



# The Old School Henstead

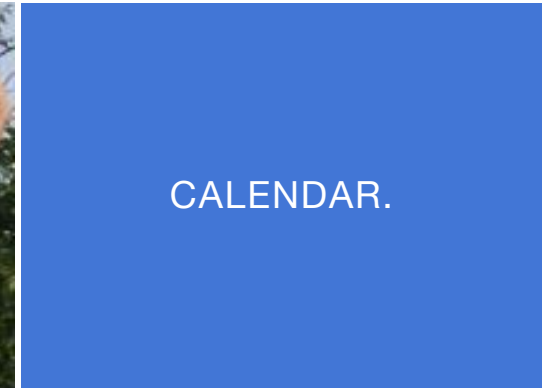
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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

We are delighted to welcome our pupils, families, friends and guests to our Open Morning tomorrow. It is an opportunity to see what life in the classroom is like for our young learners along with the exciting innovations to curriculum and resources that they are enjoying this term. I am also hugely grateful to our wonderful PTFA, tireless as ever, who continue to provide resources that benefit every boy and girl every day. Come and see!

**WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed**





## Calendar for Next Week

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| Tuesday 15 October  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.15 Year 5 Trip to Framlingham Castle (addition to calendar)</li> <li>1-3 U9 Football Tournament at Barnards Meadow</li> <li>2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception &amp; Year 1 Gymnastics</li> </ul> |
| Thursday 17 October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter-House Art Competition</li> <li>1-4.30 U11 Girls' Football at Barnards Meadow</li> <li>1.30 Years 2 &amp; 3 Swimming</li> <li>2.15 Years 4,5 &amp; 6 Swimming</li> </ul>                            |
| Friday 18 October   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Woodwind Assembly - Mr George Philips</li> <li>Inter-House Quiz</li> <li>Half Term Begins</li> </ul>   |

## Dates for your Diary

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| Mon-Wed 21-23 October | Holiday Club (booking forms have been sent out today) |
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**Saturday 12 OCT** Arrivals **9:45 - 10:00AM** T. 01502 741150  
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# Tudor Tastes



Year 5 had a wonderful afternoon on Tuesday as we enjoyed a 'Tudor banquet'.

We learnt that King Henry VIII loved to have many banquets, inviting some very important guests from various countries so that he could show off his wealth. There would have been a lot of food consumed during these times, especially lots of meat. We also found out that they didn't use forks to eat with, as they hadn't actually been invented at that time!! They used their knife to 'spear' the food!

Charlotte (recorder) and Mr Spencer (harp) played a Galliard as part of the Tudor programme.

Thank you to all of our wonderful Year 5 parents who sent in food and other contributions to make the banquet a great success.

Mrs Solomon





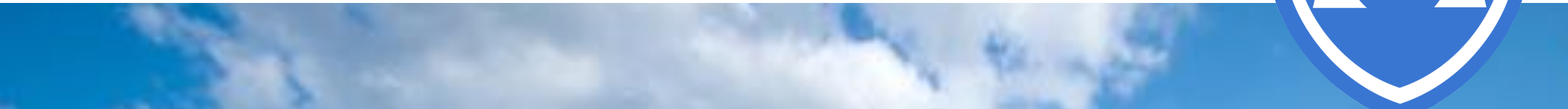
## Art in Outdoor Education



Outdoor Education: Year 5 were joined by the girls from Year 4 this week. The children used natural and found objects to create mandalas on the school field. Miss Doughty



Nursery



We are blessed at The Old School Nursery to have our own blackberry bushes. We saw that the blackberries were ripe and ready for picking so we each got a bowl and started to harvest the bushes. Most went in the bowls but some accidentally fell into little mouths. Once we had full bowls Mrs Webster took Aurora and Oscar into the kitchen to make a blackberry and apple crumble for our dessert. Everybody tried some. Job well done.

This week's Star of the Week

Congratulations to Jonah. John the Chicken will be going to your house this weekend for a sleepover. He loves the way you always say " please" and " thank you."

Mrs Vorster





# Reception News



Alongside our daily counting in maths this week, we have been naming, recognising and counting numbers. Putting numbers into order and using positional language such as on, behind and beside. Thanks to the abundance of rain, we have also been investigating capacity using different sized containers in the water tray.

During topic lessons, we discuss what makes us unique and how we care for others, such as understanding that people need food, water and to keep clean. Emergency services also care for us, and the children particularly enjoyed learning about their role in our community.

