



The Old School Henstead

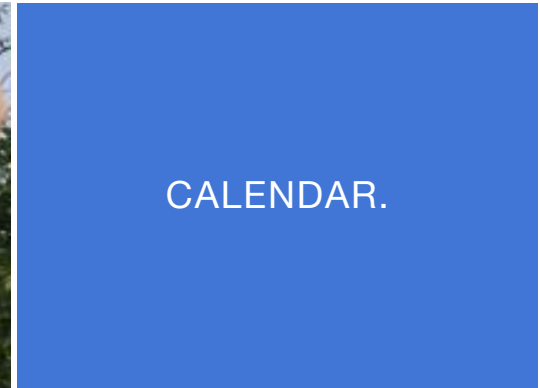
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

We were pleased to finish this half term with a rousing House Art Competition and Quiz at the end of what has been an extremely busy week for the entire Old School Henstead community - children, parents, staff and governors. I would like to wish everyone a blessed and peaceful holiday - it is well deserved!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





Dates for your Diary

Mon-Wed 21-23 October	Holiday Club (bookable by emailing the school office)
Monday 4 November	Term Resumes (including After School Clubs)
Tuesday 5 November	1-3.30 U9 Unihoc at Sir John Leman 2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics
Wednesday 6 November	3.00-5.30 Parent/Form Teachers/Tutors Meeting
Thursday 7 November	1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming 2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
Friday 8 November	8.50 Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead (all parents and family members welcome) 6.30 Evening PTFA Bonfire & Fireworks (tickets available to purchase after half term)



Cutting Edge Science



Another day, another dissection! The Year 6 pupils had long been looking forward to their science practical - dissecting a pig's eyeball. They had discovered that pigs' eyes are similar to human eyes and were keen to explore this part of the anatomy to gain a better idea of how our eyes work.

Gloves and safety goggles on and scissors and tweezers in hand, they began by cutting away the fat around the outside. The 'keen-eyed' among them spotted the optic nerve at the back which carries messages from the eye to the brain. They then cut the transparent covering at the front of the eye called the cornea and observed that a liquid called the aqueous humour spilled out. This gives the eye its round shape.

The boys and girls found that the next part of the dissection was the most difficult - cutting into the sclera - the white outer layer of the eyeball - which is very tough. In spite of this being their first eye dissection, they managed this part of the practical without too much trouble and were rewarded for their persistence by finding the lens, which focuses light onto the retina and magnifies what we are able to see, much like the job of a cinema projector. The pupils placed the lens on top of some writing they had brought with them to prove that the lens does indeed do its job well.

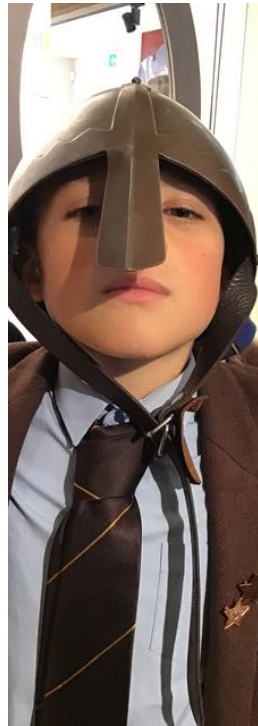


Dissections like this are usually done at senior school but the Year 6 pupils demonstrated their ability to handle practical lessons of this nature in a mature and sensible way. Well done all.

Mrs Sonn



Framlingham Castle Visit



On Tuesday, Year 5 had a wonderful day out at Framlingham Castle. This castle was built about 1000 years ago by Roger Bigod I. In 1552 Mary Tudor inherited the castle, although this was contested.

When we were at the castle we found out some very interesting information, including the fact that the castle was used as a workhouse for the poor and it has never had water in the moat! In fact, apparently most castles don't actually have water in their moat, although the moat is still an extra defence for the castle.

We had a wonderful time walking on top of the curtain wall and seeing the arrow slits, as well as guessing how many miles we could see across the land from the top of the wall.

A fun day out!

Mrs Solomon





Art - Fairy Crowns



In art this week Year 1 made fairy crowns! We heard a story about the Fairy Queen who made a crown from natural treasures, then we went outside to make our own. Miss Doughty



House Art Competition



For the last few house meetings pupils have been working secretly on the construction of their entries for the House Art Competition. It was a tough call for the judges who decided that the joint winners should be Orwell and Waveney, with Deben and Yare joint runners up (as arranged left to right above).



Music News



This week we welcome a new member of the peripatetic Music staff to The Old School Henstead, Mr George Philips, who will be joining us as a woodwind specialist. He will be offering individual tuition in flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder.

Mr Philips is an accomplished performer and teacher, and on Friday he dazzled us with a display of his versatility and musicality, as he introduced us to all four instruments with performances of well-known tunes such as *“Harry Potter”* and *“The Bare Necessities”*, each piece carefully chosen to show off the characteristics of this very diverse family of instruments.

If your child is in Year 2-6 and would be interested in a taster session with Mr Philips, with a view to taking up lessons on one of them, please contact me on v.spencer@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk and this can be arranged. If you are not sure which instrument would be a suitable choice, a joint taster on more than one is possible.

Mr Spencer





Junior Arts & Crafts Club



This week the children painted trees and made leaf prints using cut up tubes. Mrs Webster



Reception News



We cannot believe that half term is upon us already. Reception, you deserve a rest after all the confident and creative work you have done this term.

This week we concluded our topic on 'all about me' by learning about feelings and how our senses help us in everyday life.

We revised all our phonics, used them in our imaginary play as well as going on a letter hunt around the school to find sounds we recognise.

Our topic for the next half term will be fire.

Mrs Scriven





Nursery Friendships



We love lunchtimes because we are usually joined by the older children in the school. The photographs opposite show the Year 6 children at their best, supporting and leading the Nursery children in games, on the equipment and modelling friendly behaviour and turn taking.

Mrs Vorster





PTFA Supporting Music



The first deliveries of a collection of new musical instruments arrived over the last week, including a splendid clavivova and a range of tuned percussion, thanks to the generosity of the PTFA and all the parents who support PTFA events. Your contributions continue to make a real difference.



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: William for confidently reading.

Year One: Rohan for showing creativity and confidence when learning.

Year Two: Rex for showing confidence when joining the senior football club.

Year Three: Ariane for using creativity when designing some artwork.

Year Four: Lola for confidently approaching her learning.

Year Five: Marli for confidently and sure-footedly tackling the challenge of Framingham castle.

Year Six: Harry S for confidently discussing and solving maths mastery questions.

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.

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**PTFA
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**FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
 6.30 PM
 FIREWORKS FROM 7PM**

Adults £5
 Children £3
 Bar and hot food available to purchase.

