents on Saturday 22 June, start time to be confirmed. If you are interested, please see Mr Hunter. It is usually a great day and Mr Ayres will be defending his title!

Bag2School



If you are having a clear out at home, we appreciate donations for our Bag2School collection, which raises money for our PTFA funds, in turn providing extra resources for the school.

Please drop off your bags adjacent to the school gates at morning drop off (before 9am) on **Thursday 16 May**. (Unfortunately we are unable to receive donations after that time as they are picked up straight away by Bag2School.) There are some extra bags available from the office. Please be aware that no school or work uniforms are accepted. We are most grateful for your generosity.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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