



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 17 January 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

We have been delighted by the manner in which our boys and girls have launched themselves straight back into work and our Year Six pupils have really applied themselves to their preparation for Senior School entrance. The week ended with a fantastic win at the ISA regional cross country event, as reported on page 4, with two boys through to the national final.

This edition has news of the elections to the School Council - it continues to go from strength to strength and is always a ready source of ideas for the development of the school. We also welcome Miss Trail, who has joined the games department as part of her teacher training at the University of East Anglia.

Our next Open Morning will be held on Saturday 1 February. Please save the date - pupils are very keen for family members to come and see their lessons in action and to showcase their work. Please also consider who to invite. Electronic and hard copy invitations are available from the school office.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





Open Morning
Saturday 1 February

 **The Old School Henstead**

Saturday
1 FEBRUARY

Arrivals
9:45 - 10:00AM

To book call
T. 01502 741150

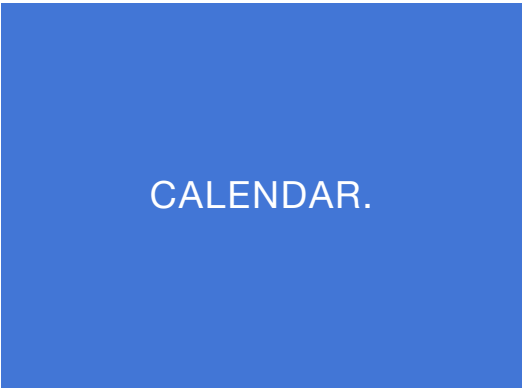
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OPEN MORNING.

Pupil registration 9.30
(in uniform, including blazers)

Visitor registration 9.45-10.00

Ends 12 noon



Calendar for Next Week

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| Tuesday 21 January | 2.30 Years 4,5 & 6 Gymnastics |
| Wednesday 22 January | 8.50 Brass Assembly |
| | 1.00 Under 11 Indoor Athletics at Ormiston Denes Academy |
| Thursday 23 January | 1.30 Years Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Swimming |
| | 2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming |

Dates for your Diary

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| Saturday 1 February | Open Morning |
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Sport - ISA Cross Country Win



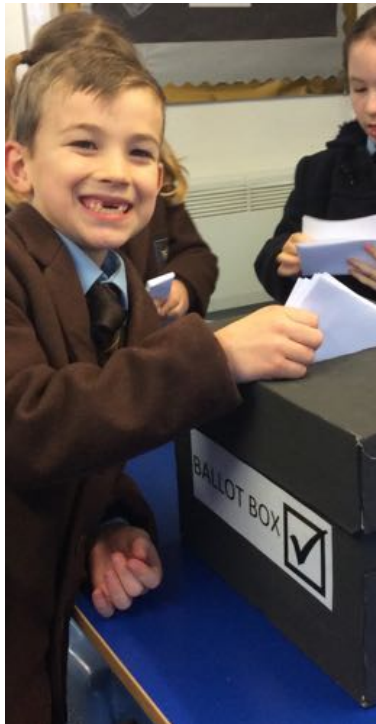
Arguably the toughest race of the year, the regional ISA cross country event has it all - 2100 meters of mud, puddles and the infamous 'devil's hill'. On the walk round of the course the children could really get into perspective what they had signed up for (some more reluctantly than others). The under 9 girls stepped up first, soon finding just how difficult conditions were. Chloe was first home in 39th position with Bella not far behind in 45, Ariane, who managed to find every puddle going, still to finish in 47th with Amelie and Lola crossing the line together in 55th. The first boys race of the day was next and this was the one most were talking about, no pressure boys..... after a slippery start all runners got into their stride with Rafferty hitting the front at the top of devil's hill, Tom, Luca and IG not far behind. The boys really did battle their way round, with Rafferty striding ahead up the hill - to the excitement of pupils and

parents, winning the race, Tom was all alone in 10th, cruising over the line with IG and Luca finishing in 28th & 29th. Bobby and Jude never gave up and finished 72nd and 74th. With the race becoming more and more muddy, the seniors took to the course. Kitty and Isobel finding themselves in a sprint finish, battling with one another to 59th & 60th positions with Isabelle next home in 80th. Both Imogen and Charlotte managed to lose a trainer on the run, however never gave up and completed the race in 89th and 100th positions. The final race - under 11 boys - saw Harry first home in 91st position with Marli close behind in 95th. Zak and Gabriel kept going until the end finishing in 100th & 109th position. A fantastic effort from all pupils in some very testing conditions. We wish Rafferty and Tom all the best at the national cross country event in March.

