



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 31 January 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The Candlemas Bells, as our snowdrops are historically known, are in full bloom in the Millennium garden. How appropriate as we celebrate Candlemas in St Mary's today, so do check them out as you are coming in to school.

We look forward to welcoming our guests and all members of the Old School community to the Open Morning on Saturday morning. Details and timings are in this edition of the newsletter and it promises to be a most entertaining and productive morning. Come all!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





OPEN MORNING.

Pupil registration 9.30
(in uniform, including blazers)

Visitor registration 9.45-10.00

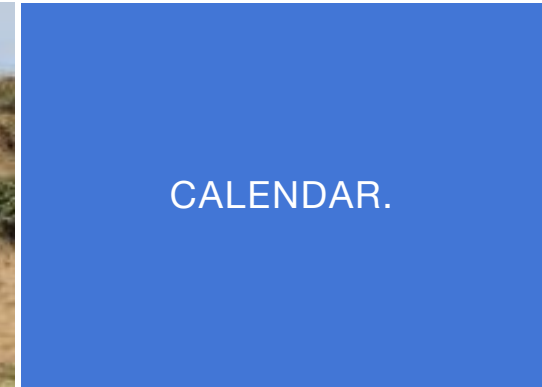
Ends 12 noon

Saturday
1 FEBRUARY

Arrivals
9:45 - 10:00AM

To book call
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Calendar for Next Week (the full term's calendar is viewable on the school's website)

- Tuesday 4 February
 - Safer Internet Day
 - 8.45 Digital Leaders Assembly
 - 2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics
 - 4.15 Parents' Seminar – "think u know?" (see last page of this newsletter for details)
- Thursday 6 February
 - 1.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers) Reception & Year 1 Swimming
 - 2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
- Friday 7 February
 - 8.45 Year 1 Assembly
 - Years 1 & 6 Open Classrooms
 - 11.00 Reception visits Africa Alive
 - 3.15 U9 Football at Beccles Primary Academy
 - Year 2 and 6 Film Night



Dragons' Eggs



Inspired by the beautiful watercolours and story of the picture book 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris, the Year 1 children designed their own dragon eggs. We imagined what sort of dragon would emerge from our creations. Snow dragons, rainbow dragons, ice dragons, fire dragons and storytelling dragons appeared with magical qualities and talents. Come and check out our creative writing in Year 1. You will be amazed. - Mrs Loader



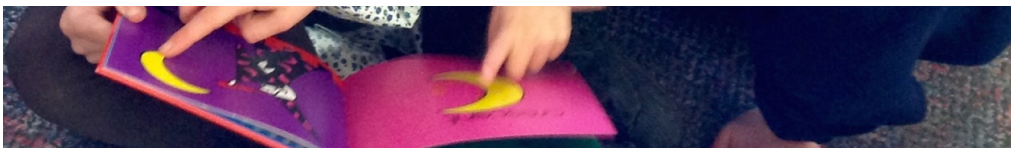
Sport - Fencing Success



Congratulations to Isabelle, who is through to the national final of the British Youth Fencing Championships as a result of her successes in the qualifying rounds last weekend. Isabelle will compete in three categories: Epée, Foil and Sabre.



Nursery News



This week we have had a focus on castles, princesses, princes, knights and dragons. The nursery has become a castle and the children are enjoying dressing up and taking on roles, including a castle chef. We have had fun painting castles and princesses as well as using recycling to build castles. The children have been developing their thinking skills by building bridges and zip lines for the prince and princess to travel on to get to each other's castles over the lava. It has been a right royal week of fun and learning.

Nursery Star of the Week

Well done Luke. John the Chicken has been watching you play really well outside with your friends.

Mrs Vorster



Personal, Social, Health, Economic Education (PSHEE)



The teaching of PSHEE prepares our children physically, emotionally, socially, mentally and intellectually for life. Our whole school approach, weekly lessons and integrated learning develops identities, confidence and self-esteem.

This term, Year Six and Five have focused on leadership. Together they have explored the qualities of a good leader and a bad leader, self-appraising their own leadership qualities. The need for rules (including the commandments) led them to the conclusion that as individuals they feel secure. A Year Six review of the Summerhill School ethos governed by a democratic community generated initial disbelief, then excited support. Further discussion opened the gateway for an evaluation of the positives and negatives of such a system.

Friendship has been the focus for Year Four. Self-reflection and self-assessment led to the consideration of how their friendship skills impact not only on themselves, but others around them. Compliments, the need to give and accept being identified as central to self-perception and self-esteem.

