



The Old School Henstead

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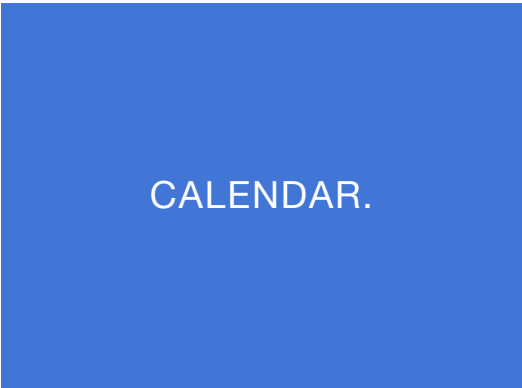
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Resilience is one of our values for this half of term and it was certainly required in bucketloads by our Senior Choir in the performance on behalf of Children in Need - the rain was unceasing, but spirits were kept high by a range of tuneful hymns and modern worship songs, enlivened by additional lyrics, splendidly led key changes by Mr Spencer (in spite of wet feet) and the occasional offer of delicious baking from our gallant band of parents who sold cakes as we sang. A special thanks to the Simply Cards Shop staff who provided us with hot chocolate. It was nice to welcome Guy from BBC Radio Suffolk, who interviewed some of our year Six pupils - we were pleased to be given air time on the Mark Murphy breakfast show this morning, which you can listen on the following link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p07rxkl9>

And...just before this newsletter went to press, we were delighted to be featured on this evening's BBC Look East programme, following today's visit by their film crew: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000bd6q>

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Calendar for Next Week

Tuesday 19 November	2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics
Wednesday 20 November	Book Fair Begins
Thursday 21 November	1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming 2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
Friday 22 November	Non-Uniform Day (for PTFA Christmas raffle hampers & bottle tombola)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 29 November	8.50 Advent Service at St Mary’s Henstead
Saturday 30 November	2.00 - 5.00 PTFA Christmas Fayre (stalls, games, food & Father Christmas)
Friday 6 December	PTFA Children’s Christmas Parties

BBC Children in Need



This morning we received an exciting phone call from the BBC to let us know that they would be sending a crew to film our choir, who were singing to fundraise for BBC Children in Need. Despite the freezing temperatures and chilling wind, the Senior School choir sang their hearts out, having also sung in the pouring rain yesterday.

The physical discomfort of the weather was a reminder of how fortunate we are. Some children may always feel cold and hungry, not just for a morning. It was also a good opportunity to practice the school value of this half of term - Resilience.

It was pleasing to overhear many conversations between pupils discussing Children in Need and one pupil saying thoughtfully "It's not about us. It's about them." Indeed it is.

It is not too late to make a donation, if you wish to drop off a contribution at the school office on Monday, before we submit our payment to the BBC Children in Need charity.

Thank you for your generosity.

To watch the choir singing on BBC Look East, click the following link:

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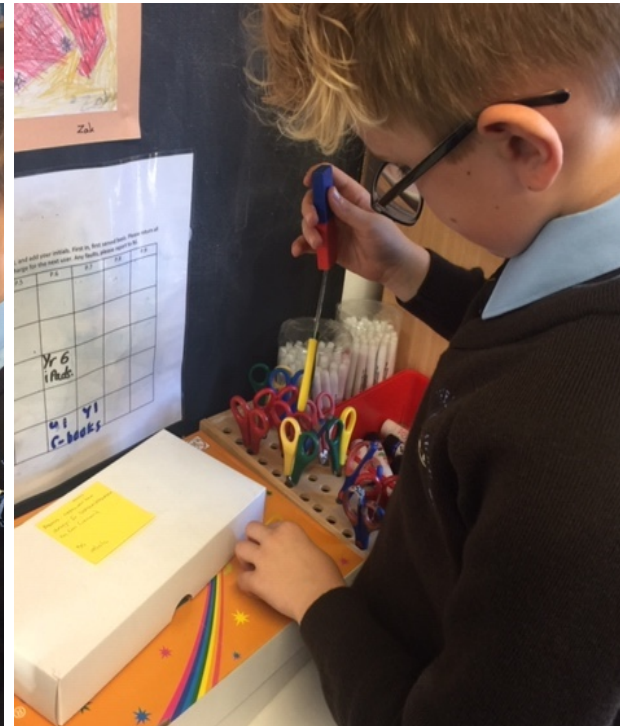
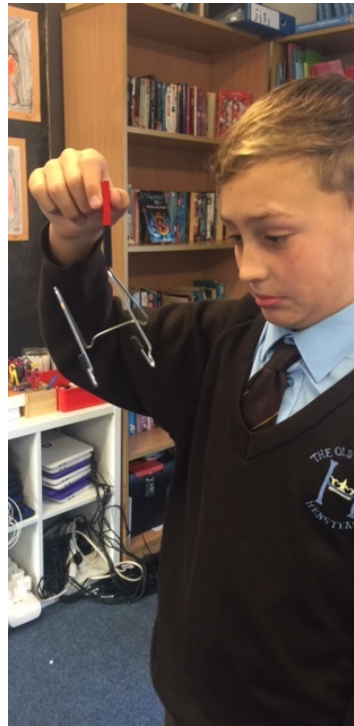
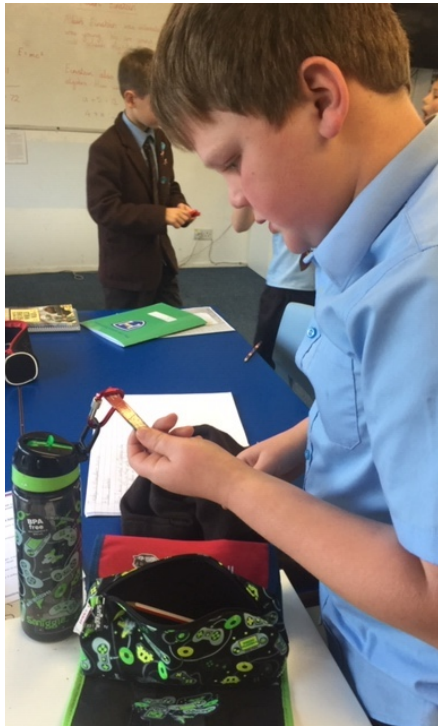
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Thank you to everyone who turned out to support the choir singing in the rain, and to our wonderful parents who baked and sold cakes. You may listen to the choir on today's Mark Murphy breakfast show via the following link:
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Famous Scientists & Magnetism