Mr Hunter



School Council Election



Tuesday saw the election to vote in new members of the school council for this term, and nominees nervously awaited the results. The job of a school councillor is to represent the views, thoughts and ideas of all pupils so that together we can make our school community a better place.

Those who get to wear the prestigious school council badge this term are:

Year 1: Freddie

Year 2: Chloe R

Year 3: Ariane and Chloe H

Year 4: Luca, Millie and Lola

Year 5: Zak and Marli

Year 6: Isobel, Imogen and Penelope

Well done to all.

Mrs Sonn and Olivia Webster (Head of School Council)





Music - The Pentatonic Scale



Year 4 began this term's music topic of The Pentatonic Scale, using some of the new instruments gifted generously by our PTFA. Later we will be improvising and playing by ear using this pattern of notes. Mr Spencer



Nursery News



Goldilocks and the three bears joined us this week in Nursery. We have been reading and retelling the story with props, solving problems for baby bear by building him new furniture, crafting with bears, taste testing new porridge flavours for Goldilocks and cooking oat cakes and flapjacks. As the children's interest increased we found that our planing sheet for the week ran out of room and so we will have to continue next week!

Nursery Star of the Week

Congratulations Evangelos. John the Chicken is excited to go home with you this weekend for a sleepover. He loves the way you try hard at all the activities and show perseverance when something is proving to be a challenge.

Mrs Vorster





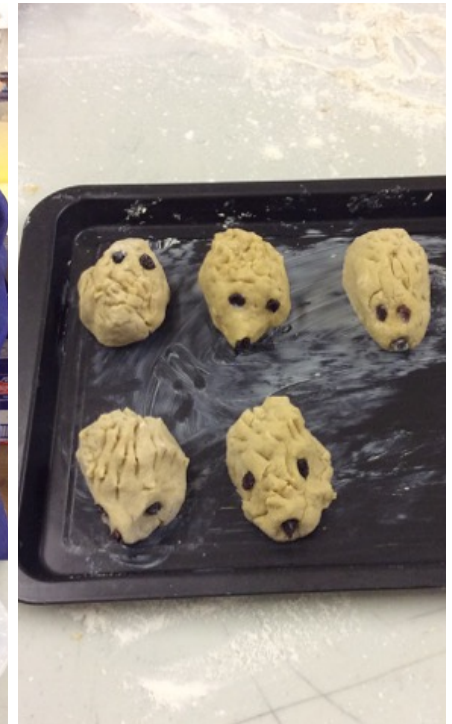
The Art of Mathematics



Lots of happy faces in a Year 4 maths lesson, learning about symmetry and symmetrical patterns. The children worked in pairs to create interesting symmetrical paintings - Miss Doughty



Creative Cookery



In Junior Cookery Club the children had fun making hedgehog rolls. They took turns adding all the ingredients and kneading the bread dough, creating the spikes using scissors and adding currants for the eyes and nose. Mrs Webster



New Piano Club



On Tuesday after school Mr Spencer took the first session with the Senior Piano Club.

The club is open to anybody learning the piano (in or out of school) who has been learning for about a year or so, and is an opportunity to play for and with other pianists.