Our lessons in computing using iPads has helped the children with their French learning and also improved their early programming skills. They use Bee-Bot, which is a colourful, simple-to-use programmable robot that supports programming concepts, controls, directional languages, sequencing, estimations and problem-solving.

A highlight of the week is always our art lesson. Creative colour mixing is enabling the children to create some excellent pictures in preparation for showing off their classroom with pride tomorrow. *Mrs Scriven*





## Sport - Cross Country Winners



Last Friday was the Gresham's Cross Country race. Despite a muddy course, the weather was on our side and the children from The Old School Henstead were keen to compete.

The competition commenced with our Under 9 boys - they all performed to the best of their abilities. With over 200 competitors, it was a fast race. Rafferty once again outpaced the field with a convincing victory, winning him the gold medal. The Under 9 boys finished in a very respectable 4th place also.

Next came great performances from our under 9 girls, who ran with confidence and determination throughout. They all finished in excellent positions, including a 12th place from Isabella in Year 3. This fantastic team effort resulted in an outstanding 1st place win for the team and a much deserved trophy!

The Under 11 teams also performed superbly in what was a very tough race with many of our competitors finishing in the top 100. Congratulations to all of our runners and thank you to all the parents who came to support them.



Miss Coxon & Mr Hunter



# Sport - Cross Country (continued)







## Sport - ISA (Independent Schools Association) Football Tournament



Tactics are always prescriptive. While a playing philosophy is generally coveted, today the Under 9s needed to be flexible, adaptive and reflective. Winner of the day was the tactical innovation the team was able to implement.

Held at Alleyn Court, Southend, the boys were up against the fiercest other 13 schools in the ISA region. The opposition, while mighty, were dwarfed in comparison to our heart.

Game one versus Colchester High School was a disappointing start. After total dominance, against the run of play and lucky bounce of the ball, we left without a point looking to the next fixture.

After team discussions, the boys kept positive and looked forward. Their efforts were rewarded with a convincing win against St Pierre 3-0. Goals from Rafferty, Isaac and Samuel left the lads leaving the pitch with smiles all round.

Next, the hosts. With the crowd advantage, Alleyn Court were going to be a test. Transitioning to a 2-1-2-1 the instructions were simple. Park the bus and hope to hit them on the counter. While we created some chances; we shared the points with a nail biting draw.

Games against St Michaels and Woodlands left us with a point as we awaiting our next fixture, the surprise package of the competition, Finborough.

Yet again, a stellar performance left both teams unable to break the deadlock. An excellent result which left us finishing fifth. A superb performance with much to be proud of. Well done, chaps. Mr Hunter & Mr Hunt



## Sport - U11 Tag Rugby



Once upon a time the King announced a tournament of Rugby to be played upon the field of Lowestoft & Yarmouth RFC. Our first game against Worlingham Primary was keenly contested. As always with tag Rugby, the tendency is to play too narrow instead of letting the ball do the work to gain space wide. We grew in confidence as the game progressed - a try from Imogen and a brace from George saw us shade the contest 3-2

Game two showed that the width lesson had not yet been learned and we went down by the odd score in four. The handing had improved and Mr H's rolling sub rotation kept all of our boys and girls involved.

Game three and Red Oak were the opponents. Skipper James handed over the reins to his big sister - she passed to Imogen, who opened our account. Speedy Red Oak No 11 winger girl went the length of the pitch to equalise. Brother James came on, only to be fed another scoring pass by said Head of School. George added another. So did Imogen. Job done.

Last up we played Albert Pye - we scored at the fifth attempt and a second after two more - and a third never materialised, so it ended in a 2-2 draw. Funny old game. The tournament was decided on who was the fairest of them all. Seven dwarves plus one rolling sub. One Hunter. This leaves Mr M playing Snow White, the magic Mirror, or the Wicked Queen. Answers on a postcard care of Far, Far, Away.



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: Francesca for confidence in everything she does.

Year One: Margot for a confident attitude to her learning.

Year Two: Robin for confidence in mathematics!

Year Three: Georgina for a show and tell performance.

Year Four: Luca for confident reading.

Year Five: Charlotte for confidently playing her recorder during the recent Tudor banquet.

Year Six: Imogen FT for extremely confident creative artwork.

**Remembrance Service**

Our Remembrance Service will be held on Friday 8 November at St Mary's Church Henstead. The service starts at 8.50am, to which all family members are invited.