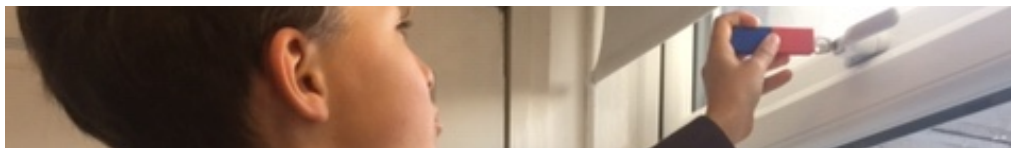
This week we started our new science unit on 'Famous Scientists', which we are very excited about. We began with probably the most famous scientist of all - Albert Einstein.

As a child, his family and his teachers all thought he was not very clever and would not amount to anything. How wrong they were! He did not start talking until he was 4 years old. He was even expelled from one of his schools!

When Einstein was 4 years old, his father bought him a pocket compass. From that point on, he became very interested in magnetism. We decided to be like Einstein and try out our magnets, to see what things we could find in the classroom that were magnetic. Einstein was also keen on maths and using algebraic formulae, so we then tried solving some maths questions involving algebra, such as: $C2 = 81$ and then $B3 \times C = 72$. Einstein is most well known for his theory of relativity.

Soon we are going to start work on a very exciting project called 'Living Science Museum', where the children will choose a scientist they would like to study. They will dress up as that scientist and present facts about his or her life, as well as demonstrating experiments or famous discoveries. Coming soon!

Mrs Solomon





Art Attack - part 1



The original benefactor of the Sainsbury Centre, Robert Sainsbury with his wife Lisa, had a particular love of small objects which he liked to hold in his hands and often carried in his pockets. His children nicknamed his collection the Toy Department. He collected these small objects from all over the world, including Alaska, Mexico, Peru, the Arctic Region, Syria, China, Egypt, Tonga and the Bering Sea, and they range in date over 4000 years. Each object tells us something about daily life and the varied reasons people make and treasure small things.

An excited Year 1 group of students entered the unique and spectacular Norman Foster building and were greeted by an artist educator. He spoke about the different materials used to make some of the sculptures and objects in the centre. The children were encouraged to observe, critique and respond to a range of different exhibits in the Toy Department. Provided with clipboards the children were encouraged to draw objects that personally appealed to them. They were then encouraged to create their

own Toy Department. The artist educator showed them a variety of toys and small objects and asked the children to choose their favourites in order to create their own mini exhibition. This was a fantastic activity which the children thoroughly enjoyed, especially when model people were introduced to test the layout of their exhibition.