Year Three have learnt about themselves and each other. Through self-assessment and peer assessment they have explored their own identities and how others perceive them as individuals.



Lower down the school a multitude of topic areas allow our youngest members to understand themselves and the valuable place they have in wider society. - Miss Clifton



School Council Election



Here are the successful School Council elected members for this term:

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

We wish you all a successful term in office.

Mrs Sonn and Olivia Webster (Head of School Council)



Willow Wonder



Pupils developing a lifelong love of the outdoors, as they tame the willows to create beautiful playtime dens. Collaborative working, gross and fine motor skills harnessed for the good of all. Well done willow weavers.



Art - Kandinsky



The Year 1 children have been busy creating their own Kandinsky masterpieces! - Miss Doughty



Cookery Club - Healthy Pizzas



This week the children had fun making their own pizza's! They had a choice of toppings to add which included ham, pineapple, red peppers and of course cheese. They were so happy with their finished pizzas! - Mrs Webster



Reception News



As the animal topic continues, we turn our focus on to all things flying this week. As we work hard on our letter formation and knowledge of tricky words, we are now able to construct sentences while writing independently.

In maths, we have been experimenting with different vocabulary and using bees and ladybirds to help us. We look forward to showing off our lovely display on Open morning.

In French, we are using our topic knowledge to help us understand colours, numbers and animals and how to pronounce words with a correctly in the target language.

We have impressed our teachers already this term with our fantastic swimming skills. All children are showing outstanding confidence and independence and displaying empathy to all as they support the school's values.

Well done, Reception a fantastic week of learning and fun!

Mrs Scriven





Junior Swimming



Thursday is associated with many exciting events at The Old School Henstead: delicious roast dinners, mascot assemblies and, for Nursery to Year 3, swimming.

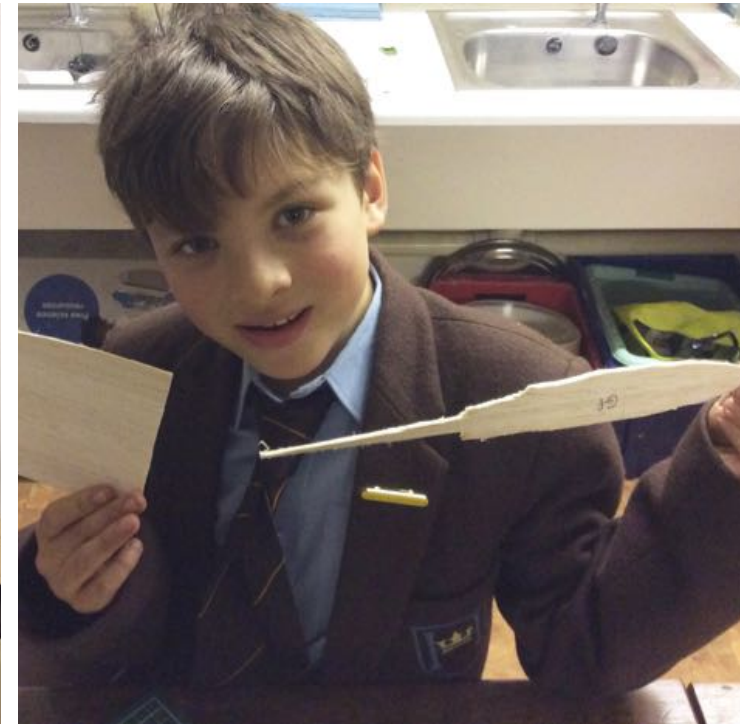
Our visit to the pool is always a fantastic way to round off the learning on a Thursday afternoon. With opportunities to learn the basics in Nursery and Reception, to refining particular stroke techniques and to developing confidence when in the water and learning how to swim when out of one's depth, there are plenty of learning opportunities for all of the children.

Indeed, the conduct of the children has been superb throughout the term. Demonstrating our school values (and more) wonderfully well, all staff associated were left once again with a feeling of pride.

Mr Hunt



Model Gliders Club



Week 4 at Model Glider Club and most of the sections of our aircraft have been cut. Once finished, we'll be painting each piece, glueing it all together and flying our gliders on their maiden journeys. To infinity and beyond... - Mrs Sonn



AWARDS AND NOTICES.

Mascot Awards

Mascots will be awarded tomorrow (Saturday) at our Open Morning event.

We wonder who...?

“Think u Know?” Parent Seminar

We are holding an internet safety seminar for parents on Tuesday 4 February at 4.15pm to update parents on the latest schemes and scams targeting children and ways to keep your children safe online.



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