



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 25 September 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been such a blessing to see that boys and girls come through the school gates over the past few days, laden with produce - many taking on the challenge of carrying it as far as the School Office! it is quite appropriate that the reading in our harvest service reminded us of how Jesus fed the five thousand, with the contribution of one child and his packed lunch. We are pleased to assist Soul Foundation as they continue to support those in most need in the community - they have already served over one million meals in the current circumstances. Thank you to the whole school family for your support of this vital work.

W J McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





Harvest Festival Appeal.



There was much excitement and enthusiasm to carry our Harvest Festival donations to the Soul Foundation van, which arrived to collect our gifts.



Harvest Festival Appeal.



We were most grateful to Mr Sam Mooney, Operations Manager for the Soul Foundation, for taking time out of his busy schedule to explain to the children how food boxes are sourced and distributed to families in need in our region and for so kindly collecting our donations. Thank you for all your generous donations.



**DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.**

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 17 October - Sunday 1 November Half Term

Wednesday 11 November - Remembrance Day (commemorations and roll of honour at school, but without guests this year.)

Tuesday 17 November - Nasal 'Flu Immunisations (Reception to Year 6). A link to sign up (deadline 30 September) has been emailed to parents.



Sports Gallery.





Jeans for Genes



Schools across the country have been holding Jeans for Genes days to help raise funds for the charity Genetic Disorders UK, which supports individuals and families affected by a genetic disorder. This year, as Year Six pupils presented, directed and edited a short film to tell us all about it. Please do take a few minutes to watch it on Google Classroom if you haven't already done so.

On Tuesday pupils came to school in jeans (long, shorts and dungarees). They really enjoyed wearing this little sartorial twist on their normal school uniform, although as the weather was so beautiful, everyone got a bit hot! All in all it was a fun experience and a great cause for which to raise funds. Thank you to everyone who brought in £1, which will be donated to Genetic Disorders UK. Mrs Sonn



Space Project - The Sequel.



A week on...our papier mâché balloon planets are beginning to look a little more like planets now!

We tried to look at the colour of the various planets (as far as we know it!) and then painted our papier mâché balloons in those particular colours. For this we mixed the paints to the appropriate colours needed.

We are going to spend our next astronomy session researching any information we can find out about each planet.

Mrs Solomon



Nursery News



This week our children have been enjoying a variety of maths activities and number work. Mrs Suffolk visits twice a week and we all sing counting, action songs using her props for adding one more and taking one away. The photos show the 10 balancing elephants and the classic 5 little ducks. During their free play sessions the children are naturally drawn to the maths areas, they use the coloured beads for sorting by size, shape and colour and for counting how many they can thread on the stick. The children are always asking for the very popular numicon resource which they use to create number bonds to 10, counting and comparing quantities and making shapes. This week Madam Dakin introduced the story of Owl Babies which we used to reinforce the number 3 and what that means as well as comparing sizes. We have been also been using our lunch routine as another opportunity for maths. The children count how many for hot lunch, count the correct amount of plates and seats and even count out how many pieces of fruit and vegetables. The children in Early Years Foundation Stage are well on their way to becoming super mathematicians in the future.

Mrs Vorster





Reception Gallery





Music News



Harvest Festival Celebrations

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, our Junior Choir sang, "Give Thanks for the Harvest" by Mark and Helen Johnson, a joyful song which describes the wonder of the progression of a tiny seed to life-giving food. Jude, Rex and Robin provided musical sounds to accompany the words, "The sun, the seeds, the rain."! Both choirs performed the perennial favourite, "All Things Bright and Beautiful", which describes the splendour and variety of creation. The Senior Choir were joined by Mr McKinney on guitar to perform "Lord of the Harvest", a lyrical song for the season by Jancis Harvey. "Now We Sing a Harvest Song" contains a thought-provoking second version in which we were encouraged to reflect on those less fortunate than ourselves, whilst giving thanks for the blessings of Harvest time.



New Faces

This term we have been pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the Music department: Mrs Alison Lincoln, who teaches both piano and singing.

Mrs Lincoln studied Music and Performance Studies at the University of East Anglia, and since then has built up a wealth of experience both performing and teaching pupils across the age-range. She has had a very successful first few weeks at The Old School Henstead, getting to know her students and planning for their musical progression and development.

She is particularly committed to the idea of performance being integral to musical achievement and, in conjunction with myself, will be planning for her students to gain experience of performing informally, some of them for the first time. Like all of our visiting music teachers at present, she is sending weekly practice notes home by e-mail and is happy to answer any questions regarding progress and planned progression. I have heard extremely encouraging sounds wafting from the practice rooms recently and I look forward to watching Mrs Lincoln's pupils develop their musical skills with great anticipation.

Mr Spencer





Natural Art - Leaf Man.



Year 1 pupils created their Leaf Men using natural materials.
Miss Doughty



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Evangelos for confidently following instructions and having creative ideas.

Year One: Max for confident reading.

Year Two: Violette for confidently approaching her maths work on place value.

Year Three: Caitlin for confidently carrying out classroom tasks maturely.

Year Four: Adam for creative artwork.

Year Five: Millie for confidently solving maths problems this week.

Year Six: Isabelle for creative exploring and experimenting with colour in art lessons.

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PTFA News

Thank you to all those who attended Wednesday's online AGM. Details of the new committee and other PTFA news will be announced in the next newsletter.