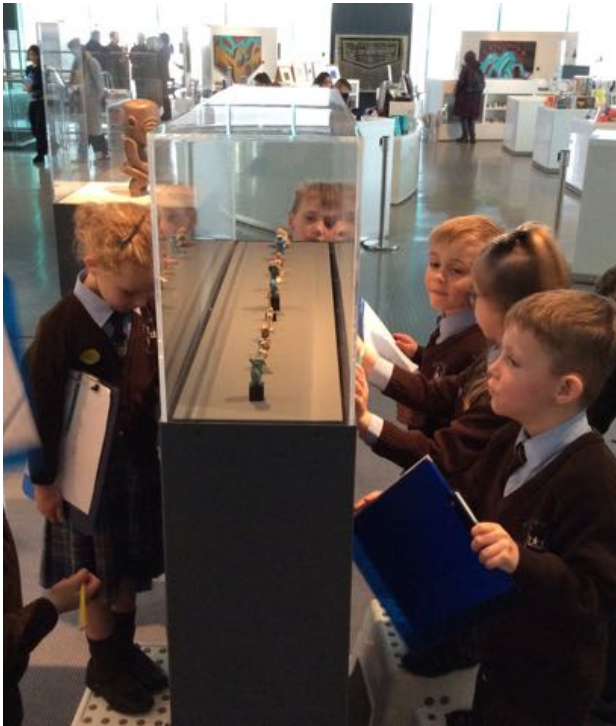
At lunchtime the children enjoyed looking at selected pieces in the sculpture park, home to pieces fashioned by Henry Moore, Elizabeth Frink, Lynn Chadwick, Liliane Lijn and Anthony Gormley. We also enjoyed the red spiral sculpture by Vladimir Tatlin, a famous Soviet avant-garde artist.

Highlights of the day including drawing a hippopotamus made out of stone and a fish made out of wood. When pressed to choose a favourite exhibit the hands down winner chosen by the children was the enigmatic 'Bucket Man' who curated responses from painting and washing to balance and concentration. Looks like we have some art critics in the making in Year 1. Mrs Loader.





Art Attack - part 2





Fantastic Gymnastics



All week long the Nursery children ask "is it gym today?" It is safe to say that Tuesday afternoons are the highlight of their school week. Little do the children know how much learning they are doing on these afternoons. Before they even get to the gym they are developing their independence and fine motor skills by changing out of their uniform and into their gym clothes. The coach ride for some children can be daunting, leaving the familiarity of Nursery for a much bigger learning environment to be taught by adults that they only see once a week. When the children are at the gym they are developing their listening and attention skills and we are always impressed with how well the younger ones listen and respond to the sometimes quite complex instructions of the coaches. And more obviously, the children are developing their gross motor skills: running, climbing, rolling, jumping, hanging, swinging and stretching.

Star of the Week

Congratulations Freya. John the Chicken loves the way you play so well with the other children. You are always sharing and taking turns. Enjoy your sleepover.
Mrs Vorster





Reception News



Over the course of this week, we have had discussions about friendships and how all children are treated fairly at The Old School Henstead - appropriate themes in anti-bullying week.

Today we had a day of baking, which put our maths and literacy skills to the test. We used our biscuits to raise money for Children In Need by selling them to our school community.

We held several class activities involving Pudsey Bear and the hard work he does helping us to understand children who face challenges in their lives.. We have also been following Paddington Bear around the world on his adventures. He has introduced us to how children go to school in different countries, see different animals, and speak different languages.

Mrs Scriven





Junior Arts & Crafts Club



This week the children began work on a silhouette landscape. They had great fun designing and drawing the buildings, cutting out the windows and doors and adding the coloured cellophane. Mrs Webster



Bonfire & Fireworks Party

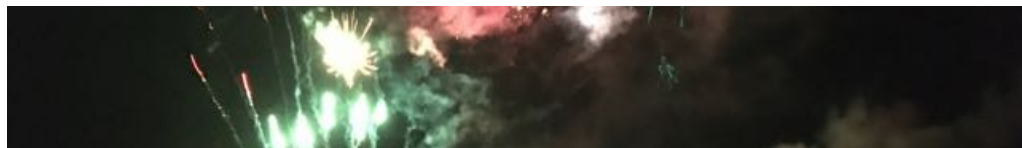


Last Friday, the cool November air was warmed by excited murmurs of the crowd, intermittent “ooooo” and “aaaaaas” aimed at both the impressive fireworks and delicious BBQ and of course, the majestic bonfire ablaze in the neighbouring field.

Once again, the PTFA delivered and organised a superb evening. Wrapped up in mittens, scarves and hats, the children and adults were able to enjoy the fireworks in full measure, with a splendid display decorating the night sky with a flurry of colour and brightness.

A wonderful event of community and togetherness. Thanks to both the PTFA and all of the helpers without whom, such events would not be possible. Excitement is already beginning to brew at the thought of the Christmas fayre...!

Mr Hunt





AWARDS AND NOTICES.

Mascot Awards

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

Reception: Tabitha for resilience in writing.

Year One: Jayden for resiliently working in English lessons.

Year Two: Chloe for superb research in maths and English lessons this week.

Year Three: Edward for resilience when working on tricky challenges.

Year Four: Oliver for resilience while working on word problems in maths.

Year Five: William for resilience when working in maths, tackling decimal addition superbly.

Year Six: Ayla for showing resilience when working in exam preparation for senior school entrance examinations.

Inter-House Hockey Tournament

Following this afternoon's exciting inter-house hockey tournament, we are pleased to report the results:

1st Orwell

2nd Waveney

3rd Deben

4th Yare

Well done all.



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