



The Old School Henstead

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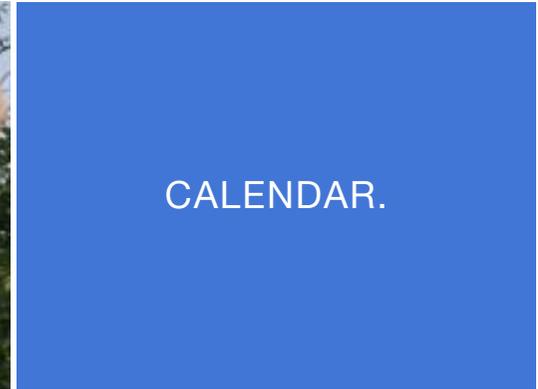
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

All is safely gathered in! We finished the week with confident performances from both our Senior and Junior choirs to celebrate the Harvest festival. Our boys and girls brought gifts of food which will go to those in need at this time. And there was no shortage of produce for the Macmillan coffee morning and cake sale thereafter! Much thanks to the many members of the school community who contributed to support these causes.

Our PTFA do wonderful work and provide resources and facilities that are used by every boy and girl at school almost every day. The committee members work tirelessly and so deserve our support, therefore please consider acting as the PTFA Representative for your class. Please contact Victoria at ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk You will be most welcome and the programme of events for this year looks super!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





Calendar for Next Week

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| Tuesday 1 October | 2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics |
| Wednesday 2 October | Deadline for opt in/out nasal 'flu immunisation for Reception to Year 6 pupils (portal closes at midnight)
2-5 U11 Unihoc at East Point Academy |
| Thursday 3 October | 1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming |
| Friday 4 October | 8.00 Gresham's U9 & U11 Cross Country |

Dates for your Diary

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| Wednesday 9 October | 'Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 6 (by parental consent) |
| Saturday 12 October | 9.45 Open Morning (Pupils' registration 9.30) |
| Mon-Wed 21-23 October | Holiday Club (booking forms will be sent out soon) |



Forest School



On Thursday afternoon the Nursery children travelled to Reydon Woods to collect natural resources for an art project back in Nursery. We also had a chance to do some bark rubbing on the trees and make stick kebabs.
Mrs Vorster



Autumnal Art



Year 3 has been busy welcoming the official start of autumn by creating these detailed, wax resistant leaves. Miss Doughty



Nursery



We have been challenging the children over the last few weeks to paint a self portrait. They looked closely at their reflections and talked to Mrs Webster about the shapes, features and colours they see. Then they chose the correct paint colours and even mixed the right skin tones. They enjoyed making the hair, scrunching tissue paper and arranging it on their portraits. The children were so proud of their finished pieces that we felt they needed to be displayed in a way that was fitting. The portraits have been framed and are hanging in all their glory on the Nursery wall. The children are usually gathered underneath, pointing to themselves and chatting to their friends about the similarities and differences between them all.

Star of the Week

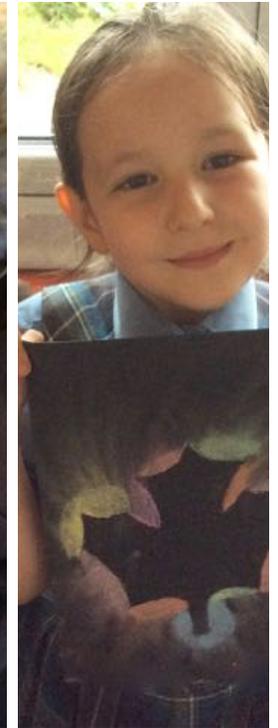
Well done Izaak. John the Chicken is really happy that you have been choosing to join in and take part in new activities. You are becoming very confident in Nursery.

Mrs Vorster





Junior Arts & Crafts Club



This week the children used a leaf template to create silhouettes. They used different coloured chalks and blended the colours with their fingers. They were so pleased with the results. Mrs Webster



Reception News



Well done Reception. You are doing so well with your learning of our phonic sounds. Already we are seeing children writing independently and I am constantly being asked “when is it my turn to read?”. This enthusiasm and confidence is a true reflection of The Old School Henstead’s values and growth mindset.

Despite a very wet week we have enjoyed every opportunity to get outside and make the most of the warm days and explore our school for signs of autumn. This has helped us to understand why we celebrate Harvest Festival and the need to help others. It has also been a theme through our maths, French and art lessons, with lots of creative inspiration.

Confidence also extends beyond our school gates and was observed in abundance at our gymnastics lessons this week.

Mrs Scriven





Sport - Hockey



Two teams from The Old School Henstead set off to Norwich on Friday to begin their hockey season. The sun was shining and it was a great experience for our new seniors to not only play on a large scale pitch, but to also witness how fast-paced a game can be on astro turf. The children did not disappoint and worked their socks off for all four 15 minute games.

The teams were made up of seven players and the children focussed on marking a player and taking the ball out wide to the wing to create extra space. Some excellent tackles and goals were scored throughout and a special mention goes to our two goalkeepers, Harry D and Brayden, who have had very little experience playing in this position.

The day finished with one of our teams gaining second place with George and Zak also receiving Players of the Tournament.

Congratulations to all who took part.

Miss Coxon & Mr Hunter



AWARDS AND NOTICES.

Mascot Awards

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Confidence & Creativity:

Reception: Toby for growing in confidence when handwriting.

Year 1: Violette who, despite having the sniffles this week, confidently approached her learning.

Year 2: Sebastian for confidently responding to feedback.

Year 3: Chloe for confidently writing during an extended piece of writing.

Year 4: Lolah for showing confidence when working through tricky lessons.

Year 5: George for confidently fulfilling morning routines.

Year 6: Brayden for showing confidence in maths.

Final Call Whole School Photo

Would parents drop any remaining orders for the whole school photo (taken at the end of last term) at the School Office on Monday as they are being collected by courier. Spare envelopes (with the proof of the photograph and order form) are available at the office. Thank you. (Please note these are not the proofs of individual pupil photographs sent out this week.)

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who baked or bought for our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Half Term Holiday Club

Our half term Holiday Club will be held on Monday 21 October to Wednesday 23 October. Pupils in Reception to Year 6 are eligible to join in the fun. Parents may book individual days or all three days. Booking forms with further details will be sent out soon. Save the dates!



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