



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 18 September 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Much of our teaching and learning at The Old School Henstead centres on building confidence. Boys and girls are encouraged to give it a go, to challenge themselves, to test their knowledge and expand it, along with their skills. The result - excellence is already to be seen and has been celebrated and rewarded. It was pleasing to see our whole class of new Reception pupils this week arriving in my study to receive their first A1s for outstanding work! Creativity also continues to flourish this week as LAMDA lessons recommence for our budding actors.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





HARVEST FESTIVAL APPEAL.

Let's Fill a Van with Groceries!

This year we are shouting out for food (non-perishables) to fill a van! We are teaming up with the Soul Foundation charity (in partnership with Norwich City Football Club), who run the largest food bank for our region, delivering thousands of boxes of food every week to families in need in the area. They have already delivered 1 million food boxes. Demand has risen as a result of the recent lockdown and job losses, and we would like our small school to make a big difference to families facing difficult times. Therefore, **instead of asking families to donate one item per child, we**

would be hugely grateful if you would consider donating several items or a bag of groceries, so that we may fill the charity's van, which will be with us on the day. No need to worry about the weight of items, as they may be dropped off at the gate.

We have been asked to donate only non-perishable items, such as any tinned goods, pasta, coffee, tea, cereals, biscuits and other treats.

We thank you for your generosity in advance. The charity has told us that there are families reaching out to them, and who are referred by social services, as they

literally do not know where their next meal will come from. Please help us make a difference and bring your donations

this **Thursday 24
September**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 22 September – Jeans for Genes Day. For a donation of £1, pupils may wear jeans (with school shirts and ties; not with dresses or pinafores or non-uniform tops). The wearing of jeans is optional. Games kit should be brought as usual to change into, by pupils who normally have games or PE on that day.

Wednesday 23 September (evening) PTFA Online Meeting - email ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk to register.

Thursday 24 September – Harvest Festival celebrated at school (sorry, we are unable to invite parents, but we hope you will support our appeal for produce - see page 2 for more details.)

Saturday 17 October - Sunday 1 November Half Term

Tuesday 17 November – Nasal 'Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6). A link for parental sign-up will be emailed to parents soon.



SCHOOL OFFICERS.

Heads of School

Zak and Charlotte

Houses

We are pleased to announce our Year 6 house captains. We are sure they will demonstrate outstanding leadership skills and set great examples for the younger pupils during house activities throughout the year.

The House System is central to our core values and we rely heavily on the quality of our House Captains to lead from the front.

Deben House

Captain Charlotte

Waveney House

Captains Zak & James

Yare House

Captain Isabelle

Orwell House

Captains Gabriel & Phillip

We look forward to their guidance and encouragement as they take on the demands of the position as outlined below:

To be a role model in terms of attitude, work ethic, manners and appearance to younger

members of the house, providing inspiration and motivation to all pupils in their house.

To help organise and plan competitions and events throughout the year, and ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to compete.

To help supervise house activities and competitions.

