



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 17 June
Tuesday 18 June

12.30 Nursery visits Redwings Horse Sanctuary
Aliens of the Deep (Deep Sea Creatures) Seminars led by visiting Scientist -
Assembly & Lessons for Years 4-6
1.30 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics
Henstead Golf Day (see page 8 for details)

Saturday 22 June

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 26 June
Thursday 27 June

School Photograph, Sports Day, Summer Fayre & Pupils v Parents Cricket
New Pupils' Afternoon (current pupils also spend the afternoon with their
new form teachers for the Autumn Term). *Change of date*

2-4 July
Friday 5 July
Saturday 6 July

Summer Shows
Speech Day
Henstock
Trinity Music Examinations

8-12 & 15-19 July

Holiday Club (booking forms will be sent out soon)



Message from the Headmaster

It has been in exercise in resilience as well as excellence this week, not least on the waterproof and wellington front, but the boys and girls have been thoroughly engaged and taken every opportunity out of doors when the deluge permitted. It was great to see our Nursery friends head out to explore the town at the close of the week in bright sunshine! Well done to all!

Mr McKinney

Anyone for cricket?



Our annual Pupils v Parents & Staff cricket match will take place directly after Sports Day and the Summer Fayre at 4.00 on Wednesday 26 June. It is always a fun event and Mr Hunter would be pleased to hear from any parents interested in playing. Spectators are also most welcome.

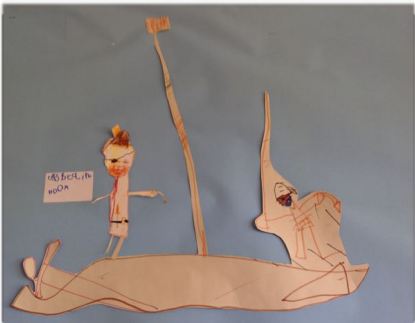


Nursery News.



As suspected the children wanted to carry on the pirate theme this week.

We decided to make a pirate display and it was the perfect opportunity to help the children with their fine motor skills. They had to use scissors safely and carefully to cut out their photographs and then draw their mermaid or pirate bodies. Some children had a go at writing their character names too. There was almost silence amongst the group as they concentrated on their work.



The children have been enjoying looking at themselves on the display this week and it has prompted lots of conversations. The Reception children liked it so much when they saw it that they wanted to join in too.

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher





Reception Roundup.



This week has given us the opportunity to learn all about rain and where it comes from. Our sunflowers and wild flower garden continue to grow and we have eaten our first radish! We continue to learn about measuring in maths and were excited to see how much we have all grown since starting in Reception.



We have been testing our fine motor skills by cutting magazine pictures out to create our own beach scene. We have enjoyed discussions on how coastguards can help us and learnt all about the difference in lifeboats compared to today and in the 1800s.



Our reading and writing continue to go from strength to strength and we are using our excitement and knowledge from the end of term summer show 'Peter Pan' to help us with our story writing.



Lego creations have sparked the children's interests this week and I have seen some good collaboration and children creating their own Lego village.



In art we have been busy creating gifts and cards for our Daddys, using a variety of media and techniques.

Mrs Scriven



Preparing for the Future.

Year 6 Transition Week

For the pupils of Year 6 the move to their new school is rapidly approaching. Paradoxically, the one thing that never changes about life is change: change cannot be controlled, change just happens. Whilst we can't prepare for every change our Year 6 pupils will encounter, we can guide them on their way to dealing with change itself.

During preparation for this transitional period we focus on beliefs, knowledge and interpretation. Not only will these affect how our young fledglings feel about transition, but also outcomes. During Transition Week a variety of discussion and activities have taken place. We have thought about staying safe, rights and responsibilities, led and supported younger members of the school. First Aid training led by Dr M Hardman provided an excellent grounding in the basics of response and assistance should they ever find themselves in a situation where their help could make an important difference.

As senior school pupils, Year 6 will experience the real world. They will need to manage their own perceptions and reactions. Looking forward positively and with excitement about what's coming up, underpins our transition preparation. Pupils are encouraged to be open about their feelings, they know that change means they lose something too. Old teachers, old friends, and an old school building will be left behind. However, to be temporarily sad is testament to the success of the Henstead journey.

Miss M J Clifton



Do you think he's a dinosaur?

Year 1 and Year 6 had a fantastic day out together at *Roarr! Dinosaur Adventure Park*. The aim of the trip for the Year 6 children was to develop their leadership skills with younger children during their transition week. They were partnered up with a Year 1 child and were responsible for holding their hands, reading difficult words and general acts of kindness. The aim for the Year 1 children was to experience the dimensions and identify characteristics of different dinosaurs.

Following the dinosaur trail, we explored the woods and released our inner dinosaurs. We came face to face with life-sized dinosaurs, both big, like the Brachiosaurus, and small, like the Raptors.

Spotting the camouflaged Tyrannosaurus Rex resulted with excited squeals and frantic gesticulating. "Do you think he saw us?"

On the dinosaur trail the children collected stamps from the following dinosaur exhibits: Woolly Mammoth, Ankylosaurus, Triceratops, Brachiosaurus, Pterodactyl and a variety of field stations.

The Year 6 thoroughly deserved their dinosaur medals for exploring and surviving *Roarr! Dinosaur Adventure Park* with their Year 1 buddies.

After lunch we visited the fossil centre and discovered a range of ammonites and dinosaur bones whilst digging and brushing in the soft sand. Next we headed to the indoor play area to escape the torrential rain.

On the journey back to school, the previous excitement and energy of the Year 1 children had metamorphosed to calmness and sleep. Year 6 returned to school completely exhausted but happy after their Jurassic trip of responsibility. What a great day! A big thank you goes out to Year 6 from Year 1.

Mrs Loader





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SUMMER FAYRE

3.30PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

Family Cricket

Wood-fired Pizza

Bar

Baking Contest

Raffle

Games & Stalls



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SATURDAY 6TH JULY FROM 1PM

HENSTOCK 2019

Children's Entertainment
from 'The Tricky Twister'
Music from 'Catch 22'

Seniors Playlist Party!
Pop-up Gin Bar
Auction of Promises



Adults £10 Children £5
Early Bird Discount
until Friday 7th June
(£8 and £4)

Pitch tents from 1pm
Entertainment from
3.30pm
Food available to
purchase. BYOB

Mascot Awards.

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



Reception: Margot for excellence in her handwriting.

Year 1: Jude for excellent dinosaur knowledge.

Year 2: Chloe for developing an excellent morning routine.

Year 3: Luca for being able to explain measurements such as litres and millilitres.

Year 4: Charlotte for excellence in her athletics performance.

Year 5: Isobel R for coherently explaining coordinates.

Year 6: Jack for showing excellence in his leadership of young children.

Gold Award



Congratulations to Millie for achieving a Gold Certificate for 15 A1's.

An Eye on the News



It was good to spot a keen Year 2 current affairs fan reading a junior newspaper while dressed and waiting for Pony Club to start.

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!

PTFA Prize Request



The PTFA would be very grateful for any of the following donations for the Summer Fayre and Henstock:

- Raffle prizes
- Toys or games for the games tombola
- Any small patio plant pots or bedding plants for the plant tombola
- Lots for the Auction of Promises!

Save the Dates!

Be sure to check our online calendar for all the forthcoming events, including school photograph dates, Sports Day, Summer Fayre, Pupils v Parents & Staff Cricket Match, Summer Shows, Speech Day, Henstock (camping optional), Trinity College Music Examinations and Holiday Club: <https://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/>

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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