



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

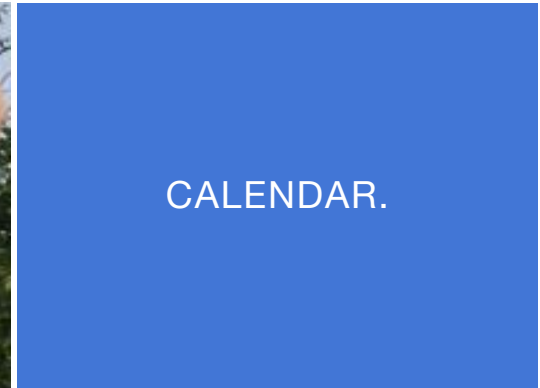
It has been a week of some quite extraordinarily confident performances across the spectrum of school life. We have enjoyed super performances in cross country and these augur well for the larger event at Gresham's to end the week. As the practice rooms are close by, I am regularly serenaded by our boys and girls who are performing with growing dexterity on a range of instruments. LAMDA is up and running. Academic progress remains strong, in testament of which, A1s are regularly brought to me and observed both in class and out. It has been a strong start to term.

Please save next Saturday 12 October, which is a school morning to which families and visitors are invited. Thank you for spreading the word.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed

STOP PRESS... Gresham's Cross Country today. Congratulations to Rafferty, winner of the U9 boys event, and to Isabella, Lola, Amelie and Millie, who were the team winners in the U9 girls event. Fantastic performances from all. Full report next week.





Calendar for Next Week

- Monday 7 October 1-4 U11 Mixed Tag Rugby at Lowestoft & Yarmouth RC
- Tuesday 8 October 2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics
- Wednesday 9 October Nasal 'flu immunisation for Reception to Year 6 pupils (only with parental opt in)
- Thursday 10 October 10.00 U9 Football Tournament at Alleyn Court School
1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
- Saturday 12 October 9.45 Open Morning** (Pupils' registration 9.30. See last page for further details.)

Dates for your Diary

- Mon-Wed 21-23 October Holiday Club (booking forms will be sent out soon)



Music in the Orchard Garden



Our Head of Music Mr Spencer brought one of his music lessons outside to our orchard garden for Reception pupils to enjoy the autumnal sunshine.



Natural Treasures - Art



Last week the children in Year 1 were busy finding treasures in the school grounds. They took their special natural objects inside and used them to create colourful prints. Miss Doughty



Nursery



This week we have been carrying on our forest theme by using all the sticks that we collected last week.

We talked about the different uses for sticks and used them for stirring mixtures in the mud kitchen, making marks in the sand, making a campfire, collage and magic wands. We used *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson to inspire some additional art and made stick friends for the character in the book.

Star of the Week

Congratulation Oscar. All the tidying up you have been doing for us hasn't gone unnoticed. John the Chicken is excited to have a sleepover treat with you this weekend.

Mrs Vorster





Reception News



This week we have been thinking about what sound a word starts with, saying the letter sound out loud and then recognising how that sound looks.

We applied our sound knowledge to our daily writing activities and enjoyed saying the individual sounds of each letter and being able to blend the sounds to say a whole word. When writing, we learned where letters need to start from and how the letters are formed. We have magic fingers that help us to practise our writing in the air too.

We have seen some good examples of problem-solving in maths this week. Our busy days are providing us with plenty of opportunities for creative and critical thinking through stories and rhymes, as well as classroom routines such as tidying up or sharing the fruit. This approach helps us to develop our confidence and curiosity with numbers.

In our outdoors music lesson this week, we experimented with different sounds and used a variety of percussion instruments to accompany our singing.
Mrs Scriven





SUTTON HOO.



We arrived at Sutton Hoo (Hoo meaning hill) in glorious sunshine. As we were walking to the famous burial mounds we were told the fascinating story of how a large boat, carrying the Anglo-Saxon king Raedwald, would have been carried up to the top of a steep hill from the Deben river - no mean feat - to be laid to rest 1400 years ago. He was buried with beautiful, intricately designed and ornately decorated items such as his sword, shield and precious jewellery, in recognition of how important a king he was. When the site was

excavated just before WW2, the remains of the boat and these treasures were found. They are now in the British museum but the pupils were able to see exact replicas in the exhibition hall.

Next, the children watched a film about Anglo-Saxon life and then, clipboards and question sheets in hand, wandered around the recently renovated exhibition hall finding out lots of fascinating information about this interesting people from our history.

After a revivifying lunch, the boys and girls were given the chance to be archaeologists themselves, working out what might survive after being buried in the ground for 1000 years. They decided that wood and fabrics would not last, but that pottery would, giving us fascinating clues as to how Anglo-Saxon people lived. They also explored a skeleton which had been laid to rest surrounded by different objects and had to identify what the objects had been used for depending on where they

had been placed around the body. Next, sculpting some clay into pots like those which would have been used by our Anglo-Saxon ancestors.

Our last treat of the day was to explore the large and imposing house owned by Mrs Edith Pritti, the woman who owned the land at Sutton Hoo and who commissioned the excavation of the burial mounds back in the late 1930s. We have her to thank for the wonders we are able to appreciate today.

Mrs Sonn



Sport - Cross Country



Fourteen runners from The Old School Henstead set off for Worlingham CEVC Primary School's annual Cross Country competition last Friday.

There were four races throughout the afternoon and around 40 competitors in each race.

The first event was for our under 9 girls consisting of Amelie and Lola. Both girls ran impressively with Amelie being pipped at the post to take 2nd place and a silver medal. Lola finished a very commendable 14th place.

The Under 9 boys were ready at the start line for their race to begin next. An exciting race ensued with Rafferty out-pacing the field by a considerable amount, winning the gold medal in style. With Luca finishing 8th, Isaac G 11th, and Bobby 18th, this secured a fantastic first place for our Under 9 team.



The Under 11 course was nearly double the distance and a tough test for all the competitors. Congratulations to all.

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 - Olivia - for confidently trying new foods

Year 1 - Emily - demonstrated great confidence with her spellings

Year 2 - Caitlin - for super green screening

Year 3 - Ruby - for confidently drawing maps

Year 4 - Isaac G - showing great confidence when reading

Year 5 - Zak - confident working across the subject range

Year 6 - Kitty - confident cross-country running.

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!

Open Morning

Our Open Morning takes place next Saturday 12 October.

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.