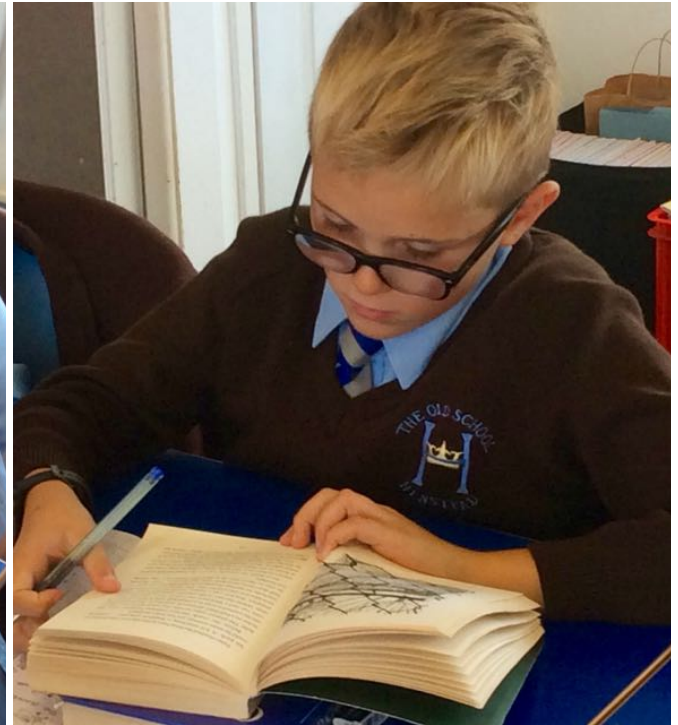
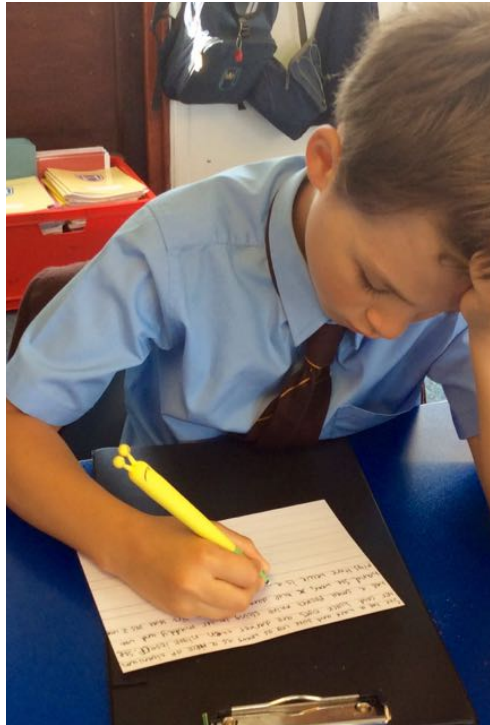
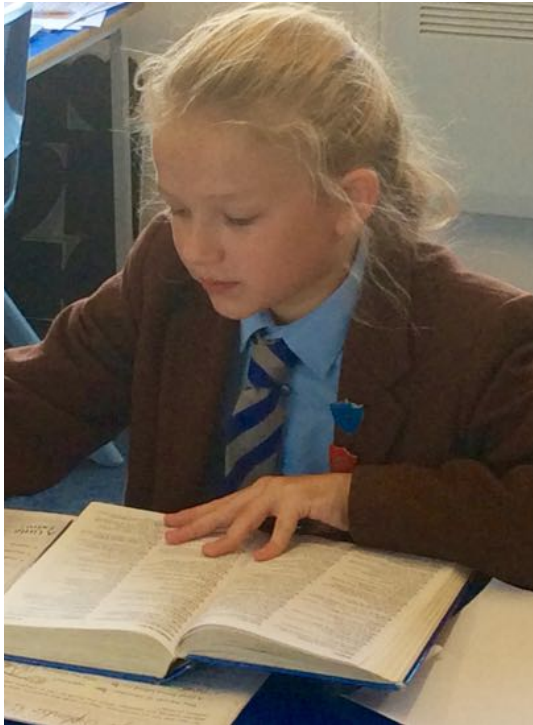
To ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of ability.

To report back results or news to the house.

We believe that these roles will develop invaluable leadership, organisational and decision-making skills. We wish all the appointees a successful year in post.



Serious Students.



Year Six pupils have been applying themselves exceptionally well to their studies at the start of this important year before moving to senior school.



Orchard Crop.



The joy of inspecting the imminent crop of fruit from the trees generously donated by the Webster family last year.



Something to Digest!

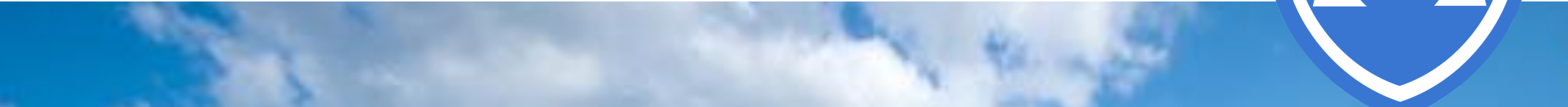


Year Six pupils have been learning about the digestive system this week in science lessons. They carried out an experiment using orange juice, water, crushed biscuits, bananas and a plastic bag to understand the process of how food is broken down and churned in our stomachs, then passes through other organs which get rid of waste and send nutrients around our bodies. As you can see from the photos, digesting food is a messy business!