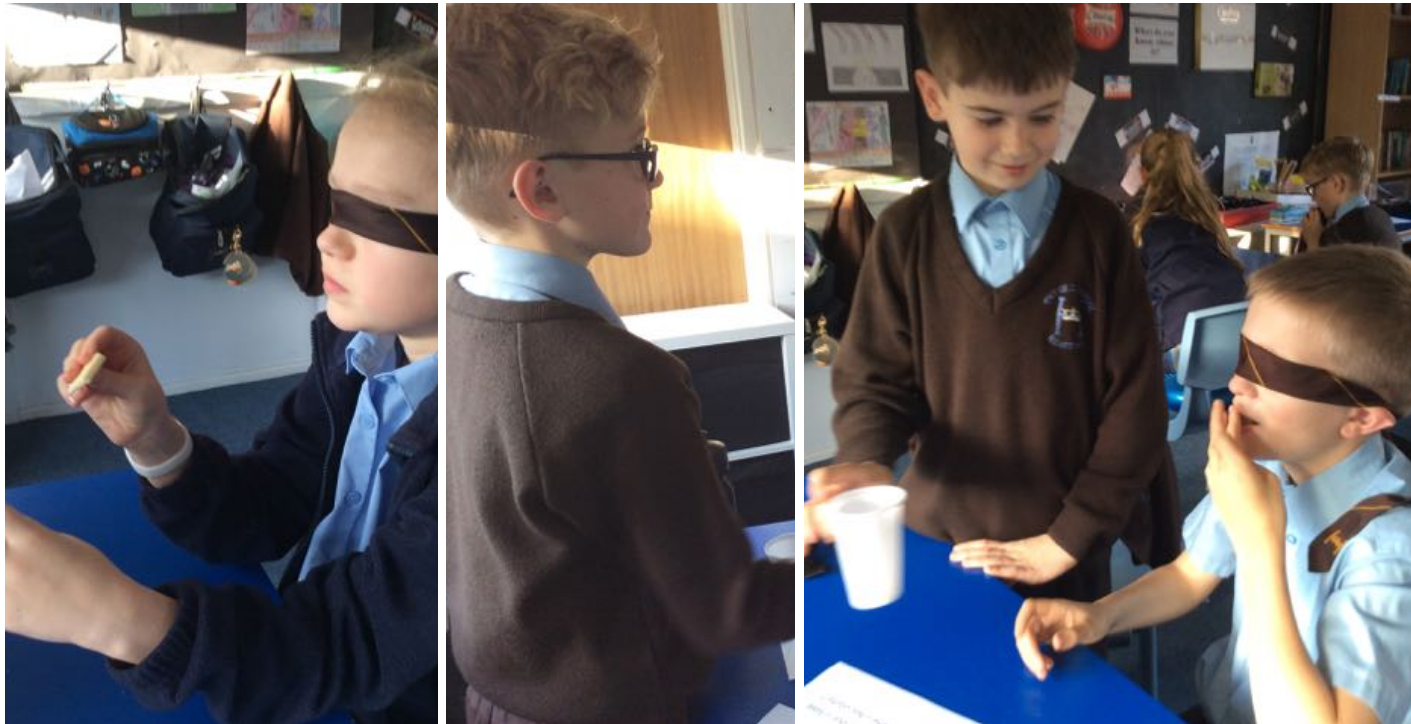
As well as some supervised practice, the children performed pieces for each other and tried using new techniques in their pieces.

They were introduced to *The Entertainer* by Scott Joplin, and finished with some duet work.

If any other pupils would like to join this term, please contact Mr Spencer.



Chocolate Science & Survey



This term we are going to be studying a unit titled 'chocolate'. This will combine science and humanities together, as well as some technology and a little art.

To kick off our unit, we surveyed our class and teachers around the school to see which type of chocolate was their favourite. Using a blindfold, we asked each person to try 3 different types of chocolate - dark chocolate, milk chocolate and white chocolate. Our prediction was that milk chocolate would be the favourite. However, to our surprise, white chocolate was the most popular choice!

We have also found out that white chocolate is technically not chocolate as it does not contain any cocoa solids and that dark chocolate is actually good for you as it contains antioxidants!

We are very excited to find out more about chocolate!

Mrs Solomon



Reception News



Welcome to 2020 in Reception. It is lovely to see all the children back in school and focusing hard on their learning.

Our topic this term is all about animals, and we have an exciting trip to Africa (Alive) planned in February to put our animal knowledge to the test and further our understanding of their habitats and eating habits. Animals are a perfect way to understand the value of this term, empathy.

In science, we will be experimenting to see how much sugar is acceptable and what a healthy diet looks like for animals and us. This topic will inspire our art, music English and maths lessons. We look forward to bringing all of our learning together in a first-class Reception assembly, where we will be sure to show you our ever-growing confidence.

Mrs Scriven





AWARDS AND NOTICES.

Mascot Awards

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

Reception: Francesca for super experimentation in the Origami Club.

Year One: James for experimenting in science club.

Year Two: Jude for consistently showing empathy towards his friends.

Year Three: Ruby experimenting in Games lessons.

Year Four: Tom showing empathy when there is a problem with a friend.

Year Five: Zak for empathising with his friends.

Year Six: Kitty for displaying and acting with empathy towards friends.

Duffle Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves

As the temperature is much colder now, please ensure children are sent into school

with their school hats, scarves and gloves (all named please, to ensure we are able to reunite any lost items to their owners). Our school duffle coats (or winter jackets for Nursery) also provide warmth for the children, especially with icy winds, as blazers alone are not sufficient for the heavy winter period. All these items are available from our Uniform Shop on site. May we remind parents that only school uniform clothing and accessories should be worn to school.

Good Manners Awards

We are delighted to announce the results of the School Council Good Manners Awards for the past term, with certificates for:

Reception - Matilda
 Year 1 - James
 Year 2 - Sebastian
 Year 3 - Adam
 Year 4 - Tom
 Year 5 - Charlotte
 Year 6 - Imogen

Good Manners Badges for the most points were awarded to Adam (Junior Award) and Charlotte (Senior Award). Congratulations.



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