



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 6 November 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Our values of resilience and research could not be more apt as we remember those who made the supreme sacrifice so that we have the freedoms that we enjoy today. We have also looked into remembrance ceremonies in other countries. The courage shown by succeeding generations in serving is a shining example as we navigate these times. They shall grow not old... we will remember them.

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DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.

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

Friday 13 November - Sponsored sing for BBC Children in Need.



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Tuesday 17 November - Nasal 'Flu Immunisations (for pupils in Reception to Year 6, whose parents signed up).

Friday 20 November - 6.30pm PTFA Zoom Bingo



Art Success.



The annual Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Art Competition is a wonderful opportunity for schools to showcase their pupils' art. This year, we were fortunate to have three pieces of artwork placed at the regional (Eastern Region) finals (see next page). These pieces will go on to be judged in the national competition.

Kitty (Y6 2019/2020) - Winner: KS2 Sketchbook

Charlotte (Y5 2019/2020) 2nd Place: KS2 2D - Colour in Bloom

Year 4 - Winner 2D Group Artwork (Monet's Bridge)

In addition, the following pupils were short-listed:

Rohan (Remembrance piece)

Jude (Cezanne's Fruit)

Year 1 (Autumn Leaves)

Congratulations to all our winners.

Miss Doughty



Art Success - The Winning Pieces



LAMDA News.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Philips to the teaching team at The Old School Henstead.

A graduate from The Guildhall School of Music and Drama (BA Hons Acting), Mrs Philips has been involved in professional TV, Theatre and Film projects since the age of 14 and since graduating from The Guildhall School. has been represented by one of the top acting agents in London.

A few TV and Film credits include: 'The Great Ghost Rescue' (feature film), 'The Detectorists' (TV series), 'Bright star' (feature Film), and 'Muller' (advertisement).

She has also worked and performed at a number of well-known theatres, including The Barbican Theatre, The Globe, The Royal Court, The Bridewell Theatre and The Princess Grace Theatre in Monaco. As well as being involved in TV, Film and Theatre projects, she records voice overs for various companies and brands.

"I have always had a strong passion and interest in creating theatre, choreography, and teaching. I thoroughly enjoy seeing how LAMDA can hugely benefit each

individual. Working on communication skills, confidence and individual ability can see huge rewards and I find the work inspiring.

I have previously worked on the audition panel at The Guildhall School of Music and Drama, helping and working with candidates when they are auditioning for the acting course. This experience has meant that I have been able to prepare students to the best of their ability for a place at a Drama School, University or even for a job interview.

My hobbies and interests, other than acting, dance, music and anything else creative, is spending time with my family."

For further information about LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) lessons, please email the School Office. The Old School Henstead is an accredited examination centre for LAMDA.



Number Sense.



Year 3 have been making sense of numbers. Moving beyond a surface understanding, they are beginning to visualise number in a variety of contexts and relating numbers in ways that are not limited by formal written methods. Making use of pattern and predictability, exploring the relationship between number and quantity.

Resiliently, the Y3 pupils are meeting new symbols, new layouts, new vocabulary and meaning as they tackle increasingly demanding 'Pussy Cat' sums.

Application to money has generated a greater appreciation of money as a medium of exchange and the realisation that money trees don't exist. Simple budgeting challenges are providing the pupils with a springboard towards sensible management of their own money.

Cross-curricula linking to PSHEE, the concepts of needs, wants and greed have been explored. This has enabled a Y3 review of our school values and to explore how they can form a solid foundation upon which to gain an understanding of themselves and the world in which they live.

Miss Clifton





Number Sense.



Year 3 pupils deep in concentration in their mathematics lesson.



Study of Forces.



In science we have been looking at forces and how they affect the objects they are applied to.

This week we focused on air resistance and how this affects an object that is falling. We wanted to find out which was the best parachute, so we designed an investigation, testing the shape or size of the parachute but making sure we kept the height it fell from the same so that it was a fair test. We timed how long it took for the parachutes to reach the ground when released from the top of the climbing wall. We found that the larger the parachute, the slower it fell to the ground. The reason for this being that there is more air underneath it and therefore more air resistance.

Mrs Solomon





Junk Modelling.



In their Humanities lesson on Thursday, Year 4 pupils used materials that would have been recycled (we have been talking about how to look after our environment) to make junk models. They created stables, army barracks and even a rocket! Great creativity in evidence.

Mrs Solomon





Sports Gallery.



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Firework Toast.



There's nothing quite like eating your artwork of hot toast on a cold and frosty morning. Year 1 pupils created pictures (using edible colour) of fireworks on bread, which were then toasted and devoured!



Nursery News.



We were so pleased to see the children coming through the door with smiles on their faces and a readiness to learn after two weeks with their families. It has been an exciting week and the main focus has been on bonfire night. We have used the sounds of the bonfire and fireworks in our phonics work, counted out the sticks for making the camp fire and thinking about how many more, talked about our own experiences of fireworks and been busy at the crafting tables with paint, crepe paper, biscuit dough and lolly sticks. The highlight was definitely the sparklers, marshmallows and camp fire at the end of the week.

Mrs Vorster





Reception Gallery.





Zoom Bingo Night

School zoom Bingo Night

20th November, starts 6.30. £3 per book. Tickets available this week.
Join in the fun!

PTFA NOTICES.



OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Jonah, for some excellent research about the bonfire night.

Year One: Tillie, for overcoming difficulty in lessons.

Year Two: William, for resilience in mathematics, always persevering to find the right answer.

Year Three: Grace-Marie, for excellent research and presentation about Frida Kahlo.

Year Four: Chloe, for resiliently overcoming challenges in English.

Year Five: Tom, for resilience in poetry work.

Year Six: Gabriel, for good scientific research.

Children in Need



Our Upper School choir will be singing to raise money for Children in Need next Friday 13 November.

The Senior Choir will perform a "Sponsored Sing" in the hall, from 1.40 - 2.40. The aim is

to sing, either in Year groups, solos, with as little time between songs as possible. This will be a mixture of hymns from the hymn books, class singing repertoire, and soloists which Mrs Lincoln has rehearsed and put forward.

Please go to our fundraising page for BBC Children on Need via the following link:
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Thank you for helping us raise money for such a great cause which makes such a difference to young people's lives.



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