Mrs Sonn



Sports Gallery.



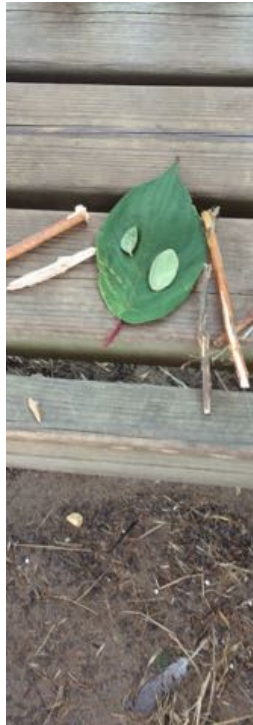


Rugby Drills.





Natural Art



Years 1 and 2 are learning about natural art, creating animals from natural materials found in the school grounds. Mrs Loader



Space Project



This week, Year 5 began a new topic on the theme of space. This started with a very interesting debate on how do we know the Earth is spherical and not flat? What evidence do we have? When you look out at the school field, it looks flat! The evidence we do have is from other people, namely astronauts, such as Neil Armstrong.

We looked at our solar system, naming the planets (there was also a big discussion about Pluto here!), along with the sun and the moon. After which we then used our papier mâché making skills to begin making these planets. Phase 1 is complete, with phase 2 to follow next week.

Mrs Solomon



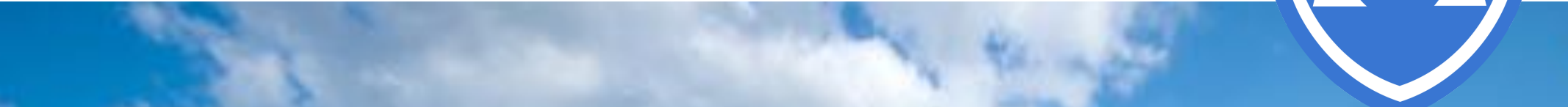


Nursery Gallery



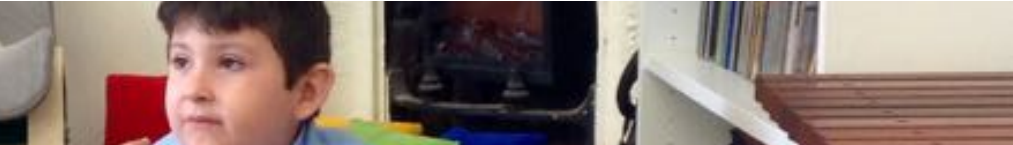


Early Years News



In Nursery and Reception we are working hard to promote the relationship between language and literacy skills. Our outdoor stage has prompted some confident performers this week. Through the 'back and forth' of conversational turn-taking in our many activities, we have supported the children's interests and continue to teach a wide range of words to build their vocabulary. Daily lessons involve all the children joining in with songs, rhymes, books and stories.

Mrs Scriven





Outdoor Education - Willow Weaving



Pupils learn the tradition of willow weaving in their Outdoor Ed lesson.



Breakfast Club Fun



Early morning outdoor challenge games at Breakfast Club.



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Confidence and Creativity.

Reception: Alana for confident starts to the day.

Year One: Araminta for a confident and creative start to Year One.

Year Two: James for creative questioning of a literary character.

Year Three: Jude for creative design during mathematical pattern sniffing.

Year Four: Jemimah for creativity during place value maths.

Year Five: (collective award) for creatively making a Peggy sue boat with an electrical circuit for the light.

Year Six: Charlotte for confident presentation skills in a class video assembly.



Thank you

We thank Mrs Harrison and her company Global Chair Components for the generous donation of sanitizing dispenser units for the school.

PTFA News

We have plans to hold our virtual AGM this week on Wednesday 23rd September. We will be discussing which Henstead traditions we may continue under current regulations as well as looking for new ideas for generating funds to benefit the pupils. Email ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk to join Wednesday's online meeting. Please do join us to find out more, as we need lots of people to join the PTFA team so that it may be fun, without being time-consuming.



